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PREFACE

A FEW statements need to be made respecting the origin of this edition of the Revised Version of the English Bible.

In the course of the joint labors of the English and American Revisers it was agreed that, respecting all points of ultimate difference, the English Companies, who had had the initiative in the work of revision, should have the decisive vote. But as an offset to this, it was proposed on the British side that the American preferences should be published as an Appendix in every copy of the Revised Bible during a term of fourteen years. The American Committee on their part pledged themselves to give, for the same limited period, no sanction to the publication of any other editions of the Revised Version than those issued by the University Presses of England.

There still remained the possibility that the British Revisers, or the University Presses, might eventually adopt in the English editions many, or the most, of the American preferences, in case these should receive the approval of scholars and the general public. But soon after the close of their work in 1885 the English Revision Companies disbanded; and there has been no indication of an intention on the part of the Presses to amalgamate the readings of the Appendix, either wholly or in part, with the text of the English editions.

The American Revision Committee, after the publication of the Revised Version in 1885, resolved to continue their organization, and have regarded it as a possibility that an American recension of the English Revision might eventually be called for. Accordingly they have been engaged more or less diligently, ever since 1885, and especially since the year 1897, in making ready for such a publication. The judgment of scholars, both in Great Britain and in the United States, has so far approved the American preferences that it now seems to be expedient to issue an edition of the Revised Version with those preferences embodied in the text.

If the preparation of this new edition had consisted merely in the mechanical work of transferring the readings of the Appendix to the text, it would have been a comparatively easy task. But the work was in point of fact a much more elaborate one. The Appendix was itself in need of revision; for it had been prepared under circumstances which rendered fulness and accuracy almost impossible. This work could of course not be taken in hand until the revision was concluded; and since it required a careful consideration of discussions and decisions extending over a period of many years, there was need of many months' time, if the Appendix was to be satisfactorily constructed, especially as it was thought desirable to reduce the number of recorded differences, and this required the drawing of a sharp line between the more and the less important. Manifestly such a task would be one of no little difficulty at the best. But when the time came for it to be done, the University

Presses deemed that the impatient demand of the British public for the speedy publication of the Revision must be respected; and they insisted on a prompt transmission of the Appendix. Prepared under such pressure and in such haste, it was obviously inevitable that it should be marked by grave imperfections; and the correction of its errors and the supplementing of its defects has been a work of much time and labor.

When the Appendix was originally prepared, an effort was made to pave the way for an eventual acceptance of the American preferences on the part of the English Presses, by reducing the number of the points of difference to the lowest limit, and thus leaving out much the larger part of the emendations which the Revisers had previously by a two-thirds vote pronounced to be in their opinion of decided importance. In now issuing an American edition, the American Revisers, being entirely untrammelled by any connection with the British Revisers and Presses, have felt themselves to be free to go beyond the task of incorporating the Appendix in the text, and are no longer restrained from introducing into the text a large number of those suppressed emendations.

The remainder of this Preface has especial reference to the Old Testament. Nothing needs to be said about the various particular proposals which are found in the Appendix of the English Revised Version. But some remarks may be made concerning the General Classes of changes, therein specified, and also concerning those emendations in this edition which are additional to those prescribed in the Appendix.

I. The change first proposed in the Appendix — that which substitutes "Jehovah" for "LORD" and "GOD" (printed in small capitals) — is one which will be unwelcome to many, because of the frequency and familiarity of the terms displaced. But the American Revisers, after a careful consideration, were brought to the unanimous conviction that a Jewish superstition, which regarded the Divine Name as to sacred to be uttered, ought no longer to dominate in the English or any other version of the Old Testament, as it fortunately does not in the numerous versions made by modern missionaries. This Memorial Name, explained in Ex. iii. 14, 15, and emphasized as such over and over in the original text of the Old Testament, designates God as the personal God, as the covenant God, the God of revelation, the Deliverer, the Friend of his people; — not merely the abstractly "Eternal One" of many French translations, but the ever living Helper of those who are in trouble. This personal name, with its wealth of sacred associations, is now restored to the place in the sacred text to which it has an unquestionable claim.

The uniform substitution of "Sheol" for "the grave," "the pit," and "hell," in places where these terms have been retained by the English Revision, has little need of justification. The English Revisers use "Sheol" twenty-nine times out of the sixty-four in which it occurs in the original. No good reason has been given for such a discrimination. If the new term can be fitly used at all, it is clear that it ought to be used uniformly.

The use of "who" and "that" for "which," when relating to persons, should commend itself to all as required by grammatical accuracy. The same remark applies to the substitution of "are" for "be" in indicative clauses, the omission of "for" before infinitives, and the change of "an" to "a" before "h" aspirated. The latter change was made in the English Revision of the New Testament, but not in that of the Old. Likewise we have uniformly adopted the modern spelling in place of antiquated

forms. No one would advocate the resumption of the exact orthography of the edition of 1611. The mere fact that in a few cases an older form has happened to be retained constitutes no reason for its perpetual retention.

II. Inasmuch as the present edition differs from the English Revision not simply in presenting in the text the American preferences as given in the Appendix, a few remarks may be made with regard to the additional variations which will be found to exist.

1. As has already been intimated, this edition embodies a very considerable number of renderings originally adopted by the American Old Testament Company at their second revision (and so by a two-thirds majority), but waived when the Appendix was prepared. These represent the deliberate preference of the American Company; but, for reasons already assigned, they were not included in the Appendix.

2. Partly coinciding with the foregoing is a number of alterations which consist in a return to the readings of the Authorized Version. While in some cases the older readings, though inaccurate, seem to have been retained in the English Revision through an excessive conservatism, in others they have been abandoned needlessly, and sometimes to the injury of the sense and the sound. In such cases fidelity to the general principle that has governed us has required us to give the preference to the rendering of the Common Version. Among the many instances of these restorations we may note: Ex. xx. 4, 13; Lev. xix. 22; Ps. xlviii. 1; civ. 26; cxiv. 4; cxvi. 11; Prov. xiii. 15; Am. vi. 5.

3. Sometimes we have found occasion to recede from proposals originally made, when a more careful and mature consideration required us to do so. Besides individual cases, like Ps. lxviii. 8; Ezek. v. 13, may be mentioned the fact that the requirement of the Appendix, that "be ashamed" should everywhere be changed to "be put to shame," has been found to need qualification. While the change seems desirable in a majority of the instances, it is by no means so in all. We have therefore retained "ashamed" in a large number of passages; in some, however, we have preferred "confounded" as better suiting the connection.

4. Very many of the instances in which we have gone beyond the literal requirements of the Appendix are alterations demanded by consistency. Changes were originally proposed in certain passages only, though the reason for the changes equally requires them to be made in numerous others. Thus at Ps. xxxiii. 5, and in twenty-four other places, "justice" was to be put for "judgment." But it is manifest that in a multitude of other passages there is equal need of the same alteration. We have accordingly undertaken to introduce it wherever the Hebrew word plainly has this abstract sense. For the same reason we have substituted "ordinance" for "judgment" in the numerous passages, like Lev. xviii. 4, where the word denotes, not a judicial sentence, threatened or inflicted, but a law of action. This rendering of the Hebrew word is found in the Authorized Version in some instances, and has been introduced by the Revised Version in a few more; but, since the English word "judgment" in common use never denotes a statute or command, it is manifestly desirable that "ordinance" should be used wherever the Hebrew word has this meaning.

Similarly, the English Revision in a few cases, and the Old Testament Appendix in a few more, put "despoil" for "spoil." But the same reason which holds for those few is equally good for the numerous others in which this word occurs. The word "spoil" in the Authorized Version

represents a great number of Hebrew words, some of which denote "lay waste," "ruin," or "destroy," rather than "despoil"; and as "spoil" has nearly lost in popular use its original meaning, and is liable to occasion misconception, we have replaced it by "despoil," "plunder," "ravage," and other terms, each as best adapted to the connection.

In like manner we have carried out another alteration which was made to a limited extent by the English Revisers — the distinction between the words "stranger" ("strange"), "foreigner" ("fŏreign"), and "sojourner." These renderings correspond fairly well to three distinct Hebrew words; there is no good reason why the correspondence should not be made uniform throughout. Likewise we have carried out consistently the substitution of "false," "falsehood," and other terms, for "vain," "vanity," where the meaning of the original requires it. Here too a beginning was made by us in the Appendix. Many other examples might be adduced.

Here may be mentioned also that changes made for the sake of euphemism have been considerably increased. It has not been possible in every case to find an appropriate substitute for terms which in modern times have become offensive; but when it has been possible, we have deemed it wise to make the change. Some of the words, as, for example, "bowels," are tolerable when used in their literal sense, but offensive when employed in a psychological sense. Thus, no other word would be appropriate in 2 Sam. xx. 10; but in Jer. iv. 19 or Lam. i. 20 to retain that term would be both unpleasant and incorrect. The conception of the writer is not really reproduced by a literal translation. The Hebrews were accustomed to attribute mental actions or emotions to various physical organs, whereas in English such a trope is limited almost entirely to "heart" and "brain." There is nowhere any occasion for using the latter of these in the Bible; consequently it is almost unavoidable that "heart" should often be used as the translation of different Hebrew words. All scholars know that the Hebrew word commonly rendered "heart" is used very largely to denote not so much the seat of the emotions, as the seat of thought. It is rendered in the Authorized Version more than twenty times by "mind," and might well be so rendered much oftener.

The word "reins" is one of those which in the Old Testament is used in a psychological relation. This word was retained by the English Revisers, and was also left without mention by the American Revisers when they prepared their Appendix. But if the synonymous word "kidneys" had been used in these passages, there would be an earnest and unanimous protest. In favor of the continued use of "reins," therefore, one can only urge the poor reason that most readers attach to it no meaning whatever. We have consequently regarded it as only a consistent carrying out of our general principle when we have uniformly substituted "heart" for it, whenever it is used in a psychological sense.

In this connection it may be remarked that, while the English Revisers, yielding to the urgent representations of the Americans, voted to substitute "its" for "his" or "her" when relating to impersonal objects not personified, the substitution was so imperfectly made that we have had occasion to supplement the work in some two hundred cases.

Furthermore, the general intention of the American Revisers to eliminate obsolete, obscure, and misleading terms, has been more fully carried out by replacing some expressions which were left unmentioned in the Appendix; *e.g.*, "bolled" (Ex. ix. 31), "in good liking" (Job xxxix. 4).

5. Closely connected with the foregoing are certain additional alterations which have seemed to be required by regard for pure English idiom.

We are not insensible to the justly lauded beauty and vigor of the style of the Authorized Version, nor do we forget that it has been no part of our task to modernize the diction of the Bible. But we are also aware that the rhetorical force and the antique flavor which we desire to retain do not consist in sporadic instances of uncouth, unidiomatic, or obscure phraseology. While we may freely admit that the English of the Scriptures can, as a whole, hardly be improved, yet it would be extravagant to hold that it cannot be bettered in any of its details. What was once good usage is often such no longer; and we can see no sound reason for retaining such expressions as "smell thereto" (Ex. xxx. 38), "forth of" (instead of "forth from"), "inquire at" (1 K. xxii. 5), "a fool's vexation is heavier than them both" (Prov. xxvii. 3), or "when . . . he be jealous over his wife" (Num. v. 30). These are only a few of the many instances of phraseology which there is the best reason for amending.

A change of a more general kind is the introduction of a greater degree of consistency and propriety in the use of the auxiliaries "will" and "shall." The latter is certainly used to excess in the Authorized Version, especially when connected with verbs denoting an action of the Divine Being; and the two are also often very inconsistently used, as may be observed in such a striking case as Ps. cxxi. 3, 4.

Again, the attempt to translate literally from the original has not infrequently led to Hebraisms which had better be avoided. Many of these have indeed become, as it were, naturalized in our language, and need not be disturbed. But others must be called bad and outlandish. Thus, in Ezek. xx. 17, we read, "mine eye spared them from destroying them," which is a very literal translation of the Hebrew, but very poor English. Scarcely more tolerable is the expression, "that they may be to do the service" (Num. viii. 11), which also comes from over-literalness. To the same class belongs the phrase "by the hand of," as used after such expressions as "Jehovah spake" (or, "commanded"), *e.g.*, in Num. xxvii. 23. This is indeed the literal rendering; but the Hebrew really means simply "through" or "by means of," and is in the majority of these instances in the Authorized Version rendered "by," but sometimes "by the hand of." Manifestly the simpler form is every way preferable; and the change, if any is made, should be in this direction, whereas in the English Revision "by" is, in nine cases out of forty-two, changed to "by the hand of." Similarly, "in the land," in Deut. v. 16 and in several other places, has been changed in the English Revision to "upon the land"; but as "land" is here equivalent to "country," "in the land" is clearly the most appropriate. In both these groups of cases we have everywhere adopted the idiomatic English, rather than the slavishly literal, rendering.

6. In introducing certain translations different from those of the English Revised Version, and also not directly or implicitly required by the Appendix, we have been governed by the conviction that, in cases where accuracy and perspicuity clearly required an emendation, we were fully warranted in resorting to it. We have been careful, in making these alterations, to consult the best authorities, and especially the recent carefully revised versions of the German, French, Dutch, Danish, Swedish, and Norwegian Bibles. Few certainly will object to such alterations as are found in Deut. xxxii. 14; Judg. v. 20; Is. xxx. 32; xxxv. 8; Hos.

xi. 2: Mic. i. 6. We have also not hesitated to insert "the" before "Jordan" and other names of rivers. Likewise, as the English Revisers had with good reason removed the fabulous "unicorn" from the Old Testament, so we have removed the equally fabulous "dragon," as also the "arrowsnake" of the English Revision (Is. xxxiv. 15) — an animal unknown to zoology, the term having obviously been adopted through a too literal translation of the German word "Pfeilschlange."

7. Another particular in which we have to some extent deviated from the requirements of the Appendix relates to our treatment of the references in the margin to the readings of ancient versions. On account of the extreme difficulty of correcting the Hebrew text by means of those versions, we originally decided that it would be better to make no reference to them at all. The case is radically different from that of the New Testament, where the variant readings are mostly found in Greek manuscripts of the New Testament itself. The authorities referred to in the Old Testament are translations from the Hebrew: and though the date of these translations is more ancient than any extant manuscripts of the Hebrew Bible, yet there is no means of verifying with certainty the text of these translations; and one can never get beyond plausible conjecture in attempting to correct the Hebrew text by means of them. It is one thing to admit that the Hebrew text is probably corrupt here and there; quite another, to be sure how to rectify it. In the English Revision there are frequent references in the margin to the ancient versions. The most of these seem to us at the best of trivial importance, and have been dropped. A few represent only a different vocalization of the Hebrew. A certain number, however, have to do with variations of some importance and such as may, with considerable probability, be conjectured to represent the original Hebrew. We have therefore retained a little more than one-sixth of the references given in the English Revision, but have been careful to designate which of the ancient versions contain a specified reading, instead of making the vague, and often inaccurate, statement that "some" or "many" ancient versions present the reading in question.

8. In preparing the headings we have intended, by means of brief but descriptive terms, to enable the reader to see at a glance what the general contents of each page are. Everything that might seem to savor of a questionable exegesis has been carefully avoided.

9. Considerable attention has been paid to the paragraph divisions and to the punctuation. While the English Revisers did well to abandon the older way of making a paragraph of each verse, they often went to the opposite extreme of making the paragraphs excessively long, leaving in some cases whole pages without a break, as, for example, at Gen. xxiv. and Num. xxii.–xxiv. We have revised the paragraph divisions throughout, making them generally shorter, and sometimes altering the place of the division.

In the matter of punctuation, we have aimed to remove many inconsistencies found in previous editions, and also, while retaining the general system adopted by our predecessors, to make the book conform somewhat more nearly to modern usage. One result is a considerable reduction of the number of colons, which are often replaced by semicolons, occasionally by periods or commas. In some cases a change of punctuation has modified the sense; as, *e.g.*, in Gen. ii. 5; xiv. 24; Ezek. xxix. 9, 10. We have also made much more frequent use of the hyphen than has been made in previous editions. In many instances we have recurred to the

punctuation of the Authorized Version, especially where the English Revisers have departed from it out of an undue regard to the pausal accents of the Massoretic text; as, *e.g.*, in Lev. vi. 7; Zech. xi. 16.

Further particulars respecting the points of difference between this edition and the English Revision of 1881–1885 may be learned from the Appendix to the Old Testament, which is published in the first edition of this version of the Bible.

Earnestly hoping that our work may contribute to the better understanding of the Old Testament, we commend it to the considerate judgment of all students of the Sacred Scriptures.

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ē	"	mēte.	ŭ	"	ŭs.
ī	"	tīme.	y̆	"	pity̆.
ō	"	ōld.	â	"	câre.
ū	"	ūse.	ä	"	färr.
ȳ	"	defȳ.	å	"	låst.
å	"	senåte.	ē	"	tērm.
ê	"	êvent.	ī	"	fīrm.
î	"	îdea.	ô	"	lôrd.
ȯ	"	ȯbey.	û	"	tûrn.
û	"	ûnite.	āi	"	āid.
ă	"	ădd.	aō	"	Pharaōh.
ĕ	"	ĕnd.	ġ	"	= j (ġentile).
ĭ	"	ĭll.	g̃	"	g̃et (Gethsemane).

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THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES,

COMMONLY CALLED

GENESIS

God's Work of Creation

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God [1]moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

6 And God said, Let there be a [2]firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. 11 And God said, Let the earth put forth grass, herbs yielding seed, *and* fruit-trees bearing fruit after their kind, wherein is the seed thereof, upon the earth: and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, herbs yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit, wherein is the seed thereof, after their kind: and God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years: 15 and let them be for lights in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also. 17 And God set them in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth [3]in the open firmament of heaven. 21 And God created the great sea-monsters, and every living creature that moveth, wherewith the waters swarmed, after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind: and God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth. 23 And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind, cattle, and creeping things, and beasts of the earth after their kind: and it was so. 25 And God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the

[1] Or, *was brooding upon* [2] Heb. *expanse* [3] Heb. *on the face of the expanse of the heavens*

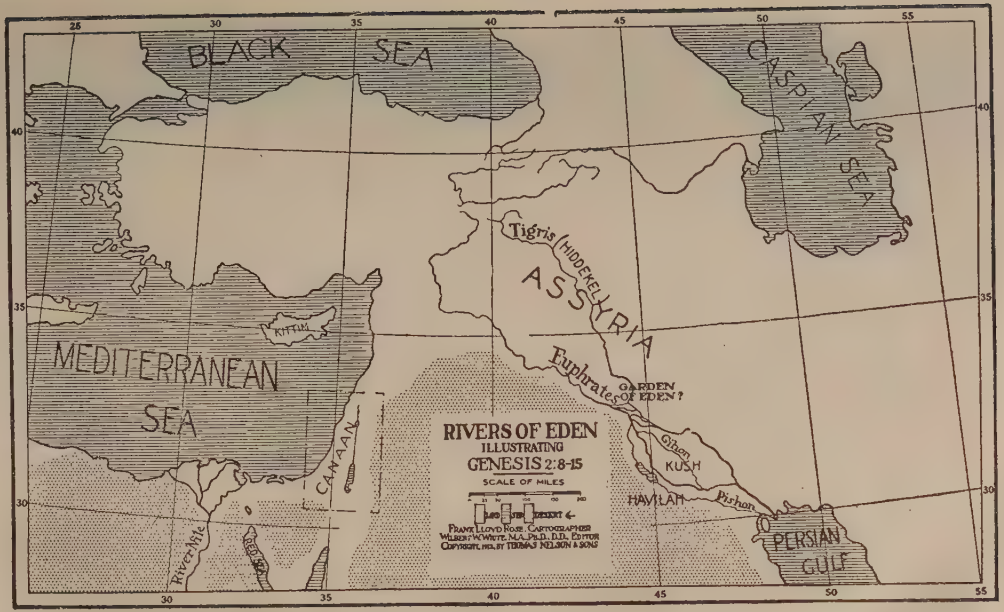
cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the ground after its kind: and God saw that it was good. 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 And God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them: and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that [1]moveth upon the earth. 29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food: 30 and to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the heavens, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is [2]life, *I have given* every green herb for food: and it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it; because that in it he rested from all his work which God had created and made.

4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that Jĕ-hō'văh God made earth and heaven. 5 And no plant of the field was yet in the earth, and no herb of the field had yet sprung up; for Jĕ-hō'văh God had not caused it to rain upon the earth: and there was not a man to till the ground; 6 but there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. 7 And Jĕ-hō'văh God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. 8 And Jĕ-hō'văh God planted a garden eastward, in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground made Jĕ-hō'văh God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became four heads. 11 The name of the first is Pī'shŏn: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Hăv'ĭ-lăh, where there is gold; 12 and the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the [3]onyx stone. 13 And the name of the second river is Gī'hŏn: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Cŭsh. 14 And the name of the third river is [4]Hĭd'dĕ-kĕl: that is it which goeth[5]in front of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-à. And the fourth river is the Ū-phrā'tēs. 15 And Jĕ-hō'văh God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 16 And Jĕ-hō'văh God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

18 And Jĕ-hō'văh God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help [6]meet for him. 19 And out of the ground Jĕ-hō'văh God formed every beast of the field, and every bird of the heavens; and brought them unto the man to see what he would call them: and whatsoever

[1] Or, *creepeth* [2] Heb. *a living soul*
[3] Or, *beryl* [4] That is, *Tigris*
[5] Or, *toward the east of* [6] Or, *answering to*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the man called every living creature, that was the name thereof. 20 And the man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the heavens, and to every beast of the field; but for [1]man there was not found a help meet for him. 21 And Jĕ-hō'-văh God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof: 22 and the rib, which Jĕ-hō'văh God had taken from the man, [2]made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23 And the man said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called [3]Woman, because she was taken out of [4]Man. 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

3 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which Jĕ-hō'văh God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of [5]any tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat: 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as [6]God, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was [7]to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and she gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig-leaves together, and made themselves [8]aprons. 8 And they heard the [9]voice of Jĕ-hō'văh God walking in the garden in the [10]cool of the day: and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Jĕ-hō'văh God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And Jĕ-hō'văh God called unto the man, and said unto him, Where art thou? 10 And he said, I heard thy [9]voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. 11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. 13 And Jĕ-hō'văh God said unto the woman, What is this thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. 14 And Jĕ-hō'văh God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, cursed art thou [11]above all cattle, and [11]above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 15 and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: he shall [12]bruise thy head, and thou shalt [12]bruise his heel. 16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy pain and thy conception; in pain thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. 17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in [13]toil shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18 thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou re-

[1] Or, *Adam* [2] Heb. *builded he into* [3] Heb. *Isshah* [4] Heb. *Ish* [5] Or, *all the trees* [6] Or, *gods* [7] Or, *desirable to look upon* [8] Or, *girdles* [9] Or, *sound* [10] Heb. *wind* [11] Or, *from among* [12] Or, *lie in wait for* [13] Or, *sorrow*

turn unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. 20 And the man called his wife's name [1]Eve; because she was the mother of all living. 21 And Jĕ-hō'văh God made for Adam and for his wife coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 And Jĕ-hō'văh God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever—23 therefore Jĕ-hō'văh God sent him forth from the garden of Ēden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Ēden the Chĕr'ū-bĭm, and the flame of a sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

4 And the man knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have [2]gotten a man with *the help of* Jĕ-hō'văh. 2 And again she bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And Jĕ-hō'văh had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5 but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. 6 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 7 If thou doest well, shalt it not be lifted up? and if thou doest not well, sin coucheth at the door; and unto thee shall be its desire; but do thou rule over it. 8 And Cain [3]told Abel his brother. And it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: am I my brother's keeper? 10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. 11 And now cursed art thou from the ground, which hath opened its mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; 12 when thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee its strength; a fugitive and a wanderer shalt thou be in the earth. 13 And Cain said unto Jĕ-hō'văh, [4]My punishment is greater [5]than I can bear. 14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the ground; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth; and it will come to pass, that whosoever findeth me will slay me. 15 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And Jĕ-hō'văh appointed a sign for Cain, lest any finding him should smite him.

16 And Cain went out from the presence of Jĕ-hō'văh, and dwelt in the land of [6]Nod, [7]on the east of Eden. 17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Ē'nŏch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Ē'nŏch. 18 And unto Ē'nŏch was born Ī'răd: and Ī'răd begat Mĕ-hū'jā-ĕl; and Mĕ-hū'jā-ĕl begat Mĕ-thū'shā-ĕl; and Mĕ-thū'shā-ĕl begat Lā'mĕch. 19 And Lā'mĕch took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Ā'dăh, and the name of the other Zĭl'lăh. 20 And Ā'dăh bare Jā'băl: he was the father of such as dwell in tents and *have* cattle. 21 And his brother's name was Jū'băl: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and pipe. 22 And Zĭl'lăh, she also bare Tū'băl-cāin, [8]the forger of

[1] Heb. *Havvah*, that is, *Living*, or *Life*
[2] Heb. *kanah*, to get
[3] Heb. *said unto*
[4] Or, *Mine iniquity forgiven*
[5] Or, *than can be borne*
[6] That is, *Wandering*
[7] Or, *in front of*
[8] Or, *an instructor of every artificer*

every cutting instrument of [1]brass and iron: and the sister of Tū'băl-cāin was Nā'ă-măh. 23 And Lā'-měch said unto his wives:

Ā'dăh and Zĭl'lăh, hear my voice;
Ye wives of Lā'měch, hearken unto my speech:
For [2]I have slain a man [3]for wounding me,
And a young man for bruising me:

24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold,
Truly Lā'měch seventy and sevenfold.

25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name [4]Seth: For, *said she,* God [5]hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel; for Cain slew him. 26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Ē'nŏsh. Then began men to call upon the name of Jĕ-hō'văh.

5 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; 2 male and female created he them, and blessed them, and called their name [6]Adam, in the day when they were created. 3 And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: 4 and the days of Adam after he begat Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters. 5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

6 And Seth lived a hundred and five years, and begat Ē'nŏsh: 7 and Seth lived after he begat Ē'nŏsh eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters: 8 and all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

9 And Ē'nŏsh lived ninety years, and begat Kē'năn: 10 and Ē'nŏsh lived after he begat Kē'năn eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters: 11 and all the days of Ē'nŏsh were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

12 And Kē'năn lived seventy years, and begat Mă-hā'lă-lĕl: 13 and Kē'năn lived after he begat Mă-hā'lă-lĕl eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters: 14 and all the days of Kē'năn were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

15 And Mă-hā'lă-lĕl lived sixty and five years, and begat Jā'rĕd: 16 and Mă-hā'lă-lĕl lived after he begat Jā'rĕd eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters: 17 and all the days of Mă-hā'lă-lĕl were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

18 And Jā'rĕd lived a hundred sixty and two years, and begat Ē'nŏch: 19 and Jā'rĕd lived after he begat Ē'nŏch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 20 and all the days of Jā'rĕd were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.

21 And Ē'nŏch lived sixty and five years, and begat Mĕ-thū'sĕ-lăh: 22 and Ē'nŏch walked with God after he begat Mĕ-thū'sĕ-lăh three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 23 and all the days of Ē'nŏch were three hundred sixty and five years: 24 and Ē'nŏch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

25 And Mĕ-thū'sĕ-lăh lived a hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lā'měch: 26 and Mĕ-thū'sĕ-lăh lived after he begat Lā'-měch seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters: 27 and all the days of Mĕ-thū'sĕ-lăh were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

28 And Lā'měch lived a hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son: 29 and he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall [7]comfort us [8]in our work and [8]in the toil of our hands, *which cometh* [8]because of the ground which Jĕ-hō'văh hath cursed. 30 And Lā'měch lived after he begat

[1] Or, *copper* (and so elsewhere) [2] Or, *I will slay* [3] Or, *to my wounding, And a young man to my hurt* [4] Heb. *Sheth* [5] Heb. *shath* [6] Or, *Man*
[7] Heb. *nahem,* to comfort [8] Heb. *from*

Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters: 31 And all the days of Lā'měch were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Jā'phěth.

6 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born unto them, 2 that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all that they chose. 3 And Jĕ-hō'văh said, My Spirit shall not [1]strive with man for ever, [2]for that he also is flesh: [3]yet shall his days be a hundred and twenty years. 4 The [4]Nĕph'ĭ-lĭm were in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them: the same were the mighty men that were of old, the men of renown.

5 And Jĕ-hō'văh saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And it repented Jĕ-hō'văh that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7 And Jĕ-hō'văh said, I will [5]destroy man whom I have created from the face of the ground; both man, and beast, and creeping things, and birds of the heavens; for it repenteth me that I have made them. 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh.

9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, *and* [6]perfect in his generations: Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Jā'phěth. 11 And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 And God saw the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.

13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14 Make thee an ark of gō'phĕr wood; [7]rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. 15 And this is how thou shalt make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. 16 A [8]light shalt thou make to the ark, and to a cubit shalt thou finish it [9]upward; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it. 17 And I, behold, I do bring the flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is in the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. 19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. 20 Of the birds after their kind, and of the cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. 21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. 22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

7 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. 2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee seven and seven, the male and his female; and of the beasts that are not clean two, the male and his fe-

[1] Or, *rule in* Aqc. to Sept., Vulg., and Syr., *abide in* [2] Or, *in their going astray they are flesh* [3] Or, *therefore* [4] Or, *giants* See Num. 13. 33 [5] Heb. *blot out* [6] Or, *blameless*
[7] Heb. *nests* [8] Or, *roof* [9] Or, *from above*

male: 3 of the birds also of the heavens, seven and seven, male and female, to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. 4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made will I [1]destroy from off the face of the ground. 5 And Noah did according unto all that Jĕ-hō'văh commanded him.

6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. 7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, 8 because of the waters of the flood. Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creepeth upon the ground, 9 there went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, male and female, as God commanded Noah. 10 And it came to pass after the seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. 11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. 12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

13 In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Jā'phĕth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; 14 they, and every beast after its kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every [2]sort. 15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh wherein is the breath of life. 16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God commanded him: and Jĕ-hō'văh shut him in. 17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth. 18 And the waters prevailed, and increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. 19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high mountains that were under the whole heaven were covered. 20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. 21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both birds, and cattle, and beasts, and every [3]creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: 22 all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, of all that was on the dry land, died. 23 [4]And every living thing was [5]destroyed that was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and creeping things, and birds of the heavens; and they were [5]destroyed from the earth: and Noah only was left, and they that were with him in the ark. 24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days.

8 And God remembered Noah, and all the beasts, and all the cattle that were with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged; 2 the fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; 3 and the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of a hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. 4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ăr'ă-răt. 5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

6 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he

[1] Heb. *blot out* [2] Heb. *wing*
[3] Or, *swarming thing that swarmeth*
[4] Or, *And he destroyed every living thing*
[5] Heb. *blotted out*

had made: 7 and he sent forth a raven, and it went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. 8 And he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; 9 but the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him to the ark; for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: and he put forth his hand, and took her, and brought her in unto him into the ark. 10 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; 11 and the dove came in to him at eventide; and, lo, in her mouth [1]an olive-leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. 12 And he stayed yet other seven days, and sent forth the dove; and she returned not again unto him any more.

13 And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dried. 14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dry. 15 And God spake unto Noah, saying, 16 Go forth from the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. 17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee of all flesh, both birds, and cattle, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. 18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: 19 every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, whatsoever moveth upon the earth, after their families, went forth out of the ark.

20 And Noah builded an altar unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and took of every clean beast, and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. 21 And Jĕ-hō'văh smelled the sweet savor; and Jĕ-hō'văh said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's [2]sake, for that the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more everything living, as I have done. 22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

9 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. 2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every bird of the heavens; with all wherewith the ground [3]teemeth, and all the fishes of the sea, into your hand are they delivered. 3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be food for you; as the green herb have I given you all. 4 But flesh with the life thereof, *which is* the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. 5 And surely your blood, *the blood* of your lives, will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it: and at the hand of man, even at the hand of every man's brother, will I require the life of man. 6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. 7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, 9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that go out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. 11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of the flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to

[1] Or, *a fresh olive-leaf*

[2] Or, *sake; for the*

[3] Or, *creepeth*

destroy the earth. 12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 [1]I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. 14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud, 15 and I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. 17 And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

18 And the sons of Noah, that went forth from the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Jā'phĕth: and Ham is the father of Cā'năan. 19 These three were the sons of Noah: and of these was the whole earth overspread.

20 And Noah began to be a husbandman, and planted a vineyard: 21 and he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. 22 And Ham, the father of Cā'năan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. 23 And Shem and Jā'phĕth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. 24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his [2]youngest son had done unto him. 25 And he said,

Cursed be Cā'năan;
A servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

26 And he said,
Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Shem;
And let Cā'năan be [3]his servant.
27 God enlarge Jā'phĕth,
And [4]let him dwell in the tents of Shem;
And let Cā'năan be [3]his servant.

28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. 29 And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

10 Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, *namely*, of Shem, Ham, and Jā'phĕth: and unto [5]them were sons born after the flood.

2 The sons of Jā'phĕth: Gō'mĕr, and Mā'gŏg, and Mā'dāi, and Jā'văn, and Tū'băl, and Mē'shĕch, and Tī'răs. 3 And the sons of Gō'mĕr: Ăsh'kĕ-năz, and Rī'phăth, and Tō-gär'măh. 4 And the sons of Jā'văn: Ĕ-lī'shăh, and Tär'shĭsh, Kĭt'tĭm, and Dŏd'ă-nĭm. 5 Of these were the [5]isles of the nations divided in their lands, every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

6 And the sons of Ham: Cŭsh, and Mĭz'rā-ĭm, and Pŭt, and Cā'năan. 7 And the sons of Cŭsh: Sē'bà, and Hăv'ī-lăh, and Săb'tăh, and Rā'ă-măh, and Săb'tĕ-cà; and the sons of Rā'ă-măh: Shē'bà, and Dē'dăn. 8 And Cŭsh begat Nĭm'rŏd: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before Jĕ-hō'văh: wherefore it is said, Like Nĭm'rŏd a mighty hunter before Jĕ-hō'văh. 10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Bā'bĕl, and Ē'rĕch, and Ăc'căd, and Căl'nĕh, in the land of Shĭ'när. 11 Out of that land [6]he went forth into Ăs-sўr'ĭ-à, and builded Nĭn'ĕ-vĕh, and Rĕ-hō'bŏth-Ĭr', and Cā'lăh, 12 and Rĕ'sĕn between Nĭn'ĕ-vĕh and Cā'lăh (the same is the great city). 13 And Mĭz'rā-ĭm begat Lū'dĭm, and Ăn'ā-mĭm, and Lĕ'-

[1] Or, *I have set* [2] Or, *younger*
[3] Or, *their* [4] Or, *he shall*
[5] Or, *coastlands* [6] Or, *went forth Asshur*

hă-bĭm, and Năph'tu-hĭm, 14 and Path-ru'sĭm, and Căs'lu-hĭm (whence went forth [1]the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes), and Căph'tŏ-rĭm.

15 And Că'năan begat Sī'dŏn his first-born, and Heth, 16 and the Jĕb'ū-sīte, and the Ăm'ôr-īte, and the Gĭr'gă-shīte, 17 and the Hĭ'vīte, and the Ărk'īte, and the Sĭn'īte, 18 and the Ăr'văd-īte, and the Zĕm'ă-rīte, and the Hă'măth-īte: and afterward were the families of the Că'năan-īte spread abroad. 19 And the border of the Că'năan-īte was from Sī'dŏn, as thou goest toward Gē'răr, unto Gă'zā; as thou goest toward Sŏd'ŏm and Gō-mŏr'răh and Ăd'măh and Zĕ-boi'ĭm, unto Lā'shā. 20 These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, in their nations.

21 And unto Shem, the father of all the children of Ē'bĕr, [2]the elder brother of Jā'phĕth, to him also were children born. 22 The sons of Shem: Ē'lăm, and Ăssh'ŭr, and Ăr-păchs'hăd, and Lŭd, and Ā'răm. 23 And the sons of Ā'răm: Ūz, and Hūl, and Gē'thĕr, and Mash. 24 And Ăr-păchs'hăd begat Shē'lăh; and Shē'lăh begat Ē'bĕr. 25 And unto Ē'bĕr were born two sons: the name of the one was [3]Pē'lĕg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Jŏk'tăn. 26 And Jŏk'tăn begat Ăl-mō'dăd, and Shē'lĕph, and Hā-zăr-mā'vĕth, and Jē'răh, 27 and Hă-dō'răm, and Ū'zăl, and Dĭk'lăh, 28 and [4]Ō'băl, and Ă-bĭm'ă-ĕl, and Shē'bā, 29 and Ō'phĭr, and Hăv'ī-lăh, and Jō'băb: all these were the sons of Jŏk'tăn. 30 And their dwelling was from Mē'shā, as thou goest toward Sē'phăr, the [5]mountain of the east. 31 These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

32 These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and of these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

11 And the whole earth was of one [6]language and of one [7]speech. 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed [8]east, that they found a plain in the land of Shĭ'nār; and they dwelt there. 3 And they said one to another, Come, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and [9]slime had they for mortar. 4 And they said, Come, let us build us a city, and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven, and let us make us a name; lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. 5 And Jĕ-hō'văh came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. 6 And Jĕ-hō'văh said, Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is what they begin to do: and now nothing will be withholden from them, which they purpose to do. 7 Come, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. 8 So Jĕ-hō'văh scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off building the city. 9 Therefore was the name of it called Bā'bĕl; because Jĕ-hō'văh did there [10]confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did Jĕ-hō'văh scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

10 These are the generations of Shem. Shem was a hundred years old, and begat Ăr-păchs'hăd two years after the flood: 11 and Shem lived after he begat Ăr-păchs'hăd five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

12 And Ăr-păchs'hăd lived five and thirty years, and begat Shē'lăh: 13 and Ăr-păchs'hăd lived after he begat Shē'lăh four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

14 And Shē'lăh lived thirty years, and begat Ē'bĕr: 15 and

[1] Heb. *Pelishtim* [2] Or, *the brother of Japheth the elder* [3] That is, *Division* [4] In 1 Chr. 1. 22, *Ebal* [5] Or, *hill-country*

[6] Heb. *lip* [7] Heb. *words* [8] Or, *in the east* [9] That is, *bitumen* [10] Heb. *balal*, to confound

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CASPIAN SEA
JAPHETH
ASSHUR
HAM
SHEM
EGYPT
CANAAN
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
RED SEA
PERSIAN GULF
SYRIAN DESERT
ARABIAN DESERT
Mt. Ararat
Tigris
Euphrates
NINEVEH
CALAH
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REHOBOTH
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Shĕ'lăh lived after he begat Ē'bĕr four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

16 And Ē'bĕr lived four and thirty years, and begat Pē'lĕg: 17 and Ē'bĕr lived after he begat Pē'lĕg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

18 And Pē'lĕg lived thirty years, and begat Rē'ū: 19 and Pē'lĕg lived after he begat Rē'ū two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

20 And Rē'ū lived two and thirty years, and begat Sē'rŭg: 21 and Rē'ū lived after he begat Sē'rŭg two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

22 And Sē'rŭg lived thirty years, and begat Nā'hôr: 23 and Sē'rŭg lived after he begat Nā'hôr two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

24 And Nā'hôr lived nine and twenty years, and begat Tē'răh: 25 and Nā'hôr lived after he begat Tē'răh a hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

26 And Tē'răh lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nā'hôr, and Hā'răn.

27 Now these are the generations of Tē'răh. Tē'răh begat Abram, Nā'hôr, and Hā'răn; and Hā'răn begat Lot. 28 And Hā'răn died before his father Tē'răh in the land of his nativity, in Ŭr of the Chăl'dēes. 29 And Abram and Nā'hôr took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sā'răi; and the name of Nā'hôr's wife, Mĭl'căh, the daughter of Hā'răn, the father of Mĭl'căh, and the father of Ĭs'cāh. 30 And Sā'răi was barren; she had no child. 31 And Tē'răh took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Hā'răn, his son's son, and Sā'răi his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ŭr of the Chăl'dēes, to go into the land of Cā'năan; and they came unto Hā'răn, and dwelt there. 32 And the days of Tē'răh were two hundred and five years: and Tē'răh died in Hā'răn.

12 Now Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto the land that I will show thee: 2 and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing: 3 and I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee will I curse: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 4 So Abram went, as Jĕ-hō'văh had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Hā'răn. 5 And Abram took Sā'răi his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Hā'răn; and they went forth to go into the land of Cā'năan; and into the land of Cā'năan they came. 6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Shĕ'chĕm, unto the [1]oak of Mō'rĕh. And the Cā'năan-īte was then in the land. 7 And Jĕ-hō'văh appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto Jĕ-hō'văh, who appeared unto him. 8 And he removed from thence unto the mountain on the east of Bĕth'-ĕl, and pitched his tent, having Bĕth'-ĕl on the west, and Ā'ī on the east: and there he builded an altar unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and called upon the name of Jĕ-hō'văh. 9 And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the [2]South.

10 And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Ē'gўpt to sojourn there; for the famine was sore in the land. 11 And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Ē'gўpt, that he said unto Sā'răi his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon: 12 and it will come to pass, when the Ē-gўp'tiăns shall see thee, that they will say, This is his wife: and

[1] Or, *terebinth*
[2] Heb. *Negeb*, the southern tract of Judah

they will kill me, but they will save thee alive. 13 Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister; that it may be well with me for thy sake, and that my soul may live because of thee. 14 And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Ē'ğўp't, the Ē-ğўp'tiăns beheld the woman that she was very fair. 15 And the princes of Phā'raōh saw her, and praised her to Phā'raōh: and the woman was taken into Phā'raōh's house. 16 And he dealt well with Abram for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he-asses, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and she-asses, and camels. 17 And Jĕ-hō'văh plagued Phā'raōh and his house with great plagues because of Sā'rāi, Abram's wife. 18 And Phā'raōh called Abram, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife? 19 why saidst thou, She is my sister, so that I took her to be my wife? now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way. 20 And Phā'raōh gave men charge concerning him: and they brought him on the way, and his wife, and all that he had.

13 And Abram went up out of Ē'ğўpt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the South. 2 And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. 3 And he went on his journeys from the South even to Bĕth'-ĕl, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bĕth'-ĕl and Ā'ī, 4 unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of Jĕ-hō'văh. 5 And Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. 6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. 7 And there was a strife between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle: and the Cā'năan-īte and the Pĕr'īz-zīte dwelt then in the land. 8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen; for we are brethren. 9 Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if *thou wilt take* the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if *thou take* the right hand, then I will go to the left. 10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the [1]Plain of the Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before Jĕ-hō'văh destroyed Sŏd'ŏm and Gō-mŏr'răh, like the garden of Jĕ-hō'văh, like the land of Ē'ğўpt, as thou goest unto Zō'ăr. 11 So Lot chose him all the Plain of the Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. 12 Abram dwelt in the land of Cā'năan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the Plain, and moved his tent as far as Sŏd'ŏm. 13 Now the men of Sŏd'ŏm were wicked and sinners against Jĕ-hō'văh exceedingly.

14 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art, northward and southward and eastward and westward: 15 for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. 16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then may thy seed also be numbered. 17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for unto thee will I give it. 18 And Abram moved his tent, and came and dwelt by the [2]oaks of Măm're, which are in Hĕ'brŏn, and built there an altar unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

14 And it came to pass in the days of Ăm'ră-phĕl king of Shĭ'năr, Ā'rĭ-ŏch king of Ĕl'lă-sär, Chĕd-ôr-lā'ō-mēr king of Ē'lăm, and Tĭ'dăl king of [3]Goi'-ĭm, 2 that they made war with Bĕ'rā king of Sŏd'ŏm, and with Bĭr'shā king of Gō-mŏr'răh, Shĭ'-năb king of Ăd'măh, and Shĕm-

[1] Or, *Circle*. [2] Or, *terebinths* [3] Or, *nations*

ē'bĕr king of Zĕ-boi'ĭm, and the king of Bē'lȧ (the same is Zō'ăr). 3 All these [1]joined together in the vale of Sĭd'dĭm (the same is the Salt Sea). 4 Twelve years they served Chĕd-ôr-lā'ō-mēr, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled. 5 And in the fourteenth year came Chĕd-ôr-lā'ō-mēr, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rĕph'ȧ-ĭm in Ăsh'tĕ-rŏth-kär-nā'ĭm, and the Zū'zĭm in Ham, and the Ē'mĭm in [2]Shā'vĕh-kĭr-ĭ-ă-thā'ĭm, 6 and the Hō'rītes in their mount Sē'ĭr, unto ĕl-pā'răn, which is by the wilderness. 7 And they returned, and came to ĕn-mish'pȧt (the same is Kā'dĕsh), and smote all the [3]country of the Ăm'ȧ-lĕk-ītes, and also the Ăm'ôr-ītes, that dwelt in Hăz'ă-zŏn-tā'mär. 8 And there went out the king of Sŏd'ŏm, and the king of Gō-mŏr'răh, and the king of Ăd'mäh, and the king of Zĕ-boi'ĭm, and the king of Bē'lȧ (the same is Zō'ăr); and they set the battle in array against them in the vale of Sĭd'dĭm; 9 against Chĕd-ôr-lā'ō-mēr king of Ē'lăm, and Tĭ'dăl king of Goi'ĭm, and Ăm'ră-phĕl king of Shĭ'när, and Ā'rĭ-ŏch king of Ĕl'lă-sär; four kings against the five. 10 Now the vale of Sĭd'dĭm was full of [4]slime pits; and the kings of Sŏd'ŏm and Gō-mŏr'răh fled, and they fell there, and they that remained fled to the mountain. 11 And they took all the goods of Sŏd'ŏm and Gō-mŏr'răh, and all their victuals, and went their way. 12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sŏd'ŏm, and his goods, and departed.

13 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew: now he dwelt by the [5]oaks of Măm'rē the Ăm'ôr-ite, brother of ĕsh'cŏl, and brother of Ā'nĕr; and these were confederate with Abram. 14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued as far as Dan. 15 And he divided himself against them by night, he and his servants, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hō'bȧh, which is on the [6]left hand of Dă-măs'cŭs. 16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

17 And the king of Sŏd'ŏm went out to meet him, after his return from the slaughter of Chĕd-ôr-lā'ō-mēr and the kings that were with him, at the vale of Shā'vĕh (the same is the King's Vale). 18 And Mĕl-chĭz'ē-dĕk king of Sā'lĕm brought forth bread and wine: and he was priest of [7]God Most High. 19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of [7]God Most High, [8]possessor of heaven and earth: 20 and blessed be [7]God Most High, who hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him a tenth of all. 21 And the king of Sŏd'ŏm said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself. 22 And Abram said to the king of Sŏd'ŏm, I have lifted up my hand unto Jĕ-hō'vȧh, [7]God Most High, [8]possessor of heaven and earth, 23 that I will not take a thread nor a shoelatchet nor aught that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich: 24 [9]save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men that went with me, Ā'nĕr, ĕsh'cŏl, and Măm'rē; let them take their portion.

15 After these things the word of Jĕ-hō'vȧh came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, [10]*and* thy exceeding great reward. 2 And Abram said, O Lord Jĕ-hō'vȧh, what wilt thou give me, seeing I [11]go childless, and he that shall be possessor of my house is Ē-lĭ-ē'zĕr of Dă-măs'cŭs? 3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast

[1] Or, *joined themselves together against*
[2] Or, *the plain of Kiriathaim*
[3] Heb. *field*
[4] That is, *bitumen pits*
[5] Or, *terebinths*
[6] Or, *north*
[7] Heb. *El Elyon*
[8] Or, *maker*
[9] Or, *let there be nothing for me; only that &c*
[10] Or, *thy reward shall be exceeding great*
[11] Or, *go hence*

given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. 4 And, behold, the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto him, saying, This man shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. 5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and number the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. 6 And he believed in Jĕ-hō'văh; and he reckoned it to him for righteousness. 7 And he said unto him, I am Jĕ-hō'văh that brought thee out of Ŭr of the Chăl'dēes, to give thee this land to inherit it. 8 And he said, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? 9 And he said unto him, Take me a heifer three years old, and a she-goat three years old, and a ram three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. 10 And he took him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each half over against the other: but the birds divided he not. 11 And the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, a horror of great darkness fell upon him. 13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be sojourners in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; 14 and also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. 15 But thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. 16 And in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Ăm'ôr-īte is not yet full. 17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold, a smoking furnace, and a flaming torch that passed between these pieces. 18 In that day Jĕ-hō'văh made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Ē'gўpt unto the great river, the river Ĕu-phrā'tēs: 19 the Kĕn'īte, and the Kĕn'īz-zīte, and the Kăd'mŏn-īte, 20 and the Hīt'tīte, and the Pĕr'-ĭz-zīte, and the Rĕph'ă-ĭm, 21 and the Ăm'ôr-īte, and the Că'năan-īte, and the Gĭr'gă-shīte, and the Jĕb'ŭ-sīte.

16 Now Să'rāi, Abram's wife, bare him no children: and she had a handmaid, an Ē'gўp'tiăn, whose name was Hā'gär. 2 And Să'rāi said unto Abram, Behold now, Jĕ-hō'văh hath restrained me from bearing; go in, I pray thee, unto my handmaid; it may be that I shall [1]obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Să'rāi. 3 And Să'rāi, Abram's wife, took Hā'gär the Ē-gўp'tian, her handmaid, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Că'-năan, and gave her to Abram her husband to be his wife. 4 And he went in unto Hā'gär, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. 5 And Să'-rāi said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I gave my handmaid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: Jĕ-hō'văh judge between me and thee. 6 But Abram said unto Să'rāi, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her that which is good in thine eyes. And Să'rāi dealt hardly with her, and she fled from her face.

7 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shûr. 8 And he said, Hā'gär, Să'rāi's handmaid, whence camest thou? and whither goest thou? And she said, I am fleeing from the face of my mistress Să'-rāi. 9 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. 10 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh said unto her, I will greatly multiply thy seed, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. 11 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'-

[1] Heb. *be builded by her*

văh said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son; and thou shalt call his name [1]Ĭsh'-mă-ĕl, because Jĕ-hō'văh hath heard thy affliction. 12 And he shall be *as* a wild ass among men; his hand *shall be* against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell [2]over against all his brethren. 13 And she called the name of Jĕ-hō'văh that spake unto her, [3]Thou art [4]a God that seeth: for she said, Have I even here looked after him that seeth me? 14 Wherefore the well was called [5]Bĕ'ĕr-lă-hāi'-roi; behold, it is between Kā'dĕsh and Bĕ'rĕd.

15 And Hā'găr bare Abram a son: and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hā'găr bare, Ĭsh'mă-ĕl. 16 And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hā'găr bare Ĭsh'mă-ĕl to Abram.

17 And when Abram was nine-ty years old and nine, Jĕ-hō'-văh appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am [6]God Almighty; walk before me, and be thou perfect. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. 3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, 4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 Neither shall thy name any more be called [7]Abram, but thy name shall be [8]Abraham; for the father of a multitude of nations have I made thee. 6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. 8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land of thy sojournings, all the land of Cā'năan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

9 And God said unto Abraham, And as for thee, thou shalt keep my covenant, thou, and thy seed after thee throughout their generations. 10 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee: every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 And ye shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of a covenant betwixt me and you. 12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every male throughout your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any foreigner that is not of thy seed. 13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. 14 And the uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sā'rāi thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sā'rāi, but [9]Sarah shall her name be. 16 And I will bless her, and moreover I will give thee a son of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother of* nations; kings of peoples shall be of her. 17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is a hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? 18 And Abraham said unto God, Oh that Ĭsh'mă-ĕl might live before thee! 19 And God said, Nay, but Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son; and thou shalt call his name [10]Ī'săac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him. 20 And as for Ĭsh'mă-ĕl, I have heard thee: behold, I have

[1] That is, *God heareth* [2] Or, *to the east of* [3] Or, *Thou God seest me* [4] Heb. *El roi*, that is, *God of seeing* [5] That is, *The well of the living one who seeth me* [6] Heb. *El Shaddai* [7] That is, *exalted father* [8] That is, *father of a multitude*

[9] That is, *Princess*
[10] From the Heb. word meaning *to laugh*

blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. 21 But my covenant will I establish with Ĭ'săac, whom Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

22 And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham. 23 And Abraham took Ĭsh'-mā-ĕl his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him. 24 And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 25 And Ĭsh'mā-ĕl his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 26 In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ĭsh'-mā-ĕl his son. 27 And all the men of his house, those born in the house, and those bought with money of a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

18 And Jĕ-hō'văh appeared unto him by the [1]oaks of Măm'-rĕ, as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; 2 and he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood over against him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself to the earth, 3 and said, [2]My lord, if now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: 4 let now a little water be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: 5 and I will fetch a morsel of bread, and strengthen ye your heart; after that ye shall pass on: [3]forasmuch as ye are come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes. 7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto the servant; and he hasted to dress it. 8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

9 And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. 10 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee when the season [4]cometh round; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard in the tent door, which was behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, *and* well stricken in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. 12 And Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? 13 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, who am old? 14 Is anything too [5]hard for Jĕ-hō'văh? At the set time I will return unto thee, when the season [4]cometh round, and Sarah shall have a son. 15 Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sŏd'-ŏm: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. 17 And Jĕ-hō'văh said, Shall I hide from Abraham that which I do; 18 seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19 For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of Jĕ-hō'văh, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that Jĕ-hō'văh may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. 20 And Jĕ-hō'văh said, [6]Because the cry of Sŏd'ŏm and Gō-mŏr'răh is great, and [6]because their sin is very grievous

[1] Or, *terebinths* [2] Or, *O Lord* [3] Or, *for therefore*
[4] Heb. *liveth, or reviveth* [5] Or, *wonderful*
[6] Or, *Verily*

21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

22 And the men turned from thence, and went toward Sŏd'ŏm: but Abraham stood yet before Jĕhō'văh. 23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou consume the righteous with the wicked? 24 Peradventure there are fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou consume and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? 25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked, that so the righteous should be as the wicked; that be far from thee: shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? 26 And Jĕ-hō'văh said, If I find in Sŏd'ŏm fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sake. 27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, who am but dust and ashes: 28 peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, I will not destroy it, if I find there forty and five. 29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for the forty's sake. 30 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there. 31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for the twenty's sake. 32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for the ten's sake. 33 And Jĕ-hō'văh went his way, as soon as he had left off communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

19 And the two angels came to Sŏd'ŏm at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sŏd'ŏm: and Lot saw them, and rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face to the earth; 2 and he said, Behold now, my lords, turn aside, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your way. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. 3 And he urged them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat. 4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men of Sŏd'ŏm, compassed the house round, both young and old, all the people from every quarter; 5 and they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men that came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. 6 And Lot went out unto them to the door, and shut the door after him. 7 And he said, I pray you, my brethren, do not so wickedly. 8 Behold now, I have two daughters that have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing, [1]forasmuch as they are come under the shadow of my roof. 9 And they said, Stand back. And they said, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and drew near to break the door. 10 But the men put forth their hand, and brought Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. 11 And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son-in-law, and thy sons, and thy

[1] Or, *for therefore*

daughters, and whomsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of the place: 13 for we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxed great before Jĕ-hō'văh; and Jĕ-hō'văh hath sent us to destroy it. 14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons-in-law, who [1]married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for Jĕ-hō'văh will destroy the city. But he seemed unto his sons-in-law as one that mocked. 15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters that are here, lest thou be consumed in the [2]iniquity of the city. 16 But he lingered; and the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters, Jĕ-hō'văh being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city. 17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the Plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. 18 And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, [3]my lord: 19 behold now, thy servant hath found favor in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy lovingkindness, which thou hast showed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest [4]evil overtake me, and I die: 20 behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one. Oh let me escape thither (is it not a little one?), and my soul shall live. 21 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow the city of which thou hast spoken. 22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called [5]Zō'ăr.

23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot came unto Zō'ăr. 24 Then Jĕ-hō'văh rained upon Sŏd'ŏm and upon Gō-mŏr'răh brimstone and fire from Jĕ-hō'văh out of heaven; 25 and he overthrew those cities, and all the Plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. 26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. 27 And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he had stood before Jĕ-hō'văh: 28 and he looked toward Sŏd'ŏm and Gō-mŏr'răh, and toward all the land of the Plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the land went up as the smoke of a furnace.

29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the Plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot dwelt.

30 And Lot went up out of Zō'ăr, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zō'ăr: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. 31 And the first-born said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: 32 come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. 33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the first-born went in, and lay with her father; and he knew not when she lay down, nor when she arose. 34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the first-born said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. 35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he knew not when she lay down, nor when she arose. 36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. 37 And the first-born bare a son, and

[1] Or, *were to marry* [2] Or, *punishment* [3] Or, *O Lord* [4] Or, *the evil* [5] That is, *Little*. See ver. 20; ch. 14.8

called his name Mō'ăb: the same is the father of the Mō'ăb-ites unto this day. 38 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Bĕn-ăm'mi: the same is the father of the children of Ăm'mŏn unto this day.

20 And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the land of the South, and dwelt between Kā'dĕsh and Shûr; and he sojourned in Gĕ'rär. 2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch king of Gĕ'rär sent, and took Sarah. 3 But God came to Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch in a dream of the night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, because of the woman whom thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife. 4 Now Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay even a righteous nation? 5 Said he not himself unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and the innocency of my hands have I done this. 6 And God said unto him in the dream, Yea, I know that in the integrity of thy heart thou hast done this, and I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her. 7 Now therefore restore the man's wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

8 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid. 9 Then Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and wherein have I sinned against thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done. 10 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing? 11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake. 12 And moreover she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife: 13 and it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt show unto me: at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother. 14 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch took sheep and oxen, and men-servants and women-servants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife. 15 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee. 16 And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, [1]it is for thee a covering of the eyes to all that are with thee; and [2]in respect of all thou art righted. 17 And Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch, and his wife, and his maid-servants; and they bare children. 18 For Jĕ-hō'văh had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

21 And Jĕ-hō'văh visited Sarah as he had said, and Jĕ-hō'văh did unto Sarah as he had spoken. 2 And Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. 3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Ĭ'săac. 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Ĭ'săac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5 And Abraham was a hundred years old, when his son Ĭ'săac was born unto him. 6 And Sarah said, God hath [3]made me to laugh; every one that heareth will laugh with me. 7 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should give children suck? for I

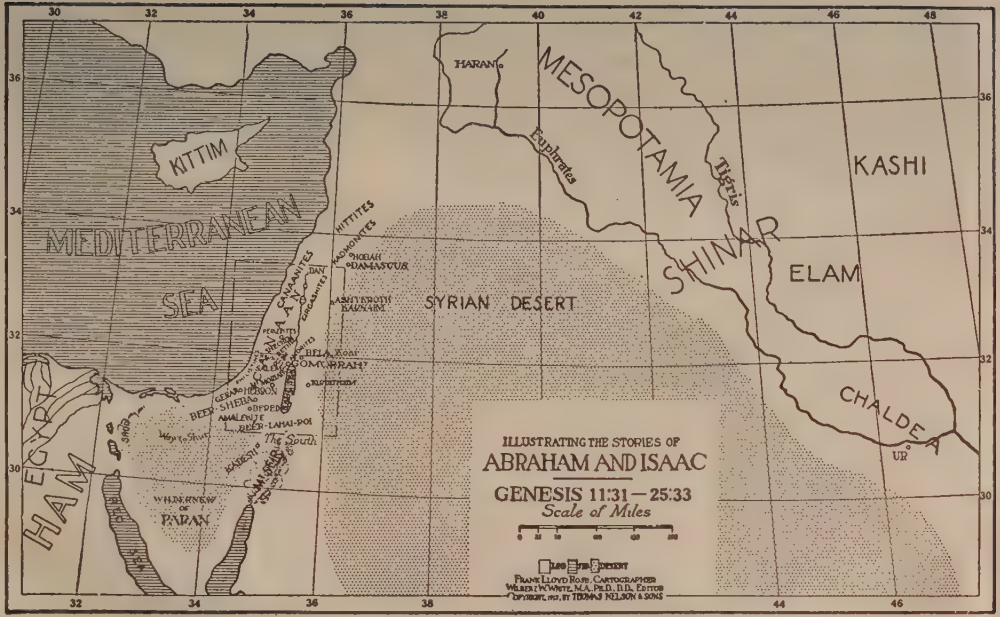
[1] Or, *he* [2] Or, *before all* men
[3] Or, *prepared laughter for me*

have borne him a son in his old age.
8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Ĭ'săac was weaned. 9 And Sarah saw the son of Hā'găr the Ē-gўp'tiăn, whom she had borne unto Abraham, [1]mocking. 10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this handmaid and her son: for the son of this handmaid shall not be heir with my son, even with Ĭ'săac. 11 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight on account of his son. 12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy handmaid; in all that Sarah saith unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Ĭ'săac shall thy seed be called. 13 And also of the son of the handmaid will I make a nation, because he is thy seed. 14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread and a [2]bottle of water, and gave it unto Hā'găr, putting it on her shoulder, and *gave her* the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Bē'ĕr-shē'bà. 15 And the water in the bottle was spent, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. 16 And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not look upon the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lifted up her voice, and wept. 17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hā'găr out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hā'găr? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. 18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thy hand; for I will make him a great nation. 19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. 20 And God was with the lad, and he grew; and he dwelt in the wilderness, and became, as he grew up, an archer. 21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Pā'răn: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Ē'gўpt.

22 And it came to pass at that time, that Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch and Phĭ'-cŏl the captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest: 23 now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with [3]my son, nor with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned. 24 And Abraham said, I will swear. 25 And Abraham reproved Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch because of the well of water, which Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch's servants had violently taken away. 26 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch said, I know not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to-day. 27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch; and they two made a covenant. 28 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves. 29 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch said unto Abraham, What mean these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves? 30 And he said, These seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that it may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well. 31 Wherefore he called that place Bē'ĕr-shē'bà; because there they sware both of them. 32 So they made a covenant at Bē'ĕr-shē'bà: and Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch rose up, and Phĭ'cŏl the captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. 33 And *Abraham* planted a tamarisk tree in Bē'ĕr-shē'bà, and called there on the name of Jĕ-hō'vàh, the Everlasting God. 34 And Abraham sojourned in the land of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes many days.

22 And it came to pass after these things, that God did prove Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham; and he said, Here am I. 2 And he said, Take now thy son,

[1] Or, *playing* [2] Or, *skin* [3] Or, *my offspring, nor with my posterity*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thine only son, whom thou lovest, even Ĭ'sāac, and get thee into the land of Mō-rī'āh; and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. 3 And Abraham rose early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Ĭ'sāac his son; and he clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass, and I and the lad will go yonder; and we will worship, and come again to you. 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid it upon Ĭ'sāac his son; and he took in his hand the fire and the knife; and they went both of them together. 7 And Ĭ'sāac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold, the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering? 8 And Abraham said, God will [1]provide himself the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son: so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built the altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Ĭ'sāac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. 11 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'vāh called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. 12 And he said, Lay not thy hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him; for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from me. 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, behind *him* a ram caught in the thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering in the stead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of that place [2]Jĕ-hō'vāh-jī'rĕh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of Jĕ-hō'vāh [3]it shall be provided. 15 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'vāh called unto Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said, By myself have I sworn, saith Jĕ-hō'vāh, because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, 17 that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18 and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth [4]be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. 19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Bē'ĕr-shē'bà; and Abraham dwelt at Bē'ĕr-shē'bà.

20 And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Mĭl'cāh, she also hath borne children unto thy brother Nā'hôr: 21 Uz his firstborn, and Bûz his brother, and Kĕm'ū-ĕl the father of Ā'răm, 22 and Chē'sĕd, and Hā'zō, and Pĭl'dāsh, and Jĭd'lăph, and Bĕ-thū'ĕl. 23 And Bĕ-thū'ĕl begat Rē-bĕk'āh: these eight did Mĭl'cāh bear to Nā'hôr, Abraham's brother. 24 And his concubine, whose name was Reu'māh, she also bare Tē'bāh, and Gā'hăm, and Tā'hāsh, and Mā'ă-cāh.

23 And the life of Sarah was a hundred and seven and twenty years: these were the years of the life of Sarah. 2 And Sarah died in Kĭr'ĭ-āth-ăr'bà (the same is Hē'brŏn), in the land of Cā'nāan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her. 3 And Abraham rose up from before his dead, and spake unto the children of Heth, saying, 4 I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a burying-

[1] Heb. *see for himself*

[2] That is, *Jehovah will see*, or *provide*
[3] Or, *he shall be seen*
[4] Or, *bless themselves*

place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight. 5 And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him, 6 Hear us, my lord; thou art a prince of God among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead. 7 And Abraham rose up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth. 8 And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and entreat for me to Ē'phrŏn the son of Zō'hăr, 9 that he may give me the cave of Măch-pē'lăh, which he hath, which is in the end of his field; for the full price let him give it to me in the midst of you for a possession of a burying-place. 10 Now Ē'phrŏn was sitting in the midst of the children of Heth: and Ē'phrŏn the Hit'tīte answered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth, even of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying, 11 Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the children of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead. 12 And Abraham bowed himself down before the people of the land. 13 And he spake unto Ē'phrŏn in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou wilt, I pray thee, hear me: I will give the price of the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there. 14 And Ē'phrŏn answered Abraham, saying unto him, 15 My lord, hearken unto me: a piece of land worth four hundred shĕk'ĕls of silver, what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead. 16 And Abraham hearkened unto Ē'phrŏn; and Abraham weighed to Ē'phrŏn the silver which he had named in the audience of the children of Heth, four hundred shĕk'ĕls of silver, current *money* with the merchant.

17 So the field of Ē'phrŏn, which was in Măch-pē'lăh, which was before Măm're, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the border thereof round about, were made sure 18 unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city. 19 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Măch-pē'lăh before Măm're (the same is Hē'brŏn), in the land of Cā'năan. 20 And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a burying-place by the children of Heth.

24 And Abraham was old, *and* well stricken in age: and Jē-hō'văh had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 And Abraham said unto his servant, the elder of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: 3 and I will make thee swear by Jē-hō'văh, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that thou wilt not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Cā'năan-ītes, among whom I dwell: 4 but thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Ī'săac. 5 And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest? 6 And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again. 7 Jē-hō'văh, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house, and from the land of my nativity, and who spake unto me, and who sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he will send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife for my son from thence. 8 And if the woman be not willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath; only thou shalt not bring my son thither again. 9 And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning this matter.

10 And the servant took ten camels, of the camels of his master, and departed, [1]having all goodly things of his master's in his hand: and he arose, and went to [2]Mĕs-ŏ-pŏ-tā'mĭ-à, unto the city of Nā'hôr. 11 And he made the camels to kneel down without the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time that women go out to draw water. 12 And he said, O Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of my master Abraham, send me, I pray thee, good speed this day, and show kindness unto my master Abraham. 13 Behold, I am standing by the fountain of water; and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water: 14 and let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Ī'săac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast showed kindness unto my master. 15 And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rĕ-bĕk'ăh came out, who was born to Bĕ-thū'ĕl the son of Mĭl'cah, the wife of Nā'hôr, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. 16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the fountain, and filled her pitcher, and came up. 17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Give me to drink, I pray thee, a little water from thy pitcher. 18 And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. 19 And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. 20 And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw, and drew for all his camels. 21 And the man looked stedfastly on her, holding his peace, to know whether Jĕ-hō'văh had made his journey prosperous or not. 22 And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden ring of [3]half a shĕk'ĕl weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shĕk'ĕls weight of gold, 23 and said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee. Is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in? 24 And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bĕ-thū'ĕl the son of Mĭl'cah, whom she bare unto Nā'hôr. 25 She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in. 26 And the man bowed his head, and worshipped Jĕ-hō'văh. 27 And he said, Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of my master Abraham, who hath not forsaken his lovingkindness and his truth toward my master: as for me, Jĕ-hō'văh hath led me in the way to the house of my master's brethren.

28 And the damsel ran, and told her mother's house according to these words. 29 And Rĕ-bĕk'ăh had a brother, and his name was Lā'băn: and Lā'băn ran out unto the man, unto the fountain. 30 And it came to pass, when he saw the ring, and the bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rĕ-bĕk'ăh his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he was standing by the camels at the fountain. 31 And he said, Come in, thou blessed of Jĕ-hō'văh; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels. 32 And the man came into the house, and he ungirded the camels; and he gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men that were with him. 33 And there was set food before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on. 34 And he

[1] Or, *for all the goods of his master were in his hand* [2] Heb. *Aram-naharaim*, that is, *Aram of the two rivers*

[3] Heb. *a beka*. See Ex. 38.26

said, I am Abraham's servant. 35 And Jĕ-hō'văh hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks and herds, and silver and gold, and men-servants and maid-servants, and camels and asses. 36 And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath. 37 And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Cā'năan-ītes, in whose land I dwell: 38 but thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son. 39 And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me. 40 And he said unto me, Jĕ-hō'văh, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house: 41 then shalt thou be clear from my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give her not to thee, thou shalt be clear from my oath. 42 And I came this day unto the fountain, and said, O Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go: 43 behold, I am standing by the fountain of water; and let it come to pass, that the maiden that cometh forth to draw, to whom I shall say, Give me, I pray thee, a little water from thy pitcher to drink; 44 and she shall say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom Jĕ-hō'văh hath appointed for my master's son. 45 And before I had done speaking in my heart, behold, Rĕ-bĕk'ăh came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the fountain, and drew: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee. 46 And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also. 47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, The daughter of Bĕ-thū'ĕl, Nā-hôr's son, whom Mĭl'căh bare unto him: and I put the ring upon her nose, and the bracelets upon her hands. 48 And I bowed my head, and worshipped Jĕ-hō'văh, and blessed Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter for his son. 49 And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.

50 Then Lā'băn and Bĕ-thū'ĕl answered and said, The thing proceedeth from Jĕ-hō'văh: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. 51 Behold, Rĕ-bĕk'ăh is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken. 52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself down to the earth unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 53 And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rĕ-bĕk'ăh: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things. 54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master. 55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us *a few* days, at the least ten; after that she shall go. 56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing Jĕ-hō'văh hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master. 57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and inquire at her mouth. 58 And they called Rĕ-bĕk'ăh, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go. 59 And they sent away Rĕ-bĕk'ăh their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. 60 And they blessed Rĕ-bĕk'ăh, and said unto her, Our sister, be thou *the mother* of thousands of ten thousands, and

let thy seed possess the gate of those that hate them.

61 And Rĕ-bĕk'ăh arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rĕ-bĕk'ăh, and went his way. 62 And Ĭ'săac came from the way of Bĕ'ĕr-lăhāi'-roi; for he dwelt in the land of the South. 63 And Ĭ'săac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, there were camels coming. 64 And Rĕ-bĕk'-ăh lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Ĭ'săac, she alighted from the camel. 65 And she said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant said, It is my master: and she took her veil, and covered herself. 66 And the servant told Ĭ'săac all the things that he had done. 67 And Ĭ'săac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rĕ-bĕk'ăh, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Ĭ'săac was comforted after his mother's death.

25 And Abraham took another wife, and her name was Kĕ-tū'răh. 2 And she bare him Zĭm'-răn, and Jŏk'shăn, and Mē'dăn, and Mĭd'ĭ-ăn, and Ĭsh'băk, and Shu'ăh. 3 And Jŏk'shăn begat Shē'bà, and Dē'dăn. And the sons of Dē'dăn were Ăs-shu'rĭm, and Lĕ-tū'shĭm, and Lĕ-ŭm'mĭm. 4 And the sons of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn: Ē'phăh, and Ē'phēr, and Hā'nŏch, and Ă-bī'dà, and Ĕl-dā'ăh. All these were the children of Kĕ-tū'-răh. 5 And Abraham gave all that he had unto Ĭ'săac. 6 But unto the sons of the concubines, that Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts; and he sent them away from Ĭ'săac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country. 7 And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, a hundred threescore and fifteen years. 8 And Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full *of years*, and was gathered to his people. 9 And Ĭ'săac and Ĭsh'mā-ĕl his sons buried him in the cave of Măch-pē'-lăh, in the field of Ē'phrŏn the son of Zō'hăr the Hĭt'tīte, which is before Măm're; 10 the field which Abraham purchased of the children of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife. 11 And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed Ĭ'săac his son; and Ĭ'săac dwelt by Bĕ'ĕr-lă-hāi'-roi.

12 Now these are the generations of Ĭsh'mā-ĕl, Abraham's son, whom Hā'găr the Ē-ġўp'tĭăn, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham: 13 and these are the names of the sons of Ĭsh'mā-ĕl, by their names, according to their generations: the first-born of Ĭsh'mā-ĕl, Nĕ-bā'ĭŏth; and Kē'dăr, and Ăd'-bē-ĕl, and Mĭb'săm, 14 and Mĭsh'-mà, and Dū'măh, and Mās'sà, 15 Hă'dăd, and Tē'mà, Jē'tŭr, Nā'-phĭsh, and Kĕd'ĕ-măh: 16 these are the sons of Ĭsh'mā-ĕl, and these are their names, by their villages, and by their encampments; twelve princes according to their nations. 17 And these are the years of the life of Ĭsh'mā-ĕl, a hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died, and was gathered unto his people. 18 And they dwelt from Hăv'ĭ-lăh unto Shûr that is before Ē'gўpt, as thou goest toward Ăs-sўr'ĭ-à: he [1]abode over against all his brethren.

19 And these are the generations of Ĭ'săac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Ĭ'săac: 20 and Ĭ'săac was forty years old when he took Rĕ-bĕk'ăh, the daughter of Bĕ-thū'ĕl the [2]Sўr'ĭ-ăn of Pād'dăn-ā'răm, the sister of Lā'băn the [2]Sўr'ĭ-ăn, to be his wife. 21 And Ĭ'săac entreated Jĕ-hō'văh for his wife, because she was barren: and Jĕ-hō'văh was entreated of him, and Rĕ-bĕk'ăh his wife conceived. 22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, [3]wherefore do I live? And she went to inquire of Jĕ-hō'văh.

[1] Or, *settled* Heb. *fell*
[2] Heb. *Aramean*
[3] Or, *wherefore am I thus?*

23 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto her,
Two nations are in thy womb,
And two peoples shall be separated from thy bowels:
And the one people shall be stronger than the other people;
And the elder shall serve the younger.
24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. 25 And the first came forth [1]red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Ē'sau. 26 And after that came forth his brother, and his hand had hold on Ē'sau's heel; and his name was called [2]Jacob: and Ĭ'sāac was threescore years old when she bare them.

27 And the boys grew: and Ē'sau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a [3]quiet man, dwelling in tents. 28 Now Ĭ'sāac loved Ē'sau, because he did eat of his venison: and Rĕ-bĕk'ăh loved Jacob. 29 And Jacob boiled pottage: and Ē'sau came in from the field, and he was faint: 30 and Ē'sau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with [4]that same red *pottage*; for I am faint: therefore was his named called [5]Ē'dŏm. 31 And Jacob said, Sell me [6]first thy birthright. 32 And Ē'sau said, Behold, I am about to die: and what profit shall the birthright do to me? 33 And Jacob said, Swear to me [6]first; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. 34 And Jacob gave Ē'sau bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: so Ē'sau despised his birthright.

26 And there was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Ĭ'sāac went unto Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch king of the Phĭl-ĭs'tĭnes, unto Gĕ'rär. 2 And Jĕ-hō'văh appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Ē'gўpt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: 3 sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; 4 and I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these lands; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth [7]be blessed; 5 because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. 6 And Ĭ'sāac dwelt in Gĕ'rär: 7 and the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, My wife; lest, *said he*, the men of the place should kill me for Rĕ-bĕk'ăh; because she was fair to look upon. 8 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch king of the Phĭl-ĭs'tĭnes looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Ĭ'sāac was sporting with Rĕ-bĕk'ăh his wife. 9 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch called Ĭ'sāac, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife: and how saidst thou, She is my sister? And Ĭ'sāac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die because of her. 10 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch said, What is this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might easily have lain with thy wife, and thou wouldest have brought guiltiness upon us. 11 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch charged all the people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.

12 And Ĭ'sāac sowed in that land, and found in the same year a hundredfold: and Jĕ-hō'văh blessed him. 13 And the man waxed great, and grew more and more until he became very great: 14 and he had possessions of flocks, and possessions of herds, and a great household: and the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes envied him. 15 Now all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes had stopped, and filled with earth. 16 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch said unto Ĭ'sāac, Go

[1] Or, *ruddy* [2] That is, *One that takes by the heel* or *supplants* [3] Or, *harmless* Heb. *perfect* [4] Heb. *the red* pottage, *this red* pottage [5] That is, *Red* [6] Heb. *to-day*
[7] Or, *bless themselves*

from us; for thou art much mightier than we. 17 And I'sāac departed thence, and encamped in the valley of Gĕ'rär, and dwelt there.

18 And I'sāac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them. 19 And I'sāac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of [1]springing water. 20 And the herdsmen of Gĕ'rär strove with I'sāac's herdsmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well [2]Ē'sĕk, because they contended with him. 21 And they digged another well, and they strove for that also: and he called the name of it [3]Sĭt'nāh. 22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it [4]Rĕ-hō'bŏth; and he said, For now Jĕ-hō'vāh hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

23 And he went up from thence to Bē'ĕr-shĕ'bà. 24 And Jĕ-hō'vāh appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake. 25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of Jĕ-hō'vāh, and pitched his tent there: and there I'sāac's servants digged a well.

26 Then Ā-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch went to him from Gĕ'rär, and Ā-hŭz'zāth his friend, and Phĭ'cŏl the captain of his host. 27 And I'sāac said unto them, Wherefore are ye come unto me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you? 28 And they said, We saw plainly that Jĕ-hō'vāh was with thee: and we said, Let there now be an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee, 29 that thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of Jĕ-hō'vāh. 30 And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink. 31 And they rose up betimes in the morning, and sware one to another: and I'sāac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace. 32 And it came to pass the same day, that I'sāac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water. 33 And he called it Shĭ'bāh: therefore the name of the city is Bē'ĕr-shĕ'bà unto this day.

34 And when Ē'sau was forty years old he took to wife Jū'dĭth the daughter of Bĕ-ē'rī the Hĭt'tīte, and Bās'ĕ-măth the daughter of Ē'lŏn the Hĭt'tīte: 35 and they were [5]a grief of mind unto I'sāac and to Rĕ-bĕk'āh.

27 And it came to pass, that when I'sāac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Ē'sau his elder son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Here am I. 2 And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death. 3 Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me venison; 4 and make me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.

5 And Rĕ-bĕk'āh heard when I'sāac spake to Ē'sau his son. And Ē'sau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it. 6 And Rĕ-bĕk'āh spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Ē'sau thy brother, saying, 7 Bring me venison, and make me savory food, that I may eat, and bless thee before Jĕ-hō'vāh before my death. 8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I com-

[1] Heb. *living* [2] That is, *Contention*
[3] That is, *Enmity*
[4] That is, *Broad places*, or, *Room*
[5] Heb. *bitterness of spirit*

mand thee. 9 Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savory food for thy father, such as he loveth: 10 and thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, so that he may bless thee before his death. 11 And Jacob said to Rĕ-bĕk'ăh his mother, Behold, Ē'sau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. 12 My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a [1]deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. 13 And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son; only obey my voice, and go fetch me them. 14 And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made savory food, such as his father loved. 15 And Rĕ-bĕk'ăh took the goodly garments of Ē'sau her elder son, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son; 16 and she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck: 17 and she gave the savory food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

18 And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I; who art thou, my son? 19 And Jacob said unto his father, I am Ē'sau thy first-born; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. 20 And Ĭ'săac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because Jĕ-hō'văh thy God sent me good speed. 21 And Ĭ'săac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Ē'sau or not. 22 And Jacob went near unto Ĭ'săac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Ē'sau. 23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Ē'sau's hands: so he blessed him. 24 And he said, Art thou my very son Ē'sau? And he said, I am. 25 And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank. 26 And his father Ĭ'săac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. 27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said,

See, the smell of my son
Is as the smell of a field which
Jĕ-hō'văh hath blessed:
28 And God give thee of the dew of heaven,
And of the fatness of the earth,
And plenty of grain and new wine:
29 Let peoples serve thee,
And nations bow down to thee:
Be lord over thy brethren,
And let thy mother's sons bow down to thee:
Cursed be every one that curseth thee,
And blessed be every one that blesseth thee.

30 And it came to pass, as soon as Ĭ'săac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Ĭ'săac his father, that Ē'sau his brother came in from his hunting. 31 And he also made savory food, and brought it unto his father; and he said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me. 32 And Ĭ'săac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy first-born, Ē'sau. 33 And Ĭ'săac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who then is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, *and* he shall be blessed. 34 When Ē'sau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceeding great and bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me

[1] Or, *mocker*

also, O my father. 35 And he said, Thy brother came with guile, and hath taken away thy blessing. 36 And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me? 37 And I'săac answered and said unto Ē'sau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with grain and new wine have I sustained him: and what then shall I do for thee, my son? 38 And Ē'sau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Ē'sau lifted up his voice, and wept. 39 And I'săac his father answered and said unto him,

Behold, [1]of the fatness of the earth shall be thy dwelling,
And [1]of the dew of heaven from above;
40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and thou shalt serve thy brother;
And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt break loose,
That thou shalt shake his yoke from off thy neck.

41 And Ē'sau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Ē'sau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob. 42 And the words of Ē'sau her elder son were told to Rĕ-bĕk'ăh; and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Ē'sau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, *purposing* to kill thee. 43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Lā'băn my brother to Hā'răn; 44 and tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away; 45 until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be bereaved of you both in one day?

46 And Rĕ-bĕk'ăh said to I'săac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these, of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me? 28 1 And I'săac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Cā'năan. 2 Arise, go to Pād'dăn-ā'răm, to the house of Bĕ-thū'ĕl thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Lā'băn thy mother's brother. 3 And [2]God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a company of peoples; 4 and give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land of thy sojournings, which God gave unto Abraham. 5 And I'săac sent away Jacob: and he went to Pād'dăn-ā'răm unto Lā'băn, son of Bĕ-thū'ĕl the [3]Sўr'ĭ-ăn, the brother of Rĕ-bĕk'ăh, Jacob's and Ē'sau's mother.

6 Now Ē'sau saw that I'săac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Pād'dăn-ā'răm, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Cā'-năan; 7 and that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Pād'dăn-ā'răm: 8 and Ē'sau saw that the daughters of Cā'năan pleased not I'săac his father; 9 and Ē'sau went unto Ĭsh'mā-ĕl, and took, besides the wives that he had, Mā'hă-lăth the daughter of Ĭsh'mā-ĕl Abraham's son, the sister of Nĕ-bā'ĭŏth, to be his wife.

10 And Jacob went out from Bē'ĕr-shē'bà, and went toward Hā'răn. 11 And he lighted upon [4]a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set;

[1] Or, *away from*
[2] Heb. *El Shaddai*
[3] Heb. *Aramean*
[4] Heb. *the place*

and he took one of the stones of the place, and put it under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep. 12 And he dreamed; and, behold, a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and, behold, the angels of God ascending and descending on it. 13 And, behold, Jĕ-hō'văh stood [1]above it, and said, I am Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Ī'săac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; 14 and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt [2]spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee whithersoever thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. 16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely Jĕ-hō'văh is in this place; and I knew it not. 17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. 19 And he called the name of that place [3]Bĕth'-ĕl: but the name of the city was Lŭz at the first. 20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, 21 so that I come again to my father's house in peace, [4]and Jĕ-hō'văh will be my God, 22 then this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee

29 Then Jacob [5]went on his journey, and came to the land of the children of the east. 2 And he looked, and, behold, a well in the field, and, lo, three flocks of sheep lying there by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and the stone upon the well's mouth was great. 3 And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in its place. 4 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence are ye? And they said, Of Hā'răn are we. 5 And he said unto them, Know ye Lā'băn the son of Nā'hôr? And they said, We know him. 6 And he said unto them, Is it well with him? And they said, It is well: and, behold, Rā'chĕl his daughter cometh with the sheep. 7 And he said, Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go and feed them. 8 And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep. 9 While he was yet speaking with them, Rā'chĕl came with her father's sheep; for she kept them. 10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rā'chĕl the daughter of Lā'băn his mother's brother, and the sheep of Lā'băn his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Lā'băn his mother's brother. 11 And Jacob kissed Rā'chĕl, and lifted up his voice, and wept. 12 And Jacob told Rā'chĕl that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rĕ-bĕk'ăh's son: and she ran and told her father.

13 And it came to pass, when Lā'băn heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Lā'băn all

[1] Or, *beside him* [2] Heb. *break forth* [3] That is, *The house of God* [4] Or, *then shall Jehovah be my God, and this stone &c* [5] Heb. *lifted up his feet*

these things. 14 And Lā'băn said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month. 15 And Lā'băn said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shall thy wages be? 16 And Lā'băn had two daughters: the name of the elder was Lē'ăh, and the name of the younger was Rā'chĕl. 17 And Lē'ăh's eyes were tender; but Rā'chĕl was beautiful and well-favored. 18 And Jacob loved Rā'chĕl; and he said, I will serve thee seven years for Rā'chĕl thy younger daughter. 19 And Lā'băn said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me. 20 And Jacob served seven years for Rā'chĕl; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.

21 And Jacob said unto Lā'băn, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her. 22 And Lā'băn gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. 23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Lē'ăh his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her. 24 And Lā'băn gave Zĭl'păh his handmaid unto his daughter Lē'ăh for a handmaid. 25 And it came to pass in the morning that, behold, it was Lē'ăh: and he said to Lā'băn, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rā'chĕl? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me? 26 And Lā'băn said, It is not so done in our place, to give the younger before the first-born. 27 Fulfil the week of this one, and we will give thee the other also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years. 28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rā'chĕl his daughter to wife. 29 And Lā'băn gave to Rā'chĕl his daughter Bĭl'hăh his handmaid to be her handmaid. 30 And he went in also unto Rā'chĕl, and he loved also Rā'chĕl more than Lē'ăh, and served with him yet seven other years.

31 And Jĕ-hō'văh saw that Lē'ăh was hated, and he opened her womb: but Rā'chĕl was barren. 32 And Lē'ăh conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name [1]Reu'bĕn: for she said, Because Jĕ-hō'văh hath looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me. 33 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and said, Because Jĕ-hō'văh [2]hath heard that I am hated, he hath therefore given me this *son* also: and she called his name [3]Sĭm'ē-ŏn. 34 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be [4]joined unto me, because I have borne him three sons: therefore was his name called Lē'vī. 35 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, This time will I [5]praise Jĕ-hō'văh: therefore she called his name [6]Jū'dăh; and she left off bearing.

30 And when Rā'chĕl saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rā'chĕl envied her sister; and she said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. 2 And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rā'chĕl: and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb? 3 And she said, Behold, my maid Bĭl'hăh, go in unto her; that she may bear upon my knees, and I also may [7]obtain children by her. 4 And she gave him Bĭl'hăh her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her. 5 And Bĭl'hăh conceived, and bare Jacob a son. 6 And Rā'chĕl said, God hath [8]judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan. 7 And Bĭl'hăh Rā'chĕl's handmaid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son. 8 And Rā'chĕl said, With [9]mighty wrestlings have I [10]wrestled with

[1] That is, *See, a son*
[2] Heb. *shama*
[3] Heb. *Shimeon*
[4] From the root *lavah*
[5] From the Heb. *hodah*
[6] Heb. *Jehudah*
[7] Heb. *be builded by her*
[8] Heb. *dan*, he judged
[9] Heb. *wrestlings of God*
[10] Heb. *naphtal*, he wrestled

my sister, and have prevailed: and she called his name Năph'tă-lī.

9 When Lē'ăh saw that she had left off bearing, she took Zĭl'păh her handmaid, and gave her to Jacob to wife. 10 And Zĭl'păh Lē'ăh's handmaid bare Jacob a son. 11 And Lē'ăh said, [1]Fortunate! and she called his name [2]Gad. 12 And Zĭl'păh Lē'ăh's handmaid bare Jacob a second son. 13 And Lē'ăh said, [3]Happy am I! for the daughters will call me happy: and she called his name [4]Ăsh'ĕr.

14 And Reu'bĕn went in the days of wheat harvest, and found [5]mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Lē'ăh. Then Rā'chĕl said to Lē'ăh, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes. 15 And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken away my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rā'chĕl said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to-night for thy son's mandrakes. 16 And Jacob came from the field in the evening, and Lē'ăh went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for I have surely hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night. 17 And God hearkened unto Lē'ăh, and she conceived, and bare Jacob a fifth son. 18 And Lē'ăh said, God hath given me my [6]hire, because I gave my handmaid to my husband: and she called his name Ĭs'să-chär. 19 And Lē'ăh conceived again, and bare a sixth son to Jacob. 20 And Lē'ăh said, God hath endowed me with a good dowry; now will my husband [7]dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons: and she called his name Zĕb'ū-lŭn. 21 And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dī'năh. 22 And God remembered Rā'chĕl, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. 23 And she conceived, and bare a son: and said, God hath taken away my reproach: 24 and she called his name Joseph, saying, Jĕ-hō'văh [8]add to me another son.

25 And it came to pass, when Rā'chĕl had borne Joseph, that Jacob said unto Lā'băn, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country. 26 Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service wherewith I have served thee. 27 And Lā'băn said unto him, If now I have found favor in thine eyes, *tarry*: *for* I have divined that Jĕ-hō'văh hath blessed me for thy sake. 28 And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it. 29 And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle have fared with me. 30 For it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it hath [9]increased unto a multitude; and Jĕ-hō'văh hath blessed thee [10]whithersoever I turned: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also? 31 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me aught: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed thy flock and keep it. 32 I will pass through all thy flock to-day, removing from thence every speckled and spotted one, and every black one among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and *of such* shall be my hire. 33 So shall my righteousness answer for me hereafter, when thou shalt come concerning my hire that is before thee: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and black among the sheep, that, *if found* with me, shall be counted stolen. 34 And Lā'băn said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word. 35 And he removed that day the he-goats that were ring-streaked and spotted, and all the she-goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white in it, and all the black ones among

[1] Heb. *With fortune!* Another reading is, *Fortune is come* [2] That is, *Fortune* [3] Heb. *With my happiness!* [4] That is, *Happy* [5] Or, *love apples* [6] Heb. *sachar* [7] Heb. *zabal*, he dwelt [8] Heb. *joseph* [9] Heb. *broken forth* [10] Heb. *at my foot*

the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons; 36 and he set three days' journey betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Lā'băn's flocks.

37 And Jacob took him rods of fresh [1]poplar, and of the almond and of the plane-tree; and peeled white streaks in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods. 38 And he set the rods which he had peeled over against the flocks in the gutters in the watering-troughs where the flocks came to drink; and they conceived when they came to drink. 39 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and the flocks brought forth ringstreaked, speckled, and spotted. 40 And Jacob separated the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ringstreaked and all the black in the flock of Lā'băn: and he put his own droves apart, and put them not unto Lā'băn's flock. 41 And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger of the flock did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the flock in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods; 42 but when the flock were feeble, he put them not in: so the feebler were Lā'băn's, and the stronger Jacob's. 43 And the man increased exceedingly, and had large flocks, and maid-servants and men-servants, and camels and asses.

31 And he heard the words of Lā'băn's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this [2]glory. 2 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Lā'băn, and, behold, it was not toward him as beforetime. 3 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee. 4 And Jacob sent and called Rā'chĕl and Lē'ăh to the field unto his flock, 5 and said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as beforetime; but the God of my father hath been with me. 6 And ye know that with all my power I have served your father. 7 And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me. 8 If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the flock bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstreaked shall be thy wages; then bare all the flock ringstreaked. 9 Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me. 10 And it came to pass at the time that the flock conceive, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the he-goats which leaped upon the flock were ringstreaked, speckled, and grizzled. 11 And the angel of God said unto me in the dream, Jacob: and I said, Here am I. 12 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see: all the he-goats which leap upon the flock are ringstreaked, speckled, and grizzled: for I have seen all that Lā'băn doeth unto thee. 13 I am the God of Bĕth'-ĕl, where thou anointedst a pillar, where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy nativity. 14 And Rā'chĕl and Lē'ăh answered and said unto him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? 15 Are we not accounted by him as foreigners? for he hath sold us, and hath also quite devoured [3]our money. 16 For all the riches which God hath taken away from our father, that is ours and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

17 Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon the camels; 18 and he carried away all his cattle, and all his substance which he had gathered, the cattle of his getting, which he had gathered in Pād'dăn-ā'răm, to go to Ī'săac his father unto the land of Cā'năan. 19 Now Lā'băn was gone to shear his sheep: and Rā'chĕl stole the tĕr'ā-phĭm that were

[1] Or, *storax-tree* [2] Or, *wealth*
[3] Or, *the price paid for us*

her father's. 20 And Jacob [1]stole away unawares to Lā'băn the Sўr'-ĭ-ăn, in that he told him not that he fled. 21 So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over [2]the River, and set his face toward the mountain of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd.

22 And it was told Lā'băn on the third day that Jacob was fled. 23 And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and he overtook him in the mountain of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd. 24 And God came to Lā'băn the Sўr'ĭ-ăn in a dream of the night, and said unto him, Take heed to thyself that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. 25 And Lā'băn came up with Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountain: and Lā'băn with his brethren encamped in the mountain of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd. 26 And Lā'băn said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters as captives of the sword? 27 Wherefore didst thou flee secretly, and [3]steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth and with songs, with tabret and with harp; 28 and didst not suffer me to kiss my sons and my daughters? now hast thou done foolishly. 29 It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take heed to thyself that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. 30 And now, *though* thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, *yet* wherefore hast thou stolen my gods? 31 And Jacob answered and said to Lā'băn, Because I was afraid: for I said, Lest thou shouldest take thy daughters from me by force. 32 With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, he shall not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rā'chĕl had stolen them.

33 And Lā'băn went into Jacob's tent, and into Lē'ăh's tent, and into the tent of the two maid-servants; but he found them not. And he went out of Lē'ăh's tent, and entered into Rā'chĕl's tent. 34 Now Rā'chĕl had taken the tĕr'ă-phĭm, and put them in the camel's saddle, and sat upon them. And Lā'băn felt about all the tent, but found them not. 35 And she said to her father, Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise up before thee; for the manner of women is upon me. And he searched, but found not the tĕr'ă-phĭm.

36 And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Lā'băn: and Jacob answered and said to Lā'băn, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou hast hotly pursued after me? 37 Whereas thou hast felt about all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? Set it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us two. 38 These twenty years have I been with thee; thy ewes and thy she-goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flocks have I not eaten. 39 That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, whether stolen by day or stolen by night. 40 Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep fled from mine eyes. 41 These twenty years have I been in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy flock: and thou hast changed my wages ten times. 42 Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the Fear of I'sáac, had been with me, surely now hadst thou sent me away empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight.

43 And Lā'băn answered and said unto Jacob, The daughters are my daughters, and the children are my children, and the flocks are my flocks, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this

[1] Heb. *stole the heart of Laban the Aramean.*
[2] That is, the Euphrates [3] Heb. *didst steal me*

day unto these my daughters, or unto their children whom they have borne?. 44 And now come, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee. 45 And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar. 46 And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made a heap: and they did eat there by the heap. 47 And Lā'băn called it [1]Jē'gär-sā'hă-dū'thā: but Jacob called it [2]Gāl'ĕ-ĕd. 48 And Lā'băn said, This heap is witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Gāl'ĕ-ĕd: 49 and [3]Miz'păh, for he said, Jĕ-hō'văh watch between me and thee, when we are [4]absent one from another. 50 If thou shalt afflict my daughters, and if thou shalt take wives besides my daughters, no man is with us; see, God is witness betwixt me and thee. 51 And Lā'băn said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold the pillar, which I have set betwixt me and thee. 52 This heap be witness, and the pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm. 53 The God of Abraham, and the God of Nā'hôr, the [5]God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob sware by the Fear of his father I'săac. 54 And Jacob offered a sacrifice in the mountain, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mountain. *55 And early in the morning Lā'băn rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Lā'băn departed, and returned unto his place.

32 1 And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. 2 And Jacob said when he saw them, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place [6]Mā-hă-nā'ĭm.

3 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Ē'sau his brother unto the land of Sē'ĭr, the field of Ē'dŏm. 4 And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye say unto my lord Ē'sau: Thus saith thy servant Jacob, I have sojourned with Lā'băn, and stayed until now: 5 and I have oxen, and asses, *and* flocks, and men-servants, and maid-servants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in thy sight. 6 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Ē'sau, and moreover he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him. 7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and was distressed: and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks, and the herds, and the camels, into two companies; 8 and he said, If Ē'sau come to the one company, and smite it, then the company which is left shall escape. 9 And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father I'săac, O Jĕ-hō'văh, who saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will do thee good: 10 [7]I am not worthy of the least of all the lovingkindnesses, and of all the truth, which thou hast showed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two companies. 11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Ē'sau: for I fear him, lest he come and smite me, the mother with the children. 12 And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

13 And he lodged there that night, and took of that which he had with him a present for Ē'sau his brother: 14 two hundred she-goats and twenty he-goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, 15 thirty milch camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty she-asses and ten foals. 16 And he delivered them into the

[1] That is, *The heap of witness*, in Aramaic
[2] That is, *The heap of witness*, in Hebrew
[3] That is, *The watch tower*
[4] Heb. *hidden*
[5] Or, *gods*
[6] That is, *Two hosts*, or, *Companies* [*Ch. 32. 1 in Heb.]
[7] Heb. *I am less than all &c.*

hand of his servants, every drove by itself, and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove. 17 And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Ē'sau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose art thou? and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee? 18 then thou shalt say, *They are* thy servant Jacob's; it is a present sent unto my lord Ē'sau: and, behold, he also is behind us. 19 And he commanded also the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Ē'sau, when ye find him; 20 and ye shall say, Moreover, behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept me. 21 So the present passed over before him: and he himself lodged that night in the company.

22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two handmaids, and his eleven children, and passed over the ford of the Jăb'bŏk. 23 And he took them, and sent them over the stream, and sent over that which he had. 24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. 25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was strained, as he wrestled with him. 26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. 27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. 28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but [1]Ĭs'rā-ĕl: for thou hast [2]striven with God and with men, and hast prevailed. 29 And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. 30 And Jacob called the name of the place [3]Pĕ-nī'ĕl: for, *said he*, I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. 31 And the sun rose upon him as he passed over Pĕ-nū'ĕl, and he limped upon his thigh. 32 Therefore the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl eat not the sinew of the hip which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew of the hip.

33 And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Ē'sau was coming, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Lē'ăh, and unto Rā'chĕl, and unto the two handmaids. 2 And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Lē'ăh and her children after, and Rā'chĕl and Joseph hindermost. 3 And he himself passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. 4 And Ē'sau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept. 5 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are these with thee? And he said, The children whom God hath graciously given thy servant. 6 Then the handmaids came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves. 7 And Lē'ăh also and her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rā'chĕl, and they bowed themselves. 8 And he said, What meanest thou by all this company which I met? And he said, To find favor in the sight of my lord. 9 And Ē'sau said, I have enough, my brother; let that which thou hast be thine. 10 And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found favor in thy sight, then receive my present at

[1] That is, *He who striveth with God*, or, *God striveth*
[2] Or, *had power with*
[3] That is, *The face of God*

my hand; [1]forasmuch as I have seen thy face, as one seeth the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me. 11 Take, I pray thee, my [2]gift that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have [3]enough. And he urged him, and he took it. 12 And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee. 13 And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children are tender, and that the flocks and herds with me have their young: and if they overdrive them one day, all the flocks will die. 14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on gently, according to the pace of the cattle that are before me and according to the pace of the children, until I come unto my lord unto Sē'ïr. 15 And Ē'sau said, Let me now leave with thee some of the folk that are with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find favor in the sight of my lord. 16 So Ē'sau returned that day on his way unto Sē'ïr. 17 And Jacob journeyed to Sŭc'cŏth, and built him a house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called [4]Sŭc'cŏth.

18 And Jacob came [5]in peace to the city of Shē'chĕm, which is in the land of Că'năan, when he came from Păd'dăn-ă'răm; and encamped before the city. 19 And he bought the parcel of ground, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hā'môr, Shē'chĕm's father, for a hundred [6]pieces of money. 20 And he erected there an altar, and called it [7]ĕl-ē-lō'hĕ-ĭs'rā-ĕl.

34 And Dī'năh the daughter of Lē'ăh, whom she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. 2 And Shē'chĕm the son of Hā'môr the Hī'vīte, the prince of the land, saw her; and he took her, and lay with her, and humbled her. 3 And his soul clave unto Dī'năh the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake [8]kindly unto the damsel. 4 And Shē'chĕm spake unto his father Hā'môr, saying, Get me this damsel to wife. 5 Now Jacob heard that he had defiled Dī'năh his daughter; and his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they came. 6 And Hā'môr the father of Shē'chĕm went out unto Jacob to commune with him. 7 And the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in ĭs'rā-ĕl in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done. 8 And Hā'môr communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shē'chĕm longeth for your daughter: I pray you, give her unto him to wife. 9 And make ye marriages with us; give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you. 10 And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein. 11 And Shē'chĕm said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find favor in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give. 12 Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife. 13 And the sons of Jacob answered Shē'chĕm and Hā'môr his father with guile, and spake, because he had defiled Dī'năh their sister, 14 and said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us. 15 Only on this condition will we consent unto you: if ye will be as we are, that every male of you be circumcised; 16 then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people. 17 But if ye will not hearken unto us, to

[1] Or, *for therefore have I seen*
[2] Heb. *blessing*
[3] Heb. *all*
[4] That is, *Booths*
[5] Or, *to Shalem, a city*
[6] Heb. *kesitah*
[7] That is, *God, the God of Israel*
[8] Heb. *to the heart of the damsel*

be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.
18 And their words pleased Hā'môr, and Shĕ'chĕm Hā'môr's son. 19 And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he was honored above all the house of his father. 20 And Hā'môr and Shĕ'chĕm his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying, 21 These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for, behold, the land is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters. 22 Only on this condition will the men consent unto us to dwell with us, to become one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised. 23 Shall not their cattle and their substance and all their beasts be ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us. 24 And unto Hā'môr and unto Shĕ'chĕm his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city. 25 And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn and Lē'vī, Dī'năh's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city [1]unawares, and slew all the males. 26 And they slew Hā'môr and Shĕ'chĕm his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dī'năh out of Shĕ'chĕm's house, and went forth. 27 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister. 28 They took their flocks and their herds and their asses, and that which was in the city, and that which was in the field; 29 and all their wealth, and all their little ones and their wives, took they captive and made a prey, even all that was in the house. 30 And Jacob said to Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn and Lē'vī, Ye have troubled me, to make me odious to the inhabitants of the land, among the Că'năan-ītes and the Pĕr'ĭz-zītes: and, I being few in number, they will gather themselves together against me and smite me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house. 31 And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with a harlot?

35 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bĕth'-ĕl, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, who appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Ē'sau thy brother. 2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the foreign gods that are among you, and purify yourselves, and change your garments: 3 and let us arise, and go up to Bĕth'-ĕl; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. 4 And they gave unto Jacob all the foreign gods which were in their hand, and the rings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the [2]oak which was by Shĕ'chĕm. 5 And they journeyed: and a terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob. 6 So Jacob came to Lŭz, which is in the land of Că'năan (the same is Bĕth'-ĕl), he and all the people that were with him. 7 And he built there an altar, and called the place [3]Ĕl-bĕth'-ĕl; because there God was revealed unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother. 8 And Dĕb'ō-răh Rē-bĕk'ăh's nurse died, and she was buried below Bĕth'-ĕl under the oak: and the name of it was called [4]Ăl'lŏn-băc'ŭth.

9 And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came from Păd'-dăn-ā'răm, and blessed him. 10 And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall be thy name: and he called

[1] Or, *boldly*
[2] Or, *terebinth* [3] That is, *The God of Beth-el*
[4] That is, *The oak of weeping*

his name Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 11 And God said unto him, I am [1]God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; 12 and the land which I gave unto Abraham and Ĭ'sāac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land. 13 And God went up from him in the place where he spake with him. 14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he spake with him, a pillar of stone: and he poured out a drink-offering thereon, and poured oil thereon. 15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Bĕth'-ĕl.

16 And they journeyed from Bĕth'-ĕl; and there was still some distance to come to Ĕph'răth: and Rā'chĕl travailed, and she had hard labor. 17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; for now thou shalt have another son. 18 And it came to pass, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she called his name [2]Bĕn-ō'nĭ: but his father called him [3]Bĕn'jă-mĭn. 19 And Rā'chĕl died, and was buried in the way to Ĕph'răth (the same is Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm). 20 And Jacob set up a pillar upon her grave: the same is the Pillar of Rā'chĕl's grave unto this day. 21 And Ĭs'-rā-ĕl journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Ē'dĕr. 22 And it came to pass, while Ĭs'rā-ĕl dwelt in that land, that Reu'bĕn went and lay with Bĭl'hăh his father's concubine: and Ĭs'rā-ĕl heard of it.

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve: 23 the sons of Lē'ăh: Reu'bĕn, Jacob's first-born, and Sĭm'ē-ŏn, and Lē'vĭ, and Jū'dăh, and Ĭs'să-chär, and Zĕb'ū-lŭn; 24 the sons of Rā'chĕl: Joseph and Bĕn'jă-mĭn; 25 and the sons of Bĭl'hăh, Rā'chĕl's handmaid: Dan and Năph'tă-lĭ; 26 and the sons of Zĭl'păh, Lē'ăh's handmaid: Gad and Ăsh'ĕr: these are the sons of Jacob, that were born to him in Păd'dăn-ā'răm. 27 And Jacob came unto Ĭ'sāac his father to Măm're, to Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-är'bā (the same is Hē'brŏn), where Abraham and Ĭ'sāac sojourned.

28 And the days of Ĭ'sāac were a hundred and fourscore years. 29 And Ĭ'sāac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, old and full of days: and Ē'sau and Jacob his sons buried him.

36 Now these are the generations of Ē'sau (the same is Ē'dŏm). 2 Ē'sau took his wives of the daughters of Cā'nāan: Ā'dăh the daughter of Ē'lŏn the Hĭt'tīte, and Ō-hŏl-ĭ-bā'măh the daughter of Ā'năh, the daughter of Zĭb'ē-ŏn the Hī'vīte, 3 and Băs'ē-măth Ĭsh'mā-ĕl's daughter, sister of Nē-bā'ĭŏth. 4 And Ā'dăh bare to Ē'sau Ĕl'ĭ-phăz; and Băs'-ē-măth bare Reu'ĕl; 5 and Ō-hŏl-ĭ-bā'măh bare Jē'ŭsh, and Jā'lăm, and Kō'răh: these are the sons of Ē'sau, that were born unto him in the land of Cā'nāan. 6 And Ē'sau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the souls of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his possessions, which he had gathered in the land of Cā'nāan; and went into a land away from his brother Jacob. 7 For their substance was too great for them to dwell together; and the land of their sojournings could not bear them because of their cattle. 8 And Ē'sau dwelt in mount Sē'ĭr: Ē'sau is Ē'dŏm.

9 And these are the generations of Ē'sau the father of [4]the Ē'dŏmītes in mount Sē'ĭr: 10 these are the names of Ē'sau's sons: Ĕl'ĭ-phăz the son of Ā'dăh the wife of Ē'sau, Reu'ĕl the son of Băs'ē-măth the wife of Ē'sau. 11 And the sons of Ĕl'ĭ-phăz were Tē'măn, Ō'măr, [5]Zē'phō, and Gā'tăm, and Kē'năz. 12 And Tĭm'nā was concubine to Ĕl'ĭ-phăz Ē'sau's son; and she bare to Ĕl'ĭ-phăz

[1] Heb. *El Shaddai*
[2] That is, *The son of my sorrow*
[3] That is, *The son of the right hand*
[4] Heb. *Edom*
[5] In 1 Chr. 1. 36, *Zephi*

Ăm'ă-lĕk: these are the sons of Ā'dăh, Ē'sau's wife. 13 And these are the sons of Reu'ĕl: Nā'hăth, and Zĕ'răh, Shăm'măh, and Miz'-zăh: these were the sons of Băs'-ĕ-măth, Ē'sau's wife. 14 And these were the sons of Ō-hŏl-ĭ-bā'măh the daughter of Ā'năh, the daughter of Zĭb'ĕ-ōn, Ē'sau's wife: and she bare to Ē'sau Jē'ŭsh, and Jā'-lăm, and Kō'răh.

15 These are the chiefs of the sons of Ē'sau: the sons of Ĕl'ĭ-phăz the first-born of Ē'sau: chief Tē'-măn, chief Ō'mär, chief Zē'phō, chief Kē'năz, 16 chief Kō'răh, chief Gā'tăm, chief Ăm'ă-lĕk: these are the chiefs that came of Ĕl'ĭ-phăz in the land of Ē'dŏm; these are the sons of Ā'dăh. 17 And these are the sons of Reu'ĕl, Ē'sau's son: chief Nā'hăth, chief Zĕ'răh, chief Shăm'măh, chief Miz'zăh: these are the chiefs that came of Reu'ĕl in the land of Ē'dŏm; these are the sons of Băs'-ĕ-măth, Ē'sau's wife. 18 And these are the sons of Ō-hŏl-ĭ-bā'-măh, Ē'sau's wife: chief Jē'ŭsh, chief Jā'lăm, chief Kō'răh: these are the chiefs that came of Ō-hŏl-ĭ-bā'măh the daughter of Ā'năh, Ē'sau's wife. 19 These are the sons of Ē'sau, and these are their chiefs: the same is Ē'dŏm.

20 These are the sons of Sē'ĭr the Hō'rīte, the inhabitants of the land: Lō'tăn and Shō'băl and Zĭb'-ĕ-ōn and Ā'năh, 21 and Dī'shŏn and Ē'zĕr and Dī'shăn: these are the chiefs that came of the Hō'-rītes, the children of Sē'ĭr in the land of Ē'dŏm. 22 And the children of Lō'tăn were Hō'rī and [1]Hē'măn; and Lō'tăn's sister was Tĭm'nā. 23 And these are the children of Shō'băl: [2]Āl'văn and Mă-nā'hăth and Ē'băl, [3]Shē'phō and Ō'năm. 24 And these are the children of Zĭb'ĕ-ōn: Ā'ĭăh and Ā'năh; this is Ā'năh who found the hot springs in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zĭb'ĕ-ōn his father. 25 And these are the children of Ā'năh: Dī'shŏn and Ō-hŏl-ĭ-bā'măh the daughter of Ā'năh. 26 And these are the children of [4]Dī'shŏn: [5]Hĕm'dăn and Ĕsh'băn and Ĭth'răn and Chĕ'răn. 27 These are the children of Ē'zĕr: Bĭl'hăn and Zā'ă-vän and [6]Ā'kăn. 28 These are the children of Dī'-shăn: Ūz and Ā'răn. 29 These are the chiefs that came of the Hō'rītes: chief Lō'tăn, chief Shō'băl, chief Zĭb'ĕ-ōn, chief Ā'năh, 30 chief Dī'shŏn, chief Ē'zĕr, chief Dī'-shăn: these are the chiefs that came of the Hō'rītes, according to their chiefs in the land of Sē'ĭr.

31 And these are the kings that reigned in the land of Ē'dŏm, before there reigned any king over the children of Is'rā-ĕl. 32 And Bē'lă the son of Bē'ŏr reigned in Ē'dŏm; and the name of his city was Dĭn'hă-băh. 33 And Bē'lă died, and Jō'băb the son of Zĕ'răh of Bŏz'răh reigned in his stead. 34 And Jō'băb died, and Hū'shăm of the land of the Tē'măn-ītes reigned in his stead. 35 And Hū'shăm died, and Hă'dăd the son of Bē'-dăd, who smote Mĭd'ĭ-ăn in the field of Mō'ăb, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Ā'vĭth. 36 And Hă'dăd died, and Săm'lăh of Măs-rē'kăh reigned in his stead. 37 And Săm'lăh died, and Shā'ŭl of Rē-hō'bŏth by the River reigned in his stead. 38 And Shā'ŭl died, and Bā'ăl-hā'năn the son of Ăch'bôr reigned in his stead. 39 And Bā'ăl-hā'năn the son of Ăch'bôr died, and [7]Hă'dăr reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was [8]Pā'ū; and his wife's name was Mĕ-hĕt'ă-bĕl, the daughter of Mā'trĕd, the daughter of Mĕ-zā'hăb.

40 And these are the names of the chiefs that came of Ē'sau, according to their families, after their places, by their names: chief Tĭm'nā, chief [9]Āl'văh, chief Jĕ'-thĕth, 41 chief Ō-hŏl-ĭ-bā'măh, chief Ē'lăh, chief Pī'nŏn, 42 chief

[1] In 1 Chr. 1. 39, *Homam*
[2] In 1 Chr. 1. 40, *Alian*
[3] In 1 Chr. 1. 40, *Shephi*
[4] Heb. *Dishan*
[5] In 1 Chr. 1. 41, *Hamran*
[6] In 1 Chr. 1. 42, *Jaakan*
[7] In 1 Chr. 1. 50, *Hadad*
[8] In 1 Chr. 1. 50, *Pai*
[9] In 1 Chr. 1. 51, *Aliah*

Kē'năz, chief Tē'măn, chief Mĭb'zär, 43 chief Măg'dĭ-ĕl, chief Ī'răm: these are the chiefs of Ē'dŏm, according to their habitations in the land of their possession. This is Ē'sau, the father of [1]the Ē'dŏm-ītes.

37 And Jacob dwelt in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Că'năan. 2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and he was a lad with the sons of Bĭl'hăh, and with the sons of Zĭl'păh, his father's wives: and Joseph brought the evil report of them unto their father. 3 Now Ĭs'rā-ĕl loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him [2]a coat of many colors. 4 And his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren; and they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. 6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: 7 for, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves came round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. 8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. 9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it to his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed yet a dream; and, behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars made obeisance to me. 10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren; and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? 11 And his brethren envied him; but his father kept the saying in mind.

12 And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shē'chĕm. 13 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl said unto Joseph, Are not thy brethren feeding the flock in Shē'chĕm? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I. 14 And he said to him, Go now, see whether it is well with thy brethren, and well with the flock; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hē'brŏn, and he came to Shē'chĕm. 15 And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou? 16 And he said, I am seeking my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they are feeding *the flock*. 17 And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dō'thăn. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dō'thăn.

18 And they saw him afar off, and before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. 19 And they said one to another, Behold, this [3]dreamer cometh. 20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into one of the pits, and we will say, An evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams. 21 And Reu'bĕn heard it, and delivered him out of their hand, and said, Let us not take his life. 22 And Reu'bĕn said unto them, Shed no blood; cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but lay no hand upon him: that he might deliver him out of their hand, to restore him to his father. 23 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph of his coat, the coat of many colors that was on him; 24 and they took him, and cast him into the pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

25 And they sat down to eat

[1] Heb. *Edom*
[2] Or, *a long garment with sleeves*
[3] Heb. *master of dreams*

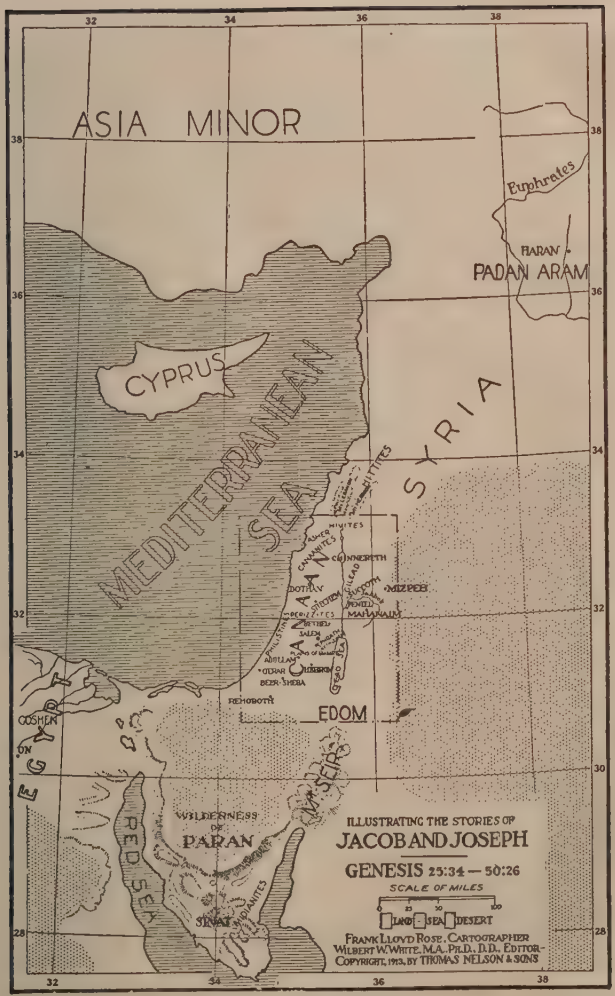
bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a caravan of ĭsh'mā-ĕl-ītes was coming from Gĭl'ē-ăd, with their camels bearing [1]spicery and [2]balm and [3]myrrh, going to carry it down to Ē'gўpt. 26 And Jū'dăh said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother and conceal his blood? 27 Come, and let us sell him to the ĭsh'mā-ĕl-ītes, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother, our flesh. And his brethren hearkened unto him. 28 And there passed by Mĭd'ī-ăn-ītes, merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the ĭsh'mā-ĕl-ītes for twenty pieces of silver. And they brought Joseph into Ē'gўpt.

29 And Reu'bĕn returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes. 30 And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go? 31 And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a he-goat, and dipped the coat in the blood; 32 and they sent the coat of many colors, and they brought it to their father, and said, This have we found: know now whether it is thy son's coat or not. 33 And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn in pieces. 34 And Jacob rent his garments, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. 35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down to Shē'ōl to my son mourning. And his father wept for him. 36 And the [4]Mĭd'ī-ăn-ītes sold him into Ē'gўpt unto Pŏt'ī-phăr, an officer of Phā'raōh's, the [5]captain of the guard.

38 And it came to pass at that time, that Jū'dăh went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Ă-dŭl'lăm-īte, whose name was Hī'răh. 2 And Jū'dăh saw there a daughter of a certain Că'năan-īte whose name was Shu'ă; and he took her, and went in unto her. 3 And she conceived, and bare a son; and he called his name Ēr. 4 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called his name Ō'năn. 5 And she yet again bare a son, and called his name Shē'lăh: and he was at Chē'zĭb, when she bare him. 6 And Jū'dăh took a wife for Ēr his firstborn, and her name was Tā'mär. 7 And Ēr, Jū'dăh's first-born, was wicked in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh; and Jĕ-hō'văh slew him. 8 And Jū'dăh said unto Ō'năn, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother unto her, and raise up seed to thy brother. 9 And Ō'năn knew that the seed would not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife that he spilled it on the ground, lest he should give seed to his brother. 10 And the thing which he did was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh: and he slew him also. 11 Then said Jū'dăh to Tā'mär his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow in thy father's house, till Shē'lăh my son be grown up; for he said, Lest he also die, like his brethren. And Tā'mär went and dwelt in her father's house.

12 And in process of time Shu'ă's daughter, the wife of Jū'dăh, died; and Jū'dăh was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Tĭm'năh, he and his friend Hī'răh the Ă-dŭl'lăm-īte. 13 And it was told Tā'mär, saying, Behold, thy father-in-law goeth up to Tĭm'năh to shear his sheep. 14 And she put off from her the garments of her widowhood, and covered herself with her veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in the gate of Ê-nā'ĭm, which is by the way to Tĭm'năh; for she saw that Shē'lăh was grown up, and she was not given unto him to wife. 15 When Jū'dăh saw her, he thought her to be a harlot; for she had covered her face. 16 And he

[1] Or, *gum tragacanth* [2] Or, *storax* [3] Or, *ladanum*
[4] Heb. *Medanites* [5] Heb. *chief of the executioners*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turned unto her by the way, and said, Come, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee: for he knew not that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me? 17 And he said, I will send thee a kid of the goats from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it? 18 And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet and thy cord, and thy staff that is in thy hand. And he gave them to her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him. 19 And she arose, and went away, and put off her veil from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood. 20 And Jū'dăh sent the kid of the goats by the hand of his friend the Ā-dŭl'lăm-īte, to receive the pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not. 21 Then he asked the men of her place, saying, Where is the [1]prostitute, that was at Ē-nā'ĭm by the wayside? And they said, There hath been no [1]prostitute here. 22 And he returned to Jū'dăh, and said, I have not found her; and also the men of the place said, There hath been no [1]prostitute here. 23 And Jū'dăh said, Let her take it to her, lest we be put to shame: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

24 And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Jū'dăh, saying, Tā'mär thy daughter-in-law hath played the harlot; and moreover, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Jū'dăh said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt. 25 When she was brought forth, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and the cords, and the staff. 26 And Jū'dăh acknowledged them, and said, She is more righteous than I, forasmuch as I gave her not to Shē'lăh my son. And he knew her again no more. 27 And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb. 28 And it came to pass, when she travailed, that one put out a hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first. 29 And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, [2]Wherefore hast thou made a breach for thyself? therefore his name was called [3]Pē'rĕz. 30 And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zē'răh.

39 And Joseph was brought down to Ē'gўpt; and Pŏt'ĭ-phär, an officer of Phā'raōh's, the captain of the guard, an Ē-gўp'tiăn, bought him of the hand of the Ĭsh'mā-ĕl-ītes, that had brought him down thither. 2 And Jĕ-hō'văh was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Ē'gўp'tiăn. 3 And his master saw that Jĕ-hō'văh was with him, and that Jĕ-hō'văh made all that he did to prosper in his hand. 4 And Joseph found favor in his sight, and he ministered unto him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. 5 And it came to pass from the time that he made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that Jĕ-hō'văh blessed the Ē-gўp'tiăn's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of Jĕ-hō'văh was upon all that he had in the house and in the field. 6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and [4]he knew not aught *that was* with him, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was comely, and well-favored.

7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. 8 But he re-

[1] Heb. *kedeshah*, that is, a woman dedicated to impure heathen worship. See Dt. 23. 17; Hos. 4. 14

[2] Or, *How hast thou made a breach! a breach be upon thee!* [3] That is, *A breach*
[4] Or, *with him he knew not*

fused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master [1]knoweth not what is with me in the house, and he hath put all that he hath into my hand: 9 he is not greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? 10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, *or* to be with her. 11 And it came to pass about this time, that he went into the house to do his work; and there was none of the men of the house there within. 12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. 13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, 14 that she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in a Hebrew unto us to mock us: he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: 15 and it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment by me, and fled, and got him out. 16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his master came home. 17 And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, whom thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: 18 and it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment by me, and fled out.

19 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. 20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison. 21 But Jĕ-hō'văh was with Joseph, and showed kindness unto him, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. 22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. 23 The keeper of the prison looked not to anything that was under his hand, because Jĕ-hō'văh was with him; and that which he did, Jĕ-hō'văh made it to prosper.

40 And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Ĕ'gўpt and his baker offended their lord the king of Ĕ'gўpt. 2 And Phā'raōh was wroth against his two officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers. 3 And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound. 4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he ministered unto them: and they continued a season in ward. 5 And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream, in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Ĕ'gўpt, who were bound in the prison. 6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and saw them, and, behold, they were sad. 7 And he asked Phā'raōh's officers that were with him in ward in his master's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sad to-day? 8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell it me, I pray you.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me; 10 and in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, *and* its blossoms shot forth; *and* the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes: 11 and Phā'raōh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Phā'raōh's cup, and I

[1] Or, *knoweth not with me what is &c.*

gave the cup into Phā'raōh's hand.
12 And Joseph said unto him,
This is the interpretation of it: the
three branches are three days; 13
within yet three days shall Phā'-
raōh lift up thy head, and restore
thee unto thine office: and thou
shalt give Phā'raōh's cup into his
hand, after the former manner
when thou wast his butler. 14 But
have me in thy remembrance when
it shall be well with thee, and
show kindness, I pray thee, unto
me, and make mention of me unto
Phā'raōh, and bring me out of this
house: 15 for indeed I was stolen
away out of the land of the He-
brews: and here also have I done
nothing that they should put me
into the dungeon.

16 When the chief baker saw
that the interpretation was good,
he said unto Joseph, I also was in
my dream, and, behold, three
baskets of white bread were on my
head: 17 and in the uppermost
basket there was of all manner of
baked food for Phā'raōh; and the
birds did eat them out of the bas-
ket upon my head. 18 And Joseph
answered and said, This is the in-
terpretation thereof: the three
baskets are three days; 19 within
yet three days shall Phā'raōh lift
up thy head from off thee, and
shall hang thee on a tree; and the
birds shall eat thy flesh from off
thee. 20 And it came to pass the
third day, which was Phā'raōh's
birthday, that he made a feast un-
to all his servants: and he lifted up
the head of the chief butler and
the head of the chief baker among
his servants. 21 And he restored
the chief butler unto his butlership
again; and he gave the cup into
Phā'raōh's hand: 22 but he hanged
the chief baker: as Joseph had in-
terpreted to them. 23 Yet did not
the chief butler remember Joseph,
but forgat him.

41 And it came to pass at the
end of two full years, that
Phā'raōh dreamed: and, behold,
he stood by the [1]river. 2 And, be-
hold, there came up out of the river
seven kine, well-favored and fat-
fleshed; and they fed in the reed-
grass. 3 And, behold, seven other
kine came up after them out of the
river, ill-favored and lean-fleshed,
and stood by the other kine upon
the brink of the river. 4 And the
ill-favored and lean-fleshed kine
did eat up the seven well-favored
and fat kine. So Phā'raōh awoke.
5 And he slept and dreamed a sec-
ond time: and, behold, seven ears
of grain came up upon one stalk,
[2]rank and good. 6 And, behold,
seven ears, thin and blasted with
the east wind, sprung up after
them. 7 And the thin ears swal-
lowed up the seven [2]rank and full
ears. And Phā'raōh awoke, and,
behold, it was a dream. 8 And it
came to pass in the morning that
his spirit was troubled; and he
sent and called for all the [3]magi-
cians of E'gypt, and all the wise
men thereof: and Phā'raōh told
them his dream; but there was
none that could interpret them un-
to Phā'raōh.

9 Then spake the chief butler
unto Phā'raōh, saying, I [4]do re-
member my faults this day: 10
Phā'raōh was wroth with his ser-
vants, and put me in ward in the
house of the captain of the guard,
me and the chief baker: 11 and we
dreamed a dream in one night, I
and he; we dreamed each man ac-
cording to the interpretation of his
dream. 12 And there was with us
there a young man, a Hebrew, ser-
vant to the captain of the guard;
and we told him, and he inter-
preted to us our dreams; to each
man according to his dream he did
interpret. 13 And it came to pass,
as he interpreted to us, so it was;
[5]me he restored unto mine office,
and him he hanged.

14 Then Phā'raōh sent and
called Joseph, and they brought
him hastily out of the dungeon:
and he shaved himself, and
changed his raiment, and came in
unto Phā'raōh. 15 And Phā'raōh

[1] Heb. *Yeor*, that is, the Nile
[2] Heb. *fat*
[3] Or, *sacred scribes*
[4] Or, *will make mention of*
[5] Or, *I was restored . . . and he was hanged*

said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that when thou hearest a dream thou canst interpret it. 16 And Joseph answered Phā'raōh, saying, It is not in me: God will give Phā'raōh an answer of peace. 17 And Phā'raōh spake unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the brink of the river: 18 and, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fat-fleshed and well-favored; and they fed in the reed-grass: 19 and, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill-favored and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Ĕ'ğўpt for badness: 20 and the lean and ill-favored kine did eat up the first seven fat kine: 21 and when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill-favored, as at the beginning. So I awoke. 22 And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up upon one stalk, full and good: 23 and, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, *and* blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them: 24 and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears: and I told it unto the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me.

25 And Joseph said unto Phā'raōh, The dream of Phā'raōh is one: what God is about to do he hath declared unto Phā'raōh. 26 The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one. 27 And the seven lean and ill-favored kine that came up after them are seven years, and also the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind; they shall be seven years of famine. 28 That is the thing which I spake unto Phā'raōh: what God is about to do he hath showed unto Phā'raōh. 29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Ĕ'ğўpt: 30 and there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Ĕ'ğўpt; and the famine shall consume the land; 31 and the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine which followeth; for it shall be very grievous. 32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Phā'raōh, it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. 33 Now therefore let Phā'raōh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Ĕ'ğўpt. 34 Let Phā'raōh do *this*, and let him appoint overseers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Ĕ'ğўpt in the seven plenteous years. 35 And let them gather all the food of these good years that come, and lay up grain under the hand of Phā'raōh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. 36 And the food shall be for a store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Ĕ'ğўpt; that the land perish not through the famine.

37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Phā'raōh, and in the eyes of all his servants. 38 And Phā'raōh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom the spirit of God is? 39 And Phā'raōh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou: 40 thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people [1]be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. 41 And Phā'raōh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Ĕ'ğўpt. 42 And Phā'raōh took off his signet ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of [2]fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; 43 and he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, [3]Bow the knee: and he set him over all the land of Ĕ'ğўpt. 44 And Phā'raōh said unto Joseph, I am Phā'-

[1] Or, *order themselves* Or, *do homage*
[2] Or, *cotton* [3] *Abrech*, probably an Egyptian word, similar in sound to the Hebrew word meaning *to kneel*

raōh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or his foot in all the land of Ē′gўpt. 45 And Phā′raōh called Joseph's name Zăph-ē′năth-pā-nē′ăh; and he gave him to wife Ăs′ē-năth, the daughter of Pŏt-ĭ-phē′rà priest of On. And Joseph went out over the land of Ē′gўpt.

46 And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Phā′raōh king of Ē′gўpt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Phā′raōh, and went throughout all the land of Ē′gўpt. 47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls. 48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Ē′gўpt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same. 49 And Joseph laid up grain as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left off numbering; for it was without number. 50 And unto Joseph were born two sons before the year of famine came, whom Ăs′ē-năth, the daughter of Pŏt-ĭ-phē′rà priest of On, bare unto him. 51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn [1]Mă-năs′sĕh: For, *said he,* God hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. 52 And the name of the second called he [2]Ē′phrà-ĭm: For God hath made me fruitful in the land of my affliction. 53 And the seven years of plenty, that was in the land of Ē′gўpt, came to an end. 54 And the seven years of famine began to come, according as Joseph had said: and there was famine in all lands; but in all the land of Ē′gўpt there was bread. 55 And when all the land of Ē′gўpt was famished, the people cried to Phā′raōh for bread: and Phā′raōh said unto all the Ē-gўp′tiăns, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do. 56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the store-houses, and sold unto the Ē-gўp′tiăns; and the famine was sore in the land of Ē′gўpt. 57 And all countries came into Ē′gўpt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was sore in all the earth.

42 Now Jacob saw that there was grain in Ē′gўpt, and Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? 2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Ē′gўpt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die. 3 And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy grain from Ē′gўpt. 4 But Bĕn′jă-mĭn, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure harm befall him. 5 And the sons of Ĭs′rā-ĕl came to buy among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Cā′năan. 6 And Joseph was the governor over the land; he it was that sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves to him with their faces to the earth. 7 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly with them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Cā′năan to buy food. 8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him. 9 And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye are spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. 10 And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come. 11 We are all one man's sons; we are true men, thy servants are no spies. 12 And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. 13 And they said, We thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Cā′năan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not. 14 And Joseph said unto them, That is it that I spake unto you, saying, Ye are spies: 15 hereby ye shall be proved: by the life of Phā′raōh ye

[1] That is, *Making to forget* [2] From a Hebrew word signifying *to be fruitful*

shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither. 16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be bound, that your words may be proved, whether there be truth in you: or else by the life of Phā'raōh surely ye are spies. 17 And he put them all together into ward three days.

18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; for I fear God: 19 if ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in your prison-house; but go ye, carry grain for the famine of your houses: 20 and bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so. 21 And they said one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us. 22 And Reu'bĕn answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore also, behold, his blood is required. 23 And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for there was an interpreter between them. 24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and he returned to them, and spake to them, and took Sĭm'ē-ŏn from among them, and bound him before their eyes. 25 Then Joseph commanded to fill their vessels with grain, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus was it done unto them.

26 And they laded their asses with their grain, and departed thence. 27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the lodging-place, he espied his money; and, behold, it was in the mouth of his sack. 28 And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack: and their heart failed them, and they turned trembling one to another, saying, What is this that God hath done unto us? 29 And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Că'nāan, and told him all that had befallen them, saying, 30 The man, the lord of the land, spake roughly with us, and took us for spies of the country. 31 And we said unto him, We are true men; we are no spies: 32 we are twelve brethren, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Că'nāan. 33 And the man, the lord of the land, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men: leave one of your brethren with me, and take *grain for* the famine of your houses, and go your way; 34 and bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that ye are true men: so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffic in the land.

35 And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack: and when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were afraid. 36 And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Sĭm'ē-ŏn is not, and ye will take Bĕn'jă-min away: all these things are [1]against me. 37 And Reu'bĕn spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again. 38 And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he only is left: if harm befall him by the way in which ye go, then will ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Shē'ōl.

43 And the famine was sore in the land. 2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought out of Ē'gўpt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food. 3 And Jū'dăh spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall

[1] Or, *upon*

not see my face, except your brother be with you. 4 If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food: 5 but if thou wilt not send him, we will not go down; for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you. 6 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl said, Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother? 7 And they said, The man asked straitly concerning ourselves, and concerning our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? have ye *another* brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we in any wise know that he would say, Bring your brother down? 8 And Jū'dăh said unto Ĭs'rā-ĕl his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and also our little ones. 9 I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then [1]let me bear the blame for ever: 10 for except we had lingered, surely we had now returned a second time. 11 And their father Ĭs'rā-ĕl said unto them, If it be so now, do this: take of the choice fruits of the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spicery and myrrh, [2]nuts, and almonds; 12 and take double money in your hand; and the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks carry again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight: 13 take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man: 14 and [3]God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may release unto you your other brother and Bĕn'jă-mĭn. And if I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved. 15 And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Bĕn'jă-mĭn; and rose up, and went down to Ē'gўpt, and stood before Joseph.

16 And when Joseph saw Bĕn'jă-mĭn with them, he said to the steward of his house, Bring the men into the house, and slay, and make ready; for the men shall dine with me at noon. 17 And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men to Joseph's house. 18 And the men were afraid, because they were brought to Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may [4]seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses. 19 And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they spake unto him at the door of the house, 20 and said, Oh, my lord, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food: 21 and it came to pass, when we came to the lodging-place, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand. 22 And other money have we brought down in our hand to buy food: we know not who put our money in our sacks. 23 And he said, Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Sĭm'ē-ŏn out unto them. 24 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender. 25 And they made ready the present against Joseph's coming at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there.

26 And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed down themselves to him to the earth. 27 And he asked them of their welfare, and said, Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? Is he yet alive?

[1] Heb. *I shall have sinned against thee for ever*
[2] That is, *pistachio nuts*
[3] Heb. *El Shaddai*
[4] Heb. *roll himself upon us*

28 And they said, Thy servant our
father is well, he is yet alive. And
they bowed the head, and made
obeisance. 29 And he lifted up
his eyes, and saw Bĕn'jă-mĭn his
brother, his mother's son, and
said, Is this your youngest brother,
of whom ye spake unto me? And
he said, God be gracious unto thee,
my son. 30 And Joseph made
haste; for his heart yearned over
his brother: and he sought where
to weep; and he entered into his
chamber, and wept there. 31 And
he washed his face, and came out;
and he refrained himself, and
said, Set on bread. 32 And they
set on for him by himself, and for
them by themselves, and for the
Ĕ-ğўp'tiăns, that did eat with him,
by themselves: because the Ĕ-ğўp'-
tiăns might not eat bread with the
Hebrews; for that is an abomina-
tion unto the Ĕ-ğўp'tiăns. 33 And
they sat before him, the first-born
according to his birthright, and the
youngest according to his youth:
and the men marvelled one with
another. 34 And [1]he took *and*
sent messes unto them from before
him: but Bĕn'jă-mĭn's mess was
five times so much as any of theirs.
And they drank, and [2]were merry
with him.

44 And he commanded the
steward of his house, saying,
Fill the men's sacks with food, as
much as they can carry, and put
every man's money in his sack's
mouth. 2 And put my cup, the
silver cup, in the sack's mouth of
the youngest, and his grain money.
And he did according to the word
that Joseph had spoken. 3 As
soon as the morning was light, the
men were sent away, they and
their asses. 4 *And* when they
were gone out of the city, and were
not yet far off, Joseph said unto
his steward, Up, follow after the
men; and when thou dost over-
take them, say unto them, Where-
fore have ye rewarded evil for
good? 5 Is not this that in which
my lord drinketh, and whereby he
indeed divineth? ye have done evil
in so doing. 6 And he overtook
them, and he spake unto them
these words. 7 And they said un-
to him, Wherefore speaketh my
lord such words as these? Far be
it from thy servants that they
should do such a thing. 8 Behold,
the money, which we found in our
sacks' mouths, we brought again
unto thee out of the land of Că'-
năan: how then should we steal
out of thy lord's house silver or
gold? 9 With whomsoever of thy
servants it be found, let him die,
and we also will be my lord's bond-
men. 10 And he said, Now also
let it be according unto your words:
he with whom it is found shall be
my bondman; and ye shall be
blameless. 11 Then they hasted,
and took down every man his sack
to the ground, and opened every
man his sack. 12 And he search-
ed, *and* began at the eldest, and
left off at the youngest: and the
cup was found in Bĕn'jă-mĭn's
sack. 13 Then they rent their
clothes, and laded every man his
ass, and returned to the city.

14 And Jū'dăh and his brethren
came to Joseph's house; and he
was yet there: and they fell before
him on the ground. 15 And Jo-
seph said unto them, What deed is
this that ye have done? know ye
not that such a man as I can indeed
divine? 16 And Jū'dăh said, What
shall we say unto my lord? what
shall we speak? or how shall we
clear ourselves? God hath found
out the iniquity of thy servants:
behold, we are my lord's bondmen,
both we, and he also in whose
hand the cup is found. 17 And he
said, Far be it from me that I
should do so: the man in whose
hand the cup is found, he shall be
my bondman; but as for you, get
you up in peace unto your father.

18 Then Jū'dăh came near unto
him, and said, Oh, my lord, let thy
servant, I pray thee, speak a word
in my lord's ears, and let not thine
anger burn against thy servant: for
thou art even as Phā'raōh. 19 My
lord asked his servants, saying,

[1] Or, *messes were taken*
[2] Heb. *drank largely*

Have ye a father, or a brother? 20 And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother; and his father loveth him. 21 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him. 22 And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die. 23 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more. 24 And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. 25 And our father said, Go again, buy us a little food. 26 And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down; for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us. 27 And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two sons: 28 and the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I have not seen him since: 29 and if ye take this one also from me, and harm befall him, ye will bring down my gray hairs with [1]sorrow to Shĕ'ōl. 30 Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad is not with us; seeing that [2]his life is bound up in the lad's life; 31 it will come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not *with us*, that he will die: and thy servants will bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to Shĕ'ōl. 32 For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then shall I bear the blame to my father for ever. 33 Now therefore, let thy servant, I pray thee, abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren. 34 For how shall I go up to my father, if the lad be not with me? lest I see the evil that shall come on my father.

45 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. 2 And he [3]wept aloud: and the Ĕ-gўp'-tiăns heard, and the house of Phā'-raōh heard. 3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. 4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Ĕ'gўpt. 5 And now be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. 6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and there are yet five years, in which there shall be neither plowing nor harvest. 7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a remnant in the earth, and to save you alive [4]by a great deliverance. 8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Phā'-raōh, and lord of all his house, and ruler over all the land of Ĕ'gўpt. 9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Ĕ'gўpt: come down unto me, tarry not; 10 and thou shalt dwell in the land of Gō'shĕn, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast: 11 and there will I nourish thee; for there are yet five years of famine; lest thou come to poverty, thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast. 12 And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Bĕn'jă-mĭn, that it is my mouth that speaketh

[1] Heb. *evil* [2] Or, *his soul is knit with the lad's soul.* See 1 Sam. 18. 1
[3] Heb. *gave forth his voice in weeping* [4] Or, *to be a great company that escape*

unto you. 13 And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Ē′gўpt, and of all that ye have seen: and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither. 14 And he fell upon his brother Bĕn′jă-mĭn's neck, and wept; and Bĕn′jă-mĭn wept upon his neck. 15 And he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

16 And the report thereof was heard in Phā′raōh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren are come: and it pleased Phā′raōh well, and his servants. 17 And Phā′raōh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye: lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Cā′năan; 18 and take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Ē′gўpt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land. 19 Now thou art commanded, this do ye: take you wagons out of the land of Ē′gўpt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. 20 Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Ē′gўpt is yours.

21 And the sons of Ĭs′rā-ĕl did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Phā′raōh, and gave them provision for the way. 22 To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Bĕn′jă-mĭn he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment. 23 And to his father he sent after this manner: ten asses laden with the good things of Ē′gўpt, and ten she-asses laden with grain and bread and provision for his father by the way. 24 So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way. 25 And they went up out of Ē′gўpt, and came into the land of Cā′năan unto Jacob their father. 26 And they told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Ē′gўpt. And his heart fainted, for he believed them not. 27 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived: 28 and Ĭs′rā-ĕl said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

46 And Ĭs′rā-ĕl took his journey with all that he had, and came to Bē′ĕr-shē′bà, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Ĭ′săac. 2 And God spake unto Ĭs′rā-ĕl in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I. 3 And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Ē′gўpt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: 4 I will go down with thee into Ē′gўpt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes. 5 And Jacob rose up from Bē′ĕr-shē′bà: and the sons of Ĭs′rā-ĕl carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Phā′raōh had sent to carry him. 6 And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Cā′năan, and came into Ē′gўpt, Jacob, and all his seed with him: 7 his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Ē′gўpt.

8 And these are the names of the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl, who came into Ē′gўpt, Jacob and his sons: Reu′bĕn, Jacob's first-born. 9 And the sons of Reu′bĕn: Hā′nōch, and Păl′lŭ, and Hĕz′rŏn, and Căr′mī. 10 And the sons of Sĭm′ĕ-ŏn: [1]Jĕm′ū-ĕl, and Jā′mĭn, and Ō′hăd, and [2]Jā′chĭn, and [3]Zō′hăr, and Shā′ŭl the son of a Cā′năan-ī-tĭsh woman. 11 And the sons of Lē′vī: [4]Gĕr′shŏn, Kō′hăth, and Mĕ-rā′rī. 12 And the sons of Jū′dăh: Ēr, and Ō′năn, and Shē′lăh, and Pē′rĕz, and Zē′răh: but Ēr and Ō′năn died in the land of Cā′năan. And the sons of Pē′rĕz were Hĕz′rŏn and Hā′mūl. 13

[1] In Num. 26. 12, 1 Chr. 4. 24 *Nemuel*
[2] In 1 Chr. 4. 24, *Jarib* [3] In Num 26. 13, 1 Chr. 4. 24, *Zerah* [4] In 1 Chr 6. 16, *Gershom*

And the sons of Ĭs'să-chär: Tō'lă, and [1]Pū'văh, and Ĭō'bŭ, and Shĭm'rŏn. 14 And the sons of Zĕb'ū-lŭn: Sĕ'rĕd, and Ē'lŏn, and Jäh'lĕ-ĕl. 15 These are the sons of Lĕ'ăh, whom she bare unto Jacob in Păd'dăn-ā'răm, with his daughter Dĭ'năh: all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty and three. 16 And the sons of Gad: [2]Zĭph'ĭ-ŏn, and Hăg'gĭ, Shu'nĭ, and [3]Ĕz'bŏn, Ē'rĭ, and [4]Ăr'ŏ-dĭ, and Ă-rĕ'lĭ. 17 And the sons of Ăsh'ĕr: Ĭm'năh, and Ĭsh'văh, and Ĭsh'vĭ, and Bĕ-rĭ'ăh, and Sē'răh their sister; and the sons of Bĕ-rĭ'ăh: Hē'bĕr, and Măl'chĭ-ĕl. 18 These are the sons of Zĭl'păh, whom Lā'băn gave to Lĕ'ăh his daughter; and these she bare unto Jacob, even sixteen souls. 19 The sons of Rā'chĕl Jacob's wife: Joseph and Bĕn'jă-mĭn. 20 And unto Joseph in the land of Ē'gўpt were born Mă-nās'sĕh and Ē'phrā-ĭm, whom Ās'ĕ-năth, the daughter of Pŏt-ĭ-phē'rā priest of On, bare unto him. 21 And the sons of Bĕn'jă-mĭn: Bē'lă, and Bē'chĕr, and Ăsh'bĕl, Gē'rā, and Nā'ă-măn, [5]Ē'hĭ, and Rosh, [6]Mŭp'pĭm, and [7]Hŭp'pĭm, and Ărd. 22 These are the sons of Rā'chĕl, who were born to Jacob: all the souls were fourteen. 23 And the sons of Dan: [8]Hū'shĭm. 24 And the sons of Năph'tă-lī: [9]Jäh'zĕ-ĕl, and Gū'nĭ, and Jē'zĕr, and [10]Shĭl'lĕm. 25 These are the sons of Bĭl'hăh, whom Lā'băn gave unto Rā'chĕl his daughter, and these she bare unto Jacob: all the souls were seven. 26 All the [11]souls that came with Jacob into Ē'gўpt, that came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were threescore and six; 27 and the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Ē'gўpt, were two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, that came into Ē'gўpt, were threescore and ten.

28 And he sent Jū'dăh before him unto Joseph, to show the way before him unto Gō'shĕn; and they came into the land of Gō'shĕn. 29 And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Ĭs'rā-ĕl his father, to Gō'shĕn; and he presented himself unto him, and fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. 30 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, that thou art yet alive. 31 And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and tell Phā'raōh, and will say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, who were in the land of Că'năan, are come unto me; 32 and the men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have. 33 And it shall come to pass, when Phā'raōh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation? 34 that ye shall say, Thy servants have been keepers of cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Gō'shĕn; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Ē'gўp'tiăns.

47 Then Joseph went in and told Phā'raōh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Că'năan; and, behold, they are in the land of Gō'shĕn. 2 And from among his brethren he took five men, and presented them unto Phā'raōh. 3 And Phā'raōh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation? And they said unto Phā'raōh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and our fathers. 4 And they said unto Phā'raōh, To sojourn in the land are we come; for there is no pasture for thy servants' flocks; for the famine is sore in the land of Că'năan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Gō'-

[1] In 1 Chr. 7. 1, *Puah, Jashub.* See Num. 26. 23, 24 [2] In Num. 26. 15, *Zephon* [3] In Num. 26. 16, *Ozni* [4] In Num. 26. 17, *Arod* [5] In Num. 26. 38, *Ahiram* [6] In Num. 26. 39, *Shephupham.* In 1 Chr. 7. 12, *Shuppim* [7] In Num. 26. 39, *Hupham* [8] In Num. 26. 42, *Shuham* [9] In 1 Chr. 7. 13, *Jahziel* [10] In 1 Chr. 7. 13, *Shallum* [11] Or, *souls belonging to Jacob that came*

shĕn. 5 And Phā′raōh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee: 6 the land of Ē′gўpt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and thy brethren to dwell; in the land of Gō′shĕn let them dwell: and if thou knowest any [1]able men among them, then make them rulers over my cattle. 7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Phā′raōh: and Jacob blessed Phā′raōh. 8 And Phā′raōh said unto Jacob, How many are the days of the years of thy life? 9 And Jacob said unto Phā′raōh, The days of the years of my [2]pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty years: few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their [2]pilgrimage. 10 And Jacob blessed Phā′raōh, and went out from the presence of Phā′raōh. 11 And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Ē′gўpt, in the best of the land, in the land of Răm′ĕ-sēs, as Phā′raōh had commanded. 12 And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, [3]according to their families.

13 And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Ē′gўpt and the land of Cā′năan fainted by reason of the famine. 14 And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Ē′gўpt, and in the land of Cā′năan, for the grain which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Phā′raōh's house. 15 And when the money was all spent in the land of Ē′gўpt, and in the land of Cā′năan, all the Ē-gўp′tiăns came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for *our* money faileth. 16 And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail. 17 And they brought their cattle unto Joseph; and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for the horses, and for the [4]flocks, and for the herds, and for the asses: and he [5]fed them with bread in exchange for all their cattle for that year. 18 And when that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide from my lord, how that our money is all spent; and the herds of cattle are my lord's; there is nought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands: 19 wherefore should we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Phā′raōh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, and that the land be not desolate.

20 So Joseph bought all the land of Ē′gўpt for Phā′raōh; for the Ē-gўp′tiăns sold every man his field, because the famine was sore upon them: and the land became Phā′raōh's. 21 And as for the people, [6]he removed them [7]to the cities from one end of the border of Ē′gўpt even to the other end thereof. 22 Only the land of the priests bought he not: for the priests had a portion from Phā′raōh, and did eat their portion which Phā′raōh gave them; wherefore they sold not their land. 23 Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Phā′raōh: lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land. 24 And it shall come to pass at the ingatherings, that ye shall give a fifth unto Phā′raōh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones. 25 And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find favor in the sight of my lord,

[1] Or, *men of activity* [2] Or, *sojournings* [3] Or, *according to* the number of *their little ones*

[4] Heb. *cattle of the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds* [5] Heb. *led them as a shepherd* [6] According to Sept. and Vulg., *he made bondmen of them, from &c.* [7] Or, *according to their cities*

and we will be Phā'raōh's servants. 26 And Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Ē'gўpt unto this day, that Phā'raōh should have the fifth; only the land of the priests alone became not Phā'raōh's.

27 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl dwelt in the land of Ē'gўpt, in the land of Gō'shĕn; and they gat them possessions therein, and were fruitful, and multiplied exceedingly. 28 And Jacob lived in the land of Ē'gўpt seventeen years: so the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were a hundred forty and seven years. 29 And the time drew near that Ĭs'rā-ĕl must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found favor in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me: bury me not, I pray thee, in Ē'gўpt; 30 but when I sleep with my fathers, thou shalt carry me out of Ē'gўpt, and bury me in their burying-place. And he said, I will do as thou hast said. 31 And he said, Swear unto me: and he sware unto him. And Ĭs'rā-ĕl bowed himself upon the bed's head.

48 And it came to pass after these things, that one said to Joseph, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Mă-năs'sĕh and Ē'phrā-ĭm. 2 And one told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Ĭs'rā-ĕl strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed. 3 And Jacob said unto Joseph, [1]God Almighty appeared unto me at Lūz in the land of Cā'năan, and blessed me, 4 and said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a company of peoples, and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession. 5 And now thy two sons, who were born unto thee in the land of Ē'gўpt before I came unto thee into Ē'gўpt, are mine; Ē'phrā-ĭm and Mă-năs'sĕh, even as Reu'bĕn and Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn, shall be mine. 6 And thy issue, that thou [2]begettest after them, shall be thine; they shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance. 7 And as for me, when I came from Pād'dăn, Rā'chĕl died [3]by me in the land of Cā'năan in the way, when there was still some distance to come unto Ĕph'răth: and I buried her there in the way to Ĕph'răth (the same is Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm).

8 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these? 9 And Joseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom God hath given me here. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them. 10 Now the eyes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them. 11 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath let me see thy seed also. 12 And Joseph brought them out from between his knees; and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. 13 And Joseph took them both, Ē'phrā-ĭm in his right hand toward Ĭs'rā-ĕl's left hand, and Mă-năs'sĕh in his left hand toward Ĭs'rā-ĕl's right hand, and brought them near unto him. 14 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ē'phrā-ĭm's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Mă-năs'sĕh's head, [4]guiding his hands wittingly; for Mă-năs'sĕh was the first-born. 15 And he blessed Joseph, and said, The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Ĭ'sāac did walk, the God who hath fed me all my life long unto this day, 16 the angel who hath redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Ĭ'sāac; and let them grow into [5]a multitude in the midst of the earth. 17 And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ē'phrā-ĭm, it displeased

[1] Heb. *El Shaddai*
[2] Or, *hast begotten*
[3] Or, *to my sorrow*
[4] Or, *crossing his hands*

him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ĕ'phrā'-ĭm's head unto Mă-năs'sĕh's head. 18 And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father; for this is the first-born; put thy right hand upon his head. 19 And his father refused, and said, I know *it*, my son, I know *it*; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: howbeit his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become [1]a multitude of nations. 20 And he blessed them that day, saying, [2]In thee will Ĭs'rā-ĕl bless, saying, God make thee as Ĕ'phrā-ĭm and as Mă-năs'sĕh: and he set Ĕ'phrā-ĭm before Mă-năs'-sĕh. 21 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God will be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers. 22 Moreover I have given to thee one [3]portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Ăm'-ôr-ĭte with my sword and with my bow.

49 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said: Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the latter days.

2 Assemble yourselves, and hear,
ye sons of Jacob;
And hearken unto Ĭs'rā-ĕl your father.
3 Reu'bĕn, thou art my first-born, my might, and the [4]beginning of my strength;
The pre-eminence of dignity, and the pre-eminence of power.
4 Boiling over as water, [5]thou shalt not have the pre-eminence;
Because thou wentest up to thy father's bed;
Then defiledst thou it: ne went up to my couch.
5 Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn and Lē'vĭ are brethren;
Weapons of violence are their [6]swords.
6 O my soul, come not thou into their [7]council;
Unto their assembly, my glory, be not thou united;
For in their anger they slew [8]a man,
And in their self-will they hocked [9]an ox.
7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce;
And their wrath, for it was cruel:
I will divide them in Jacob,
And scatter them in Ĭs'rā-ĕl.
8 Jū'dăh, thee shall thy brethren praise:
Thy hand shall be on the neck of thine enemies;
Thy father's sons shall bow down before thee.
9 Jū'dăh is a lion's whelp;
From the prey, my son, thou art gone up:
He stooped down, he couched as a lion,
And as a lioness; who shall rouse him up?
10 The sceptre shall not depart from Jū'dăh,
Nor [10]the ruler's staff from between his feet,
[11]Until Shī'lōh come;
And unto him shall the obedience of the peoples be.
11 Binding his foal unto the vine,
And his ass's colt unto the choice vine;
He hath washed his garments in wine,
And his vesture in the blood of grapes:
12 His eyes shall be red with wine,
And his teeth white with milk.
13 Zĕb'ū-lūn shall dwell at the [12]haven of the sea;
And he shall be for a [12]haven of ships;
And his border shall be [13]upon Sī'dŏn.
14 Ĭs'să-chär is a strong ass,
Couching down between the sheepfolds:

[1] Heb. *fulness* [2] Or, *By*
[3] Or, *mountain slope* Heb. *schechem, shoulder*
[4] Or, *first-fruits* [5] Or, *have not thou*
[6] Or, *compacts*
[7] Or, *secret* [8] Or, *men*
[9] Or, *oxen* [10] Or, *a lawgiver*
[11] Or, *Till he come to Shiloh, having the obedience of the peoples* Or, acc. to Syr., *Till he come whose it is &c.*
[12] Heb. *beach*
[13] Or, *by*

15 And he saw [1]a resting-place that it was good,
And the land that it was pleasant;
And he bowed his shoulder to bear,
And became a servant under taskwork.
16 Dan shall judge his people,
As one of the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.
17 Dan shall be a serpent in the way,
An [2]adder in the path,
That biteth the horse's heels,
So that his rider falleth backward.
18 I have waited for thy salvation,
O Jĕ-hō'văh.
19 Gad, [3]a troop [4]shall press upon him;
But he shall press upon their heel.
20 Out of Ăsh'ēr his bread shall be fat,
And he shall yield royal dainties.
21 Năph'tă-lī is a hind let loose:
He giveth goodly words.
22 Joseph is [5]a fruitful bough,
A fruitful bough by a fountain;
His [6]branches run over the wall.
23 The archers have sorely grieved him,
And shot at him, and persecuted him:
24 But his bow abode in strength,
And the arms of his hands were made [7]strong,
By the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob
([8]From thence is the shepherd, the stone of Ĭs'rā-ĕl),
25 Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee,
And by the Almighty, who shall bless thee,
With blessings of heaven above,
Blessings of the deep that coucheth beneath,
Blessings of the breasts, and of the womb.
26 The blessings of thy father
Have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors
Unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills:
They shall be on the head of Joseph,
And on the crown of the head of him [9]that was separate from his brethren.
27 Bĕn'jă-mĭn is a wolf that raveneth:
In the morning he shall devour the prey,
And at even he shall divide the spoil.

28 All these are the twelve tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and this is it that their father spake unto them and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them. 29 And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ē'phrŏn the Hĭt'tīte, 30 in the cave that is in the field of Măch-pē'lăh, which is before Măm're, in the land of Cā'năan, which Abraham bought with the field from Ē'phrŏn the Hĭt'tīte for a possession of a burying-place. 31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Ĭ'săac and Rĕ-bĕk'ăh his wife; and there I buried Lē'ăh—32 the field and the cave that is therein, which was purchased from the children of Heth. 33 And when Jacob made an end of charging his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

50 1 And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him. 2 And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 3 And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of embalming: and the Ē-gўp'tiăns wept for him threescore and ten days.

4 And when the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph spake unto the house of Phā'raōh, say-

[1] Or, *rest* [2] Or, *horned snake* [3] Heb. *gedud*, a marauding band [4] Heb. *gad*, to press [5] Heb. *the son of a fruitful tree* [6] Heb. *daughters* [7] Or, *active* [8] Or, *From thence*, from *the shepherd* Or, as otherwise read, *By the name of the shepherd* [9] Or, *that is prince among*

ing, If now I have found favor in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Phā'raōh, saying, 5 My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I [1]have digged for me in the land of Cā'năan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again. 6 And Phā'raōh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear. 7 And Joseph went up to bury his father; and with him went up all the servants of Phā'raōh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Ē'gўpt, 8 and all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Gō'shĕn. 9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company. 10 And they came to the threshing-floor of Ā'tăd, which is beyond the Jordan, and there they lamented with a very great and sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days. 11 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Cā'năan-ītes, saw the mourning in the floor of Ā'tăd, they said, This is a grievous [2]mourning to the Ē-gўp'tiăns: wherefore the name of it was called Ā'bĕl-mĭz'rā-ĭm, which is beyond the Jordan. 12 And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them: 13 for his sons carried him into the land of Cā'năan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Măch-pē'lăh, which Abraham bought with the field, for a possession of a burying-place, of Ē'phrŏn the Hĭt'tīte, before Măm're. 14 And Joseph returned into Ē'gўpt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

15 And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, It may be that Joseph will hate us, and will fully requite us all the evil which we did unto him. 16 And they sent a message unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying, 17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the transgression of thy brethren, and their sin, for that they did unto thee evil. And now, we pray thee, forgive the transgresson of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. 18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we are thy servants. 19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? 20 And as for you, ye meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. 21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake [3]kindly unto them.

22 And Joseph dwelt in Ē'gўpt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived a hundred and ten years. 23 And Joseph saw Ē'phrā-ĭm's children of the third generation: the children also of Mā'chĭr the son of Mă-năs'sĕh were born upon Joseph's knees. 24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die; but God will surely visit you, and bring you up out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Ī'săac, and to Jacob. 25 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. 26 So Joseph died, being a hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Ē'gўpt.

[1] Or, *bought* [2] Heb. *ebel* [3] Heb. *to their heart*

THE SECOND BOOK OF MOSES,

COMMONLY CALLED

EXODUS

Israel oppressed in Egypt. Male Children slain. Moses is born and hidden

1 Now these are the names of the sons of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, who came into Ē'gўpt (every man and his household came with Jacob): 2 Reu'bĕn, Sĭm'ē-ŏn, Lē'vī, and Jū'dăh, 3 Ĭs'să-chär, Zĕb'ū-lŭn, and Bĕn'jă-mĭn, 4 Dan and Năph'tă-lī, Gad and Ăsh'ĕr. 5 And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: and Joseph was in Ē'gўpt already. 6 And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation. 7 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

8 Now there arose a new king over Ē'gўpt, who knew not Joseph. 9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl are [1]more and mightier than we: 10 come, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they also join themselves unto our enemies, and fight against us, and get them up out of the land. 11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Phā'raōh store-cities, Pī'thŏm and Rā-ăm'sēs. 12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And they [2]were grieved because of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 13 And the Ē-gўp'tiăns made the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl to serve with rigor: 14 and they made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field, all their service, wherein they made them serve with rigor.

15 And the king of Ē'gўpt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of the one was Shĭph'răh, and the name of the other Pū'ăh: 16 and he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the birth-stool; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him; but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. 17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Ē'gўpt commanded them, but saved the men-children alive. 18 And the king of Ē'gўpt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men-children alive? 19 And the midwives said unto Phā'raōh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Ē-gўp'tiăn women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwife come unto them. 20 And God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. 21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them households. 22 And Phā'raōh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

2 And there went a man of the house of Lē'vī, and took to wife a daughter of Lē'vī. 2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. 3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of [3]bulrushes, and daubed it with [4]slime and with pitch; and she put the child therein, and laid it in the flags by the

[1] Or, *too many and too mighty for us*
[2] Or, *abhorred*
[3] That is, *papyrus*
[4] That is, *bitumen*

river's brink. 4 And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him. 5 And the daughter of Phā'raōh came down to bathe at the river; and her maidens walked along by the riverside; and she saw the ark among the flags, and sent her handmaid to fetch it. 6 And she opened it, and saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. 7 Then said his sister to Phā'raōh's daughter, Shall I go and call thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? 8 And Phā'raōh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maiden went and called the child's mother. 9 And Phā'raōh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it. 10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Phā'raōh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name [1]Mō'sĕs, and said, Because I [2]drew him out of the water.

11 And it came to pass in those days, when Mō'sĕs was grown up, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he saw an Ē-gĭp'tiăn smiting a Hebrew, one of his brethren. 12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he smote the Ē-gĭp'tiăn, and hid him in the sand. 13 And he went out the second day, and, behold, two men of the Hebrews were striving together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow? 14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? thinkest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Ē-gĭp'tiăn? And Mō'sĕs feared, and said, Surely the thing is known. 15 Now when Phā'raōh heard this thing, he sought to slay Mō'sĕs. But Mō'sĕs fled from the face of Phā'raōh, and dwelt in the land of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn: and he sat down by a well.

16 Now the priest of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn had seven daughters: and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. 17 And the shepherds came and drove them away; but Mō'sĕs stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. 18 And when they came to Reu'ĕl their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon to-day? 19 And they said, An Ē-gĭp'tiăn delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and moreover he drew water for us, and watered the flock. 20 And he said unto his daughters, And where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread. 21 And Mō'sĕs was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Mō'sĕs Zĭp-pō'răh his daughter. 22 And she bare a son, and he called his name Gēr'shŏm; for he said, I have been [3]a sojourner in a foreign land.

23 And it came to pass in the course of those many days, that the king of Ē'gĭpt died: and the children of Īs'rā-ĕl sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. 24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Ī'sāac, and with Jacob. 25 And God saw the children of Īs'rā-ĕl, and God took knowledge *of them*.

3 Now Mō'sĕs was keeping the flock of Jē'thrō his father-in-law, the priest of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn: and he led the flock to the back of the wilderness, and came to the mountain of God, unto Hō'rĕb. 2 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. 3 And Mō'sĕs said, I will turn aside now, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. 4 And when Jĕ-hō'văh saw that he turned aside to see,

[1] Heb. *Mosheh*
[2] Heb. *mashah*, to draw out
[3] Heb. *ger*

God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Mō'sĕs, Mō'sĕs. And he said, Here am I. 5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. 6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Ī'sāac, and the God of Jacob. And Mō'sĕs hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God. 7 And Jĕ-hō'vāh said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people that are in Ē'gўpt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; 8 and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Ē-gўp'tiăns, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Cā'năan-īte, and the Hĭt'tīte, and the Ăm'ôr-īte, and the Pĕr'ĭz-zīte, and the Hī'vīte, and the Jĕb'ū-sīte. 9 And now, behold, the cry of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl is come unto me: moreover I have seen the oppression wherewith the Ē-gўp'tiăns oppress them. 10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Phā'raōh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl out of Ē'gўpt. 11 And Mō'sĕs said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Phā'raōh, and that I should bring forth the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl out of Ē'gўpt? 12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be the token unto thee, that I have sent thee: when thou hast brought forth the people out of Ē'gўpt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

13 And Mō'sĕs said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? 14 And God said unto Mō'sĕs, [1]I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, [2]I AM hath sent me unto you. 15 And God said moreover unto Mō'sĕs, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Jĕ-hō'vāh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Ī'sāac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations. 16 Go, and gather the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl together, and say unto them, Jĕ-hō'vāh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Ī'sāac, and of Jacob, hath appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and *seen* that which is done to you in Ē'gўpt: 17 and I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Ē'gўpt unto the land of the Cā'năan-īte, and the Hĭt'tīte, and the Ăm'ôr-īte, and the Pĕr'ĭz-zīte, and the Hī'vīte, and the Jĕb'ū-sīte, unto a land flowing with milk and honey. 18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, unto the king of Ē'gўpt, and ye shall say unto him, Jĕ-hō'vāh, the God of the Hebrews, hath met with us: and now let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to Jĕ-hō'vāh our God. 19 And I know that the king of Ē'gўpt will not give you leave to go, no, not by a mighty hand. 20 And I will put forth my hand, and smite Ē'gўpt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go. 21 And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Ē-gўp'tiăns: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty: 22 but every woman shall ask of her neighbor, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall despoil the Ē-gўp'tiăns.

4 And Mō'sĕs answered and said, But, behold, they will not

[1] Or, *I AM, BECAUSE I AM* Or, *I AM WHO AM* Or, *I WILL BE THAT I WILL BE*

[2] Heb. *Ehyeh*. From the same root as *Jehovah*

believe me, nor hearken unto my voice; for they will say, Jĕ-hō'văh hath not appeared unto thee. 2 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, What is that in thy hand? And he said, A rod. 3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a [1]serpent; and Mō'sĕs fled from before it. 4 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Put forth thy hand, and take it by the tail (and he put forth his hand, and laid hold of it, and it became a rod in his hand); 5 that they may believe that Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Ĭ'săac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee. 6 And Jĕ-hō'văh said furthermore unto him, Put now thy hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, as *white as* snow. 7 And he said, Put thy hand into thy bosom again. (And he put his hand into his bosom again; and when he took it out of his bosom, behold, it was turned again as his *other* flesh.) 8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. 9 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe even these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.

10 And Mō'sĕs said unto Jĕ-hō'văh, Oh, Lord, I am not [2]eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant; for I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. 11 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh *a man* dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? is it not I, Jĕ-hō'văh? 12 Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt speak. 13 And he said, Oh, Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. 14 And the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh was kindled against Mō'sĕs, and he said, Is there not Aăr'ŏn thy brother the Lē'vīte? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. 15 And thou shalt speak unto him, and put the words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. 16 And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people; and it shall come to pass, that he shall be to thee a mouth, and thou shalt be to him as God. 17 And thou shalt take in thy hand this rod, wherewith thou shalt do the signs.

18 And Mō'sĕs went and returned to [3]Jē'thrō his father-in-law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren that are in Ē'gўpt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jē'thrō said to Mō'sĕs, Go in peace. 19 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs in Mĭd'ĭ-ăn, Go, return into Ē'gўpt; for all the men are dead that sought thy life. 20 And Mō'sĕs took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Ē'gўpt: and Mō'sĕs took the rod of God in his hand. 21 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, When thou goest back into Ē'gўpt, see that thou do before Phā'raōh all the wonders which I have put in thy hand: but I will [4]harden his heart, and he will not let the people go. 22 And thou shalt say unto Phā'raōh, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Ĭs'rā-ĕl is my son, my first-born: 23 and I have said unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me; and thou hast refused to let him go: behold, I will slay thy son, thy first-born. 24 And it came to pass on the way at the lodging-place, that Jĕ-hō'văh met him, and sought to kill him. 25 Then Zĭp-pō'răh took a flint, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and

[1] Heb. *nahash*
[2] Heb. *a man of words*
[3] Heb. *Jether*
[4] Heb. *make strong*

[1]cast it at his feet; and she said, Surely a bridegroom of blood art thou to me. 26 So he let him alone. Then she said, [2]A bridegroom of blood *art thou*, because of the circumcision.

27 And Jĕ-hō'văh said to Aâr'ŏn, Go into the wilderness to meet Mō'sĕs. And he went, and met him in the mountain of God, and kissed him. 28 And Mō'sĕs told Aâr'ŏn all the words of Jĕ-hō'văh wherewith he had sent him, and all the signs wherewith he had charged him. 29 And Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn went and gathered together all the elders of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl: 30 and Aâr'ŏn spake all the words which Jĕ'hō'văh had spoken unto Mō'sĕs, and did the signs in the sight of the people. 31 And the people believed: and when they heard that Jĕ-hō'văh had visited the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and that he had seen their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

5 And afterward Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn came, and said unto Phā'raōh, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness. 2 And Phā'raōh said, Who is Jĕ-hō'văh, that I should hearken unto his voice to let ĭs'rā-ĕl go? I know not Jĕ-hō'văh, and moreover I will not let ĭs'rā-ĕl go. 3 And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice unto Jĕ-hō'văh our God, lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword. 4 And the king of Ē'gўpt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn, loose the people from their works? get you unto your burdens. 5 And Phā'raōh said, Behold, the people of the land are now many, and ye make them rest from their burdens. 6 And the same day Phā'raōh commanded the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying, 7 Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves. 8 And the number of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish aught thereof: for they are idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God. 9 Let heavier work be laid upon the men, that they may labor therein; and let them not regard lying words.

10 And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Phā'raōh, I will not give you straw. 11 Go yourselves, get you straw where ye can find it; for nought of your work shall be diminished. 12 So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Ē'gўpt to gather stubble for straw. 13 And the taskmasters were urgent, saying, Fulfil your works, *your* daily tasks, as when there was straw. 14 And the officers of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, whom Phā'raōh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, [3]and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task both yesterday and to-day, in making brick as heretofore?

15 Then the officers of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl came and cried unto Phā'raōh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants? 16 There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants are beaten; but the fault is in thine own people. 17 But he said, Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and sacrifice to Jĕ-hō'văh. 18 Go therefore now, and work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the number of bricks. 19 And the officers of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl did see that they [4]were in evil case, when it was said, Ye shall not diminish aught from your bricks, *your* daily tasks. 20 And they met Mō'sĕs and Aâr'-

[1] Heb. *made it touch* [2] Or, *A bridegroom of blood in regard of the circumcision*
[3] Heb. *saying* [4] Or, *were set on mischief, when they said*

ŏn, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Phā′raōh: 21 and they said unto them, Jĕ-hō′văh look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savor to be abhorred in the eyes of Phā′raōh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us.

22 And Mō′sĕs returned unto Jĕ-hō′văh, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou dealt ill with this people? why is it that thou hast sent me? 23 For since I came to Phā′raōh to speak in thy name, he hath dealt ill with this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all. 6 1 And Jĕ-hō′văh said unto Mō′sĕs, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Phā′raōh: for by a strong hand shall he let them go, and by a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.

2 And God spake unto Mō′sĕs, and said unto him, I am Jĕ-hō′văh: 3 and I appeared unto Abraham, unto Ī′săac, and unto Jacob, as [1]God Almighty; but [2]by my name Jĕ-hō′văh I was not [3]known to them. 4 And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Cā′năan, the land of their sojournings, wherein they sojourned. 5 And moreover I have heard the groaning of the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl, whom the Ē-gўp′tiănsˢ keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. 6 Wherefore say unto the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl, I am Jĕ-hō′văh, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Ē-gўp′tiăns, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm, and with great judgments: 7 and I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God; and ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō′văh your God, who bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Ē-gўp′tiăns. 8 And I will bring you in unto the land which I [4]sware to give to Abraham, to Ī′săac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for a heritage: I am Jĕ-hō′văh. 9 And Mō′sĕs spake so unto the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl: but they hearkened not unto Mō′sĕs for [5]anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.

10 And Jĕ-hō′văh spake unto Mō′sĕs, saying, 11 Go in, speak unto Phā′raōh king of Ē′gўpt, that he let the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl go out of his land. 12 And Mō′sĕs spake before Jĕ-hō′văh, saying, Behold, the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Phā′raōh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips? 13 And Jĕ-hō′văh spake unto Mō′sĕs and unto Aār′ŏn, and gave them a charge unto the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl, and unto Phā′raōh king of Ē′gўpt, to bring the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl out of the land of Ē′gўpt.

14 These are the heads of their fathers' houses. The sons of Reu′bĕn the first-born of Ĭs′rā-ĕl: Hā′nŏch, and Păl′lū, Hĕz′rŏn, and Căr′mī; these are the families of Reu′bĕn. 15 And the sons of Sim′ē-ŏn: Jĕm′ū-ĕl, and Jā′mĭn, and ō′hăd, and Jā′chĭn, and Zō′hăr, and Shā′ŭl the son of a Cā′nāan-ī-tĭsh woman; these are the families of Sim′ē-ŏn. 16 And these are the names of the sons of Lē′vī according to their generations: Gēr′shŏn, and Kō′hăth, and Mĕ-rā′rī; and the years of the life of Lē′vī were a hundred thirty and seven years. 17 The sons of Gēr′shŏn: Lĭb′nī and Shĭm′ē-ī, according to their families. 18 And the sons of Kō′hăth: Ăm′răm, and Ĭz′hăr, and Hĕ′brŏn, and Uz-zī′ĕl; and the years of the life of Kō′hăth were a hundred thirty and three years. 19 And the sons of Mĕ-rā′rī: Mäh′lī and Mū′shī. These are the families of the Lē′vītes according to their generations. 20 And Ăm′răm took him Jŏch′ĕ-bĕd his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aār′ŏn and Mō′sĕs: and the years of the life of Ăm′răm were a hundred and thirty and seven years. 21 And the sons of Ĭz′hăr: Kō′răh, and Nē′phĕg, and Zĭch′rī. 22 And the sons of

[1] Heb. *El Shaddai.* [2] Or, *as to made known* [3] Or, [4] Heb. *lifted up my hand.* [5] Or, *impatience* Heb. *shortness of spirit*

Uz-zī'ĕl: Mĭsh'ă-ĕl, and ĕl'zā-phăn, and Sĭth'rī. 23 And Aâr'ŏn took him Ē-lĭsh'ĕ-bā, the daughter of Ăm-mĭn'ă-dăb, the sister of Năh'shŏn, to wife; and she bare him Nā'dăb and Ă-bī'hū, Ē-lē-ā'zār and ĭth'ă-mār. 24 And the sons of Kō'răh: Ăs'sĭr, and ĕl'kă-năh, and Ă-bī'ă-săph; these are the families of the Kō'răh-ītes. 25 And Ē-lē-ā'zār Aâr'ŏn's son took him one of the daughters of Pū'tĭ-ĕl to wife; and she bare him Phĭn'ĕ-hās. These are the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the Lē'vītes according to their families. 26 These are that Aâr'ŏn and Mō'sĕs, to whom Jĕ-hō'văh said, Bring out the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl from the land of Ē'gўpt according to their hosts. 27 These are they that spake to Phā'raōh king of Ē'gўpt, to bring out the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl from Ē'gўpt: these are that Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn.

28 And it came to pass on the day when Jĕ-hō'vah spake unto Mō'sĕs in the land of Ē'gўpt, 29 that Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, I am Jĕ-hō'văh: speak thou unto Phā'raōh king of Ē'gўpt all that I speak unto thee. 30 And Mō'sĕs said before Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Phā'raōh hearken unto me? 1 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, See, I have made thee as God to Phā'raōh; and Aâr'ŏn thy brother shall be thy prophet. 2 Thou shalt speak all that I command thee; and Aâr'ŏn thy brother shall speak unto Phā'raōh, that he let the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl go out of his land. 3 And I will harden Phā'raōh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Ē'gўpt. 4 But Phā'raōh will not hearken unto you, and I will lay my hand upon Ē'gўpt, and bring forth my hosts, my people the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, out of the land of Ē'gўpt by great judgments. 5 And the Ē-gўp'tiăns shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh, when I stretch forth my hand upon Ē'gўpt, and bring out the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl from among them. 6 And Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn did so; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded them, so did they. 7 And Mō'sĕs was fourscore years old, and Aâr'ŏn fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Phā'raōh.

8 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs and unto Aâr'ŏn, saying, 9 When Phā'raōh shall speak unto you, saying, Show a wonder for you; then thou shalt say unto Aâr'ŏn, Take thy rod, and cast it down before Phā'raōh, that it become a [1]serpent. 10 And Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn went in unto Phā'raōh, and they did so, as Jĕ-hō'văh had commanded: and Aâr'ŏn cast down his rod before Phā'raōh and before his servants, and it became a serpent. 11 Then Phā'raōh also called for the wise men and the sorcerers: and they also, the magicians of Ē'gўpt, did in like manner with their [2]enchantments. 12 For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aâr'ŏn's rod swallowed up their rods. 13 And Phā'raōh's heart [3]was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as Jĕ-hō'văh had spoken.

14 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Phā'raōh's heart is [4]stubborn, he refuseth to let the people go. 15 Get thee unto Phā'raōh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink to meet him; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thy hand. 16 And thou shalt say unto him, Jĕ-hō-văh, the God of the Hebrews, hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou hast not hearkened. 17 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, In this thou shalt know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in my hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. 18 And the fish that

[1] Heb. *tannin*, any large reptile: and so in ver. 10, 12 [2] Or, *secret arts*
[3] Heb. *was strong* [4] Heb. *heavy*

are in the river shall die, and the river shall become foul; and the Ĕ-gўp'tiăns shall loathe to drink water from the river. 19 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Say unto Aâr'ŏn, Take thy rod, and stretch out thy hand over the waters of Ĕ'gўpt, over their rivers, over their [1]streams, and over their pools, and over all their ponds of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Ĕ'gўpt, both in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.

20 And Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn did so, as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Phā'raōh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. 21 And the fish that were in the river died; and the river became foul, and the Ĕ-gўp'tiăns could not drink water from the river; and the blood was throughout all the land of Ĕ'gўpt. 22 And the magicians of Ĕ'gўpt did in like manner with their enchantments: and Phā'raōh's heart [2]was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as Jĕ-hō'văh had spoken. 23 And Phā'raōh turned and went into his house, neither did he [3]lay even this to heart. 24 And all the Ĕ-gўp'tiăns digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river. 25 And seven days were fulfilled, after that Jĕ-hō'văh had smitten the river.

*8 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, Go in unto Phā'raōh, and say unto him, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Let my people go, that they may serve me. 2 And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs: 3 and the river shall swarm with frogs, which shall go up and come into thy house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneading-troughs: 4 and the frogs shall come up both upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants. †5 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Say unto Aâr'ŏn, Stretch forth thy hand with thy rod over the rivers, over the [1]streams, and over the pools, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Ĕ'gўpt. 6 And Aâr'ŏn stretched out his hand over the waters of Ĕ'gўpt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Ĕ'gўpt. 7 And the magicians did in like manner with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Ĕ'gўpt.

8 Then Phā'raōh called for Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn, and said, Entreat Jĕ-hō'văh, that he take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 9 And Mō'sĕs said unto Phā'raōh, Have thou this glory over me: against what time shall I entreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, that the frogs be destroyed from thee and thy houses, and remain in the river only? 10 And he said, Against to-morrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word; that thou mayest know that there is none like unto Jĕ-hō'văh our God. 11 And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only. 12 And Mō'sĕs and Aâr-ŏn went out from Phā'raōh: and Mō'sĕs cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh concerning the frogs [4]which he had brought upon Phā'raōh. 13 And Jĕ-hō'văh did according to the word of Mō'sĕs; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courts, and out of the fields. 14 And they gathered them together in heaps; and the land stank. 15 But when Phā'raōh saw that there was respite, he [5]hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as Jĕ-hō'văh had spoken.

*[Ch. 7. 26 in Heb.] [1] Or, *canals* [2] Heb. *was strong* [3] Heb. *set his heart even to this* [4] Or, *as he had appointed unto Pharaoh* [5] Heb. *made heavy* †[Ch. 8. 1 in Heb.]

16 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Say unto Aâr'ŏn, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the earth, that it may become [1]lice throughout all the land of Ē'ğўpt. 17 And they did so; and Aâr'ŏn stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and there were lice upon man, and upon beast; all the dust of the earth became lice throughout all the land of Ē'ğўpt. 18 And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: and there were lice upon man, and upon beast. 19 Then the magicians said unto Phā'raōh, This is the finger of God: and Phā'raōh's heart [2]was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as Jĕ-hō'văh had spoken.

20 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Phā'raōh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Let my people go, that they may serve me. 21 Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Ē-ğўp'tiăns shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are. 22 And I will set apart in that day the land of Gō'shĕn, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh in the midst of the earth. 23 And I will [3]put a division between my people and thy people: by to-morrow shall this sign be. 24 And Jĕ-hō'văh did so; and there came grievous swarms of flies into the house of Phā'raōh, and into his servants' houses: and in all the land of Ē'ğўpt the land was [4]corrupted by reason of the swarms of flies.

25 And Phā'raōh called for Mō'sĕs and for Aâr'ŏn, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land. 26 And Mō'sĕs said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Ē-ğўp'tiăns to Jĕ-hō'văh our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Ē-ğўp'tiăns before their eyes, and will they not stone us? 27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to Jĕ-hō'văh our God, as he shall command us. 28 And Phā'raōh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to Jĕ-hō'văh your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: entreat for me. 29 And Mō'sĕs said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will entreat Jĕ-hō'văh that the swarms of flies may depart from Phā'raōh, from his servants, and from his people, to-morrow: only let not Phā'raōh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to Jĕ-hō'văh. 30 And Mō'sĕs went out from Phā'raōh, and entreated Jĕ-hō'văh. 31 And Jĕ-hō'văh did according to the word of Mō'sĕs; and he removed the swarms of flies from Phā'raōh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one. 32 And Phā'raōh [5]hardened his heart this time also, and he did not let the people go.

9 Then Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Go in unto Phā'raōh, and tell him, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. 2 For if thou refuse to let them go, and wilt hold them still, 3 behold, the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh is upon thy cattle which are in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the herds, and upon the flocks: *there shall be* a very grievous murrain. 4 And Jĕ-hō'văh shall make a distinction between the cattle of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and the cattle of Ē'ğўpt; and there shall nothing die of all that belongeth to the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 5 And Jĕ-hō'văh appointed a set time, saying, To-morrow Jĕ-hō'văh shall do this thing in the land. 6 And Jĕ-hō'-

[1] Or, *sand flies* Or, *fleas* [2] Heb. *was strong* [3] Or, *set a sign of deliverance* Heb. *set redemption* [4] Or, *destroyed*
[5] Heb. *made heavy*

văh did that thing on the morrow; and all the cattle of Ĕ'gўpt died; but of the cattle of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl died not one. 7 And Phā'raōh sent, and, behold, there was not so much as one of the cattle of the Ĭs'rā-ĕl-ītes dead. But the heart of Phā'raōh was [1]stubborn, and he did not let the people go.

8 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs and unto Aâr'ŏn, Take to you handfuls of [2]ashes of the furnace, and let Mō'sĕs sprinkle it toward heaven in the sight of Phā'raōh. 9 And it shall become small dust over all the land of Ĕ'gўpt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man and upon beast, throughout all the land of Ĕ'gўpt. 10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Phā'raōh; and Mō'sĕs sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man and upon beast. 11 And the magicians could not stand before Mō'sĕs because of the boils; for the boils were upon the magicians, and upon all the Ĕ-gўp'tiăns. 12 And Jĕ-hō'văh [3]hardened the heart of Phā'raōh, and he hearkened not unto them; as Jĕ-hō'văh had spoken unto Mō'sĕs.

13 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Phā'raōh, and say unto him, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. 14 For I will this time send all my plagues upon thy heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth. 15 For now I had put forth my hand, and smitten thee and thy people with pestilence, and thou hadst been cut off from the earth: 16 but in very deed for this cause have I made thee to stand, to show thee my power, and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. 17 As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go? 18 Behold, to-morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Ĕ'gўpt since the day it was founded even until now. 19 Now therefore send, hasten in thy cattle and all that thou hast in the field; *for* every man and beast that shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die. 20 He that feared the word of Jĕ-hō'văh among the servants of Phā'raōh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses: 21 and he that regarded not the word of Jĕ-hō'văh left his servants and his cattle in the field.

22 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Stretch forth thy hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Ĕ'gўpt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Ĕ'gўpt. 23 And Mō'sĕs stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and Jĕ-hō'văh sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down unto the earth; and Jĕ-hō'văh rained hail upon the land of Ĕ'gўpt. 24 So there was hail, and fire [4]mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as had not been in all the land of Ĕ'gўpt since it became a nation. 25 And the hail smote throughout all the land of Ĕ'gўpt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field. 26 Only in the land of Gō'shĕn, where the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl were, was there no hail.

27 And Phā'raōh sent, and called for Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: Jĕ-hō'văh is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. 28 Entreat Jĕ-hō'văh; for there hath been enough of *these* [5]mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer. 29 And Mō'sĕs said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands un-

[1] Heb. *heavy* [2] Or, *soot* [3] Heb. *made strong*
[4] Or, *flashing continually amidst*
[5] Heb. *voices* (or, *thunderings*) *of God*

to Jĕ-hō′văh; the thunders shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know that the earth is Jĕ-hō′văh's. 30 But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear Jĕ-hō′văh God. 31 And the flax and the barley were smitten: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was in bloom. 32 But the wheat and the spelt were not smitten: for they were not grown up. 33 And Mō′sĕs went out of the city from Phā′raōh, and spread abroad his hands unto Jĕ-hō′văh: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth. 34 And when Phā′raōh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and [1]hardened his heart, he and his servants. 35 And the heart of Phā′raōh [2]was hardened, and he did not let the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl go; as Jĕ-hō′văh had spoken by Mō′sĕs.

10 And Jĕ-hō′văh said unto Mō′sĕs, Go in unto Phā′raōh: for I have [1]hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I may show these my signs in the midst of them, 2 and that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, [3]what things I have wrought upon Ē′gўpt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know that I am Jĕ-hō′văh. 3 And Mō′sĕs and Aâr′ŏn went in unto Phā′raōh, and said unto him, Thus saith Jĕ-hō′văh, the God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me. 4 Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to-morrow will I bring locusts into thy border: 5 and they shall cover the face of the earth, so that one shall not be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field: 6 and thy houses shall be filled, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Ē-gўp′tiâns; as neither thy fathers nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned, and went out from Phā′raōh. 7 And Phā′raōh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve Jĕ-hō′văh their God: knowest thou not yet that Ē′gўpt is destroyed? 8 And Mō′sĕs and Aâr′ŏn were brought again unto Phā′raōh: and he said unto them, Go, serve Jĕ-hō′văh your God; but who are they that shall go? 9 And Mō′sĕs said, We will go with our young and with our old; with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto Jĕ-hō′văh. 10 And he said unto them, So be Jĕ-hō′văh with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it; for evil is [4]before you. 11 Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve Jĕ-hō′văh; for that is what ye desire. And they were driven out from Phā′raōh's presence.

12 And Jĕ-hō′văh said unto Mō′sĕs, Stretch out thy hand over the land of Ē′gўpt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Ē′gўpt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail hath left. 13 And Mō′sĕs stretched forth his rod over the land of Ē′gўpt, and Jĕ-hō′văh brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all the night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. 14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Ē′gўpt, and rested in all the borders of Ē′gўpt; very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such. 15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and

[1] Heb. *made heavy* [2] Heb. *was strong*
[3] Or, *how I have mocked the Egyptians*
[4] Or, *what ye purpose* Heb. *before your face*

there remained not any green thing, either tree or herb of the field, through all the land of Ĕ'ğўpt. 16 Then Phā'raōh called for Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn in haste; and he said, I have sinned against Jĕ-hō'văh your God, and against you. 17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and entreat Jĕ-hō'văh your God, that he may take away from me this death only. 18 And he went out from Phā'raōh, and entreated Jĕ-hō'văh. 19 And Jĕ-hō'văh turned an exceeding strong west wind, which took up the locusts, and drove them into the Red Sea; there remained not one locust in all the border of Ĕ'ğўpt. 20 But Jĕ-hō'văh [1]hardened Phā'raōh's heart, and he did not let the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl go.

21 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Stretch out thy hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Ĕ'ğўpt, [2]even darkness which may be felt. 22 And Mō'sĕs stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Ĕ'ğўpt three days; 23 they saw not one another, neither rose any one from his place for three days: but all the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl had light in their dwellings. 24 And Phā'raōh called unto Mō'sĕs, and said, Go ye, serve Jĕ-hō'văh; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you. 25 And Mō'sĕs said, Thou must also give into our hand sacrifices and burnt-offerings, that we may sacrifice unto Jĕ-hō'văh our God. 26 Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not a hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve Jĕ-hō'văh our God; and we know not with what we must serve Jĕ-hō'văh, until we come thither. 27 But Jĕ-hō'văh [1]hardened Phā'raōh's heart, and he would not let them go. 28 And Phā'raōh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in the day thou seest my face thou shalt die. 29 And Mō'sĕs said, Thou hast spoken well; I will see thy face again no more.

11 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Yet one plague more will I bring upon Phā'raōh, and upon Ĕ'ğўpt; afterwards he will let you go hence: [3]when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether. 2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let them ask every man of his neighbor, and every woman of her neighbor, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold. 3 And Jĕ-hō'văh gave the people favor in the sight of the Ĕ-ğўp'tiăns. Moreover the man Mō'sĕs was very great in the land of Ĕ'ğўpt, in the sight of Phā'raōh's servants, and in the sight of the people.

4 And Mō'sĕs said, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Ĕ'ğўpt: 5 and all the first-born in the land of Ĕ'ğўpt shall die, from the first-born of Phā'raōh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the first-born of the maid-servant that is behind the mill; and all the first-born of cattle. 6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Ĕ'ğўpt, such as there hath not been, nor shall be any more. 7 But against any of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall not a dog [4]move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that Jĕ-hō'văh doth make a distinction between the Ĕ-ğўp'tiăns and Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 8 And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Phā'raōh in hot anger.

9 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Phā'raōh will not hearken unto you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Ĕ'ğўpt. 10 And Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn did all these wonders before Phā'raōh: and Jĕ-hō'văh [1]hardened Phā'-

[1] Heb. *made strong*
[2] Or, *so that men shall grope in darkness*
[3] Or, *when he shall let you go altogether, he shall utterly thrust you out hence*
[4] Heb. *whet*

raōh's heart, and he did not let the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl go out of his land.

12 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn in the land of Ē'gўpt, saying, 2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. 3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a [1]lamb, according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household: 4 and if the household be too little for a lamb, then shall he and his neighbor next unto his house take one according to the number of the souls; according to every man's eating ye shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old: ye shall take it from the sheep, or from the goats: 6 and ye shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole assembly of the congregation of Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall kill it [2]at even. 7 And they shall take of the blood, and put it on the two side-posts and on the lintel, upon the houses wherein they shall eat it. 8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; with bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Eat not of it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roast with fire; its head with its legs and with the inwards thereof. 10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; but that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. 11 And thus shall ye eat it: with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is Jĕ-hō'văh's passover. 12 For I will go through the land of Ē'gўpt in that night, and will smite all the first-born in the land of Ē'gўpt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Ē'gўpt I will execute judgments: I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and there shall no plague be upon you [3]to destroy you, when I smite the land of Ē'gўpt. 14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast to Jĕ-hō'văh: throughout your generations ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 16 And in the first day there shall be to you a holy convocation, and in the seventh day a holy convocation; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done by you. 17 And ye shall observe the *feast of* unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your hosts out of the land of Ē'gўpt: therefore shall ye observe this day throughout your generations by an ordinance for ever. 18 In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even. 19 Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, whether he be a sojourner, or one that is born in the land. 20 Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

21 Then Mō'sĕs called for all the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and said unto them, [4]Draw out, and take you [5]lambs according to your families, and kill the passover. 22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side-posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out of the door of his

[1] Or, *kid* [2] Heb. *between the two evenings*
[3] Or, *for a destroyer* [4] Or, *Go forth*
[5] Or, *kids*

house until the morning. 23 For Jĕ-hō'văh will pass through to smite the Ē-ğyp'tiăns; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side-posts, Jĕ-hō'văh will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you. 24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. 25 And it shall come to pass, when ye are come to the land which Jĕ-hō'văh will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. 26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? 27 that ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of Jĕ-hō'văh's passover, [1]who passed over the houses of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl in Ē'ğypt, when he smote the Ē-ğyp'tiăns, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. 28 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl went and did so; as Jĕ-hō'văh had commanded Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn, so did they.

29 And it came to pass at midnight, that Jĕ-hō'văh smote all the first-born in the land of Ē'ğypt, from the first-born of Phā'raŏh that sat on his throne unto the first-born of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the first-born of cattle. 30 And Phā'raŏh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Ē-ğyp'tiăns; and there was a great cry in Ē'ğypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead. 31 And he called for Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn by night, and said, Rise up, get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and go, serve Jĕ-hō'văh, as ye have said. 32 Take both your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also. 33 And the Ē-ğyp'tiăns were urgent upon the people, to send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We are all dead men. 34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. 35 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl did according to the word of Mō'sĕs; and they asked of the Ē-ğyp'tiăns jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: 36 and Jĕ-hō'văh gave the people favor in the sight of the Ē-ğyp'tiăns, so that they let them have what they asked. And they despoiled the Ē-ğyp'tiăns.

37 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl journeyed from Răm'ĕ-sēs to Sŭc'cŏth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, besides children. 38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle. 39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Ē'ğypt; for it was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Ē'ğypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victuals. 40 Now the time that the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl dwelt in Ē'ğypt was four hundred and thirty years. 41 And it came to pass at the end of four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of Jĕ-hō'văh went out from the land of Ē'ğypt. 42 It is [2]a night to be much observed unto Jĕ-hō'văh for bringing them out from the land of Ē'ğypt: [3]this is that night of Jĕ-hō'văh, to be much observed of all the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl throughout their generations.

43 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn, This is the ordinance of the passover: there shall no foreigner eat thereof; 44 but every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof. 45 A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat thereof. 46 In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth aught of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone

[1] Or, *for that he passed*

[2] Or, *a night of watching unto Jehovah*

[3] Or, *this same night is a night of watching unto Jehovah for all &c.*

thereof. 47 All the congregation of Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall [1]keep it. 48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to Jĕ-hō'văh, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: but no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. 49 One law shall be to him that is home-born, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you. 50 Thus did all the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs and Aär'ŏn, so did they. 51 And it came to pass the selfsame day, that Jĕhō'văh did bring the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl out of the land of Ē'gўpt by their hosts.

13 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Sanctify unto me all the first-born, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, both of man and of beast: it is mine.

3 And Mō'sĕs said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Ē'gўpt, out of the house of [2]bondage; for by strength of hand Jĕ-hō'văh brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten. 4 This day ye go forth in the month Ā'bĭb. 5 And it shall be, when Jĕ-hō'văh shall bring thee into the land of the Cā'năanīte, and the Hĭt'tīte, and the Ăm'ôr-īte, and the Hĭ'vīte, and the Jĕb'ū-sīte, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month. 6 Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to Jĕ-hō'văh. 7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee, in all thy borders. 8 And thou shalt tell thy son in that day, saying, It is because of that which Jĕ-hō'văh did for me when I came forth out of Ē'gўpt. 9 And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thy hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the law of Jĕ-hō'văh may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath Jĕ-hō'văh brought thee out of Ē'gўpt. 10 Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year.

11 And it shall be, when Jĕ-hō'văh shall bring thee into the land of the Cā'năan-īte, as he sware unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee, 12 that thou shalt [3]set apart unto Jĕ-hō'văh all that openeth the womb, and every firstling which thou hast that cometh of a beast; the males shall be Jĕhō'văh's. 13 And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a [4]lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break its neck: and all the first-born of man among thy sons shalt thou redeem. 14 And it shall be, when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand Jĕhō'văh brought us out from Ē'gўpt, from the house of [2]bondage: 15 and it came to pass, when Phā'raōh [5]would hardly let us go, that Jĕ-hō'văh slew all the firstborn in the land of Ē'gўpt, both the first-born of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to Jĕ-hō'văh all that openeth the womb, being males; but all the first-born of my sons I redeem. 16 And it shall be for a sign upon thy hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand Jĕ-hō'văh brought us forth out of Ē'gўpt.

17 And it came to pass, when Phā'raōh had let the people go, that God led them not by the way of the land of the Phi-lĭs'tĭnes, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Ē'gўpt: 18 but God led the people about, by the way of the wilderness by the Red Sea: and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl went

[1] Heb. *do it* [2] Heb. *bondmen* [3] Heb. *cause to pass over* [4] Or, *kid* [5] Or, *hardened himself against letting us go*

up armed out of the land of Ē′gўpt.
19 And Mō′sēs took the bones of
Joseph with him: for he had strait-
ly sworn the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl,
saying, God will surely visit you;
and ye shall carry up my bones
away hence with you. 20 And
they took their journey from Sŭc′-
cŏth, and encamped in Ē′thăm, in
the edge of the wilderness. 21 And
Jĕ-hō′văh went before them by
day in a pillar of cloud, to lead
them the way, and by night in a
pillar of fire, to give them light;
that they might go by day and by
night: 22 [1]the pillar of cloud by
day, and the pillar of fire by
night, departed not from before
the people.

14 And Jĕ-hō′văh spake unto
Mō′sēs, saying, 2 Speak un-
to the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl, that
they turn back and encamp before
Pī-hă-hī′rŏth, between Mĭg′dŏl
and the sea, before Bā′ăl-zē′phŏn:
over against it shall ye encamp by
the sea. 3 And Phā′raōh will say
of the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl, They
are entangled in the land, the wil-
derness hath shut them in. 4 And
I will [2]harden Phā′raōh's heart,
and he shall follow after them; and
I will get me honor upon Phā′-
raōh, and upon all his host; and
the Ē-gўp′tiăns shall know that I
am Jĕ-hō′văh. And they did so.
5 And it was told the king of
Ē′gўpt that the people were fled:
and the heart of Phā′raōh and of
his servants was changed towards
the people, and they said, What is
this we have done, that we have
let Ĭs′rā-ĕl go from serving us?
6 And he made ready his [3]chariot,
and took his people with him: 7 and
he took six hundred chosen char-
iots, and all the chariots of Ē′gўpt,
and captains over all of them.
8 And Jĕ-hō′văh [4]hardened the
heart of Phā′raōh king of Ē′gўpt,
and he pursued after the children
of Ĭs′rā-ĕl: for the children of Ĭs′-
rā-ĕl went out with a high hand.
9 And the Ē-gўp′tiăns pursued af-

[1] Or, *he took not away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the &c.*
[2] Heb. *make strong*
[3] Or, *chariots*
[4] Heb. *made strong*

ter them, all the horses *and* char
iots of Phā′raōh, and his horse
men, and his army, and overtoo
them encamping by the sea, be
side Pī-hă-hī′rŏth, before Bā′ăl
zē′phŏn.

10 And when Phā′raōh drev
nigh, the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl lifte
up their eyes, and, behold, th
Ē-gўp′tiăns were marching afte
them; and they were sore afraid
and the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl crie
out unto Jĕ-hō′văh. 11 And the
said unto Mō′sēs, Because ther
were no graves in Ē′gўpt, has
thou taken us away to die in th
wilderness? wherefore hast thou
dealt thus with us, to bring u
forth out of Ē′gўpt? 12 Is not thi
the word that we spake unto the
in Ē′gўpt, saying, Let us alone
that we may serve the Ē-gўp′tiăns
For it were better for us to serv
the Ē-gўp′tiăns, than that w
should die in the wilderness. 1
And Mō′sēs said unto the people
Fear ye not, stand still, and see th
salvation of Jĕ-hō′văh, which h
will work for you to-day: [5]for th
Ē-gўp′tiăns whom ye have see
to-day, ye shall see them again n
more for ever. 14 Jĕ-hō′văh wil
fight for you, and ye shall hol
your peace.

15 And Jĕ-hō′văh said unto Mō′
sēs, Wherefore criest thou unt
me? speak unto the children of Ĭs′
rā-ĕl, that they go forward. 16 An
lift thou up thy rod, and stretc
out thy hand over the sea, and di
vide it: and the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕ
shall go into the midst of the se
on dry ground. 17 And I, be
hold, I will [2]harden the hearts o
the Ē-gўp′tiăns, and they shall g
in after them: and I will get m
honor upon Phā′raōh, and upo
all his host, upon his chariots, an
upon his horsemen. 18 And th
Ē-gўp′tiăns shall know that I an
Jĕ-hō′văh, when I have gotten m
honor upon Phā′raōh, upon hi
chariots, and upon his horsemen
19 And the angel of God, wh
went before the camp of Ĭs′rā-ĕl

[5] Or, *for whereas ye have seen the Egyptians to-day*

removed and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud removed from before them, and stood behind them: 20 and it came between the camp of Ĕ'ğўpt and the camp of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and there was the cloud and the darkness, yet gave it light by night: and the one came not near the other all the night.

21 And Mō'sĕs stretched out his hand over the sea; and Jĕ-hō'văh caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all the night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. 22 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. 23 And the Ĕ-ğўp'tiăns pursued, and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Phā'raōh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. 24 And it came to pass in the morning watch, that Jĕ-hō'văh looked forth upon the host of the Ĕ-ğўp'tiăns through the pillar of fire and of cloud, and discomfited the host of the Ĕ-ğўp'tiăns. 25 And he [1]took off their chariot wheels, [2]and they drove them heavily; so that the Ĕ-ğўp'tiăns said, Let us flee from the face of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; for Jĕ-hō'văh fighteth for them against the Ĕ-ğўp'tiăns.

26 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Stretch out thy hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Ĕ-ğўp'tiăns, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. 27 And Mō'sĕs stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its [3]strength when the morning appeared; and the Ĕ-ğўp'tiăns fled against it; and Jĕ-hō'văh [4]overthrew the Ĕ-ğўp'tiăns in the midst of the sea. 28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, even all the host of Phā'raōh that went in after them into the sea; there remained not so much as one of them. 29 But the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. 30 Thus Jĕ-hō'văh saved Ĭs'rā-ĕl that day out of the hand of the Ĕ-ğўp'tiăns; and Ĭs'rā-ĕl saw the Ĕ-ğўp'tiăns dead upon the sea-shore. 31 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl saw the great [5]work which Jĕ-hō'văh did upon the Ĕ-ğўp'tiăns, and the people feared Jĕ-hō'văh: and they believed in Jĕ-hō'văh, and in his servant Mō'sĕs.

15 Then sang Mō'sĕs and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl this song unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and spake, saying,

I will sing unto Jĕ-hō'văh, for he [6]hath triumphed gloriously:
The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.
2 [7]Jĕ-hō'văh is my strength and song,
And he is become my salvation:
This is my God, and I will praise him;
My father's God, and I will exalt him.
3 Jĕ-hō'văh is a man of war:
Jĕ-hō'văh is his name.
4 Phā'raōh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea;
And his chosen captains are sunk in the Red Sea.
5 The deeps cover them:
They went down into the depths like a stone.
6 Thy right hand, O Jĕ-hō'văh, is glorious in power,
Thy right hand, O Jĕ-hō'văh, dasheth in pieces the enemy.
7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou overthrowest them that rise up against thee:
Thou sendest forth thy wrath, it consumeth them as stubble.
8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were piled up,
The floods stood upright as a heap;
The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea.

[1] Acc. to Sept. and Syr., *bound and made them to drive*
[2] Or, *and drave them*
[3] Or, *wonted flow*
[4] Heb. *shook off*
[5] Heb. *hand*
[6] Or, *is highly exalted*
[7] Heb. *Jah*

9 The enemy said,
I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil;
My desire shall be satisfied upon them;
I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.
10 Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them:
They sank as lead in the mighty waters.
11 Who is like unto thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh, among the gods?
Who is like thee, glorious in holiness,
Fearful in praises, doing wonders?
12 Thou stretchedst out thy right hand,
The earth swallowed them.
13 Thou in thy lovingkindness hast led the people that thou hast redeemed:
Thou hast guided them in thy strength to thy holy habitation.
14 The peoples have heard, they tremble:
Pangs have taken hold on the inhabitants of Phĭ-lĭs'tĭ-a.
15 Then were the chiefs of Ē'dŏm dismayed;
The [1]mighty men of Mō'ăb, trembling taketh hold upon them:
All the inhabitants of Cā'năan are melted away.
16 Terror and dread falleth upon them;
By the greatness of thine arm they are as still as a stone;
Till thy people pass over, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
Till the people pass over that thou hast [2]purchased.
17 Thou wilt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance,
The place, O Jĕ-hō'văh, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in,
The sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.
18 Jĕ-hō'văh shall reign for ever and ever.
19 For the horses of Phā'raōh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and Jĕ-hō'văh brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl walked on dry land in the midst of the sea. 20 And Mĭr'ĭ-ăm the prophetess, the sister of Aâr'ŏn, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. 21 And Mĭr'ĭ-ăm answered them,
Sing ye to Jĕ-hō'văh, for he [3]hath triumphed gloriously;
The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

22 And Mō'sĕs led Ĭs'rā-ĕl onward from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shūr; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water. 23 And when they came to Mā'răh, they could not drink of the waters of Mā'răh, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called [4]Mā'răh. 24 And the people murmured against Mō'sĕs, saying, What shall we drink? 25 And he cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh; and Jĕ-hō'văh showed him a tree, and he cast it into the waters, and the waters were made sweet. There he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them; 26 and he said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his eyes, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon thee, which I have put upon the Ē-gŷp'tiăns: for I am Jĕ-hō'văh that healeth thee.

27 And they came to Ē'lĭm, where were twelve springs of water, and threescore and ten palm-trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

16 And they took their journey from Ē'lĭm, and all the congregation of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl came unto the wilderness of Sĭn, which is between Ē'lĭm and Sĭ'nāi, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their de-

[1] Heb. *rams* [2] Heb. *gotten* [3] Or, *is highly exalted* [4] That is, *Bitterness*

parting out of the land of Ĕ'ğўpt.
2 And the whole congregation of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl murmured against Mō'sĕs and against Aâr'ŏn in the wilderness: 3 and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl said unto them, Would that we had died by the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh in the land of Ĕ'ğўpt, when we sat by the flesh-pots, when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.
4 Then said Jĕ-hō'văh unto Mō'sĕs, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or not. 5 And it shall come to pass on the sixth day, that they shall prepare that which they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily. 6 And Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn said unto all the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, At even, then ye shall know that Jĕ-hō'văh hath brought you out from the land of Ĕ'ğўpt; 7 and in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh; for that he heareth your murmurings against Jĕ-hō'văh: and what are we, that ye murmur against us? 8 And Mō'sĕs said, *This shall be,* when Jĕ-hō'văh shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that Jĕ-hō'văh heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against Jĕ-hō'văh. 9 And Mō'sĕs said unto Aâr'ŏn, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Come near before Jĕ-hō'văh; for he hath heard your murmurings. 10 And it came to pass, as Aâr'ŏn spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh appeared in the cloud. 11 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 12 I have heard the murmurings of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: speak unto them, saying, [1]At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God.
13 And it came to pass at even, that the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the camp. 14 And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness a small [2]round thing, small as the hoarfrost on the ground. 15 And when the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl saw it, they said one to another, [3]What is it? for they knew not what it was. And Mō'sĕs said unto them, It is the bread which Jĕ-hō'văh hath given you to eat. 16 This is the thing which Jĕ-hō'văh hath commanded. Gather ye of it every man according to his eating; an ō'mĕr a head, according to the number of your persons, shall ye take it, every man for them that are in his tent. 17 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl did so, and gathered some more, some less. 18 And when they measured it with an ō'mĕr, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating. 19 And Mō'sĕs said unto them, Let no man leave of it till the morning. 20 Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Mō'sĕs; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and became foul: and Mō'sĕs was wroth with them.
21 And they gathered it morning by morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted. 22 And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two ō'mĕrs for each one: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Mō'sĕs. 23 And he said unto them, This is that which Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken, Tomorrow is a solemn rest, a holy sabbath unto Jĕ-hō'văh: bake that which ye will bake, and boil

[1] Heb. *Between the two evenings* [2] Or, *flake*
[3] Or, *It is manna* Heb. *man hu*

that which ye will boil; and all that remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. 24 And they laid it up till the morning, as Mō'sĕs bade: and it did not become foul, neither was there any worm therein. 25 And Mō'sĕs said, Eat that to-day; for to-day is a sabbath unto Jĕ-hō'văh: to-day ye shall not find it in the field. 26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day is the sabbath, in it there shall be none. 27 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that there went out some of the people to gather, and they found none. 28 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? 29 See, for that Jĕ-hō'văh hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. 30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

31 And the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl called the name thereof [1]Măn'nà: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers *made* with honey. 32 And Mō'sĕs said, This is the thing which Jĕ-hō'văh hath commanded, Let an ō'mĕr-ful of it be kept throughout your generations, that they may see the bread wherewith I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Ē'gўpt. 33 And Mō'sĕs said unto Aâr'ŏn, Take a pot, and put an ō'mĕr-ful of măn'nà therein, and lay it up before Jĕ-hō'văh, to be kept throughout your generations. 34 As Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs, so Aâr'ŏn laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. 35 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl did eat the măn'nà forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat the măn'nà, until they came unto the borders of the land of Că'năan. 36 Now an ō'mĕr is the tenth part of an ē'phăh.

17 And all the congregation of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl journeyed from the wilderness of Sĭn, by their [2]journeys, according to the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh, and encamped in Rĕph'ĭ-dĭm: and there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Wherefore the people strove with Mō'sĕs, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Mō'sĕs said unto them, Why strive ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt Jĕ-hō'văh? 3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Mō'sĕs, and said, Wherefore hast thou brought us up out of Ē'gўpt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst? 4 And Mō'sĕs cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they are almost ready to stone me. 5 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Pass on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of ĭs'rā-ĕl; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thy hand, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Hō'rĕb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Mō'sĕs did so in the sight of the elders of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 7 And he called the name of the place [3]Mās'sàh, and [4]Mĕr'ĭ-bàh, because of the striving of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and because they tempted Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, Is Jĕ-hō'văh among us, or not?

8 Then came Ăm'ă-lĕk, and fought with ĭs'rā-ĕl in Rĕph'ĭ-dĭm. 9 And Mō'sĕs said unto Jŏsh'ū-à, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Ăm'ă-lĕk: to-morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand. 10 So Jŏsh'ū-à did as Mō'sĕs had said to him, and fought with Ăm'ă-lĕk: and Mō'sĕs, Aâr'ŏn, and Hûr went up to the top of the hill. 11 And it came to pass, when Mō'sĕs held up his hand, that ĭs'rā-ĕl prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Ăm'ă-lĕk prevailed. 12 But Mō'sĕs' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it

[1] Heb. *Man*

[2] Or, *stages* [3] That is, *Tempting*, or, *Proving* [4] That is, *Chiding*, or, *Strife*

under him, and he sat thereon; and Aär'ŏn and Hûr stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. 13 And Jŏsh'ū-ä [1]discomfited Ăm'ă-lĕk and his people with the edge of the sword. 14 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Write this for a memorial in [2]a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Jŏsh'ū-ä: [3]that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Ăm'ă-lĕk from under heaven. 15 And Mō'sĕs built an altar, and called the name of it [4]Jĕ-hō'văh-nĭs'sĭ; 16 and he said, [5]Jĕ-hō'văh hath sworn: Jĕ-hō'văh will have war with Ăm'ă-lĕk from generation to generation.

18 Now Jĕ'thrō, the priest of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn, Mō'sĕs' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Mō'sĕs, and for ĭs'rā-ĕl his people, how that Jĕ-hō'văh had brought ĭs'rā-ĕl out of Ē'gўpt. 2 And Jĕ'thrō, Mō'sĕs' father-in-law, took Zĭp-pō'răh, Mō'sĕs' wife, after he had sent her away, 3 and her two sons; of whom the name of the one was Gĕr'shŏm; for he said, I have been [6]a sojourner in a foreign land: 4 and the name of the other was [7]Ē-lĭ-ē'zĕr; for *he said*, The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Phā'raōh. 5 And Jĕ'thrō, Mō'sĕs' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife unto Mō'sĕs into the wilderness where he was encamped, at the mount of God: 6 and he said unto Mō'sĕs, I, thy father-in-law Jĕ'thrō, am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her. 7 And Mō'sĕs went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of their welfare; and they came into the tent. 8 And Mō'sĕs told his father-in-law all that Jĕ-hō'văh had done unto Phā'raōh and to the Ē-gўp'tiăns for ĭs'rā-ĕl's sake, all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how Jĕ-hō'văh delivered them. 9 And Jĕ'thrō rejoiced for all the goodness which Jĕ-hō'văh had done to ĭs'rā-ĕl, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Ē-gўp'tiăns. 10 And Jĕ'thrō said, Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Ē-gўp'tiăns, and out of the hand of Phā'raōh; who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Ē-gўp'tiăns. 11 Now I know that Jĕ-hō'văh is greater than all gods; yea, in the thing wherein they dealt proudly against them. 12 And Jĕ'thrō, Mō'sĕs' father-in-law, took a burnt-offering and sacrifices for God: and Aär'ŏn came, and all the elders of ĭs'rā-ĕl, to eat bread with Mō'sĕs' father-in-law before God.

13 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Mō'sĕs sat to judge the people: and the people stood about Mō'sĕs from the morning unto the evening. 14 And when Mō'sĕs' father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand about thee from morning unto even? 15 And Mō'sĕs said unto his father-in-law, Because the people come unto me to inquire of God: 16 when they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between a man and his neighbor, and I make them know the statutes of God, and his laws. 17 And Mō'sĕs' father-in-law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good. 18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for the thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone. 19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God be with thee: be thou for the people to Godward, and bring thou the causes unto God: 20 and thou shalt teach them the statutes and the laws, and shalt show them

[1] Heb. *prostrated* [2] Or, *the book* [3] Or, *for* [4] That is, *Jehovah is my banner* [5] Or, *Because there is a hand against the throne of Jehovah* Heb. *A hand* is lifted up *upon the throne of Jah* [6] Heb. *ger* [7] Heb. *El*, God, and *ezer*, help

the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. 21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating unjust gain; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: 22 and let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge themselves: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear *the burden* with thee. 23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people also shall go to their place in peace. 24 So Mō'sĕs hearkened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said. 25 And Mō'sĕs chose able men out of all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. 26 And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Mō'sĕs, but every small matter they judged themselves. 27 And Mō'sĕs let his father-in-law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

19 In the third month after the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl were gone forth out of the land of Ĕ'gŭpt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sĭ'nāi. 2 And when they were departed from Rĕph'ĭ-dĭm, and were come to the wilderness of Sĭ'nāi, they encamped in the wilderness; and there Ĭs'rā-ĕl encamped before the mount. 3 And Mō'sĕs went up unto God, and Jĕ-hō'vāh called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: 4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Ĕ-gŭp'tiăns, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. 5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be mine own possession [1]from among all peoples: for all the earth is mine: 6 and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

7 And Mō'sĕs came and called for the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which Jĕ-hō'vāh commanded him. 8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that Jĕ-hō'vāh hath spoken we will do. And Mō'sĕs reported the words of the people unto Jĕ-hō'vāh. 9 And Jĕ-hō'vāh said unto Mō'sĕs, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and may also believe thee for ever. And Mō'sĕs told the words of the people unto Jĕ-hō'vāh. 10 And Jĕ-hō'vāh said unto Mō'sĕs, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to-day and to-morrow, and let them wash their garments, 11 and be ready against the third day; for the third day Jĕ-hō'vāh will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sĭ'nāi. 12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: 13 no hand shall touch [2]him, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, he shall not live: when the [3]trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount. 14 And Mō'sĕs went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their garments. 15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not near a woman.

16 And it came to pass on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of a trumpet exceeding loud; and all the people that were in the camp

[1] Or, *above* [2] Or, *it* [3] Or, *ram's horn*

trembled. 17 And Mō'sĕs brought forth the people out of the camp to meet God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. 18 And mount Sī'nāi, the whole of it, smoked, because Jĕ-hō'văh descended upon it in fire; and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. 19 And when the voice of the trumpet waxed louder and louder, Mō'sĕs spake, and God answered him by a voice. 20 And Jĕ-hō'văh came down upon mount Sī'nāi, to the top of the mount: and Jĕ-hō'văh called Mō'sĕs to the top of the mount; and Mō'sĕs went up. 21 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto Jĕ-hō'văh to gaze, and many of them perish. 22 And let the priests also, that come near to Jĕ-hō'văh, sanctify themselves, lest Jĕ-hō'văh break forth upon them. 23 And Mō'sĕs said unto Jĕ-hō'văh, The people cannot come up to mount Sī'nāi: for thou didst charge us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it. 24 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, Go, get thee down; and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aär'ŏn with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto Jĕ-hō'văh, lest he break forth upon them. 25 So Mō'sĕs went down unto the people, and told them.

20 And God spake all these words, saying,

2 I am Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Ĕ'gўpt, out of the house of [1]bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods [2]before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor any likeness *of any thing* that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5 thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them; for I Jĕ-hō'văh thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate me, 6 and showing lovingkindness unto [3]thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the name of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God [4]in vain; for Jĕ-hō'văh will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name [4]in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11 for in six days Jĕ-hō'văh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Jĕ-hō'văh blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12 Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

18 And all the people perceived the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the voice of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they [5]trembled, and stood afar off. 19 And they said unto Mō'sĕs, Speak thou with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die. 20 And Mō'sĕs said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before you,

[1] Heb. *bondmen* [2] Or, *besides me* [3] Or, *a thousand generations* [4] Or, *for vanity* (or, *falsehood*) [5] Or, *were moved*

that ye sin not. 21 And the people stood afar off, and Mō'sĕs drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

22 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Ye yourselves have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. 23 Ye shall not make *other gods* with me; gods of silver, or gods of gold, ye shall not make unto you. 24 An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt-offerings, and thy peace-offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in every place where I [1]record my name I will come unto thee and I will bless thee. 25 And if thou make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stones; for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it. 26 Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not uncovered thereon.

21 Now these are the ordinances which thou shalt set before them.

2 If thou buy a Hebrew [2]servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. 3 If he come in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he be married, then his wife shall go out with him. 4 If his master give him a wife, and she bear him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself. 5 But if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: 6 then his master shall bring him unto [3]God, and shall bring him to the door, or unto the door-post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him for ever.

7 And if a man sell his daughter to be a [4]maid-servant, she shall not go out as the men-servants do. 8 If she please not her master, [5]who hath espoused her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a foreign people he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her. 9 And if he espouse her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters. 10 If he take him another *wife*; her [6]food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish. 11 And if he do not these three things unto her, then shall she go out for nothing, without money.

12 He that smiteth a man, so that he dieth, shall surely be put to death. 13 And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver *him* into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee. 14 And if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbor, to slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

15 And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

16 And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

17 And he that [7]curseth his father or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

18 And if men contend, and one smite the other with a stone, or with his fist, and he die not, but keep his bed; 19 if he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote him be quit: only he shall pay for [8]the loss of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed.

20 And if a man smite [9]his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall surely be punished. 21 Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he is his money.

22 And if men strive together, and hurt a woman with child, so

[1] Or, *cause my name to be remembered*
[2] Or, *bondman*
[3] Or, *the judges*
[4] Or, *bondwoman*
[5] Another reading is, *so that he hath not espoused her*
[6] Heb. *flesh*
[7] Or, *revileth*
[8] Heb. *his sitting* or *ceasing*
[9] Or, *his bondman, or his bondwoman*

that her fruit depart, and yet no harm follow; he shall be surely fined, according as the woman's husband shall lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. 23 But if any harm follow, then thou shalt give life for life, 24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25 burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

26 And if a man smite the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, and destroy it; he shall let him go free for his eye's sake. 27 And if he smite out his man-servant's tooth, or his maid-servant's tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.

28 And if an ox gore a man or a woman to death, the ox shall be surely stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit. 29 But if the ox was wont to gore in time past, and it hath been testified to its owner, and he hath not kept it in, but it hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and its owner also shall be put to death. 30 If there be laid on him a ransom, then he shall give for the redemption of his life whatsoever is laid upon him. 31 Whether it have gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done unto him. 32 If the ox gore a man-servant or a maid-servant, there shall be given unto their master thirty shĕk'ĕls of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

33 And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit and not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall therein, 34 the owner of the pit shall make it good; he shall give money unto the owner thereof, and the dead *beast* shall be his.

35 And if one man's ox hurt another's, so that it dieth, then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the price of it; and the dead also they shall divide. 36 Or if it be known that the ox was wont to gore in time past, and its owner hath not kept it in; he shall surely pay ox for ox, and the dead *beast* shall be his own.

*22 If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall pay five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. †2 If the thief be found breaking in, and be smitten so that he dieth, there shall be no [1]bloodguiltiness for him. 3 If the sun be risen upon him, there shall be bloodguiltiness for him; he shall make restitution: if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. 4 If the theft be found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall pay double.

5 If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall let his beast loose, and it feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution.

6 If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the shocks of grain, or the standing grain, or the field are consumed; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.

7 If a man shall deliver unto his neighbor money or stuff to keep, and it be stolen out of the man's house; if the thief be found, he shall pay double. 8 If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall come near unto [2]God, *to see* whether he have not put his hand unto his neighbor's goods. 9 For every matter of trespass, whether it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, *or* for any manner of lost thing, whereof one saith, This is it, the cause of both parties shall come before [2]God; he whom [2]God shall condemn shall pay double unto his neighbor.

10 If a man deliver unto his neighbor an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it: 11 the oath of Jĕ-hō'văh shall be between them both, whether he hath not put his hand unto his neighbor's goods; and the owner thereof shall accept

[1] Heb. *blood* [*Ch. 21. 37 in Heb.]
[2] Or, *the judges* [†Ch. 22. 1 in Heb.]

it, and he shall not make restitution. 12 But if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the owner thereof. 13 If it be torn in pieces, let him bring it for witness; he shall not make good that which was torn.

14 And if a man [1]borrow aught of his neighbor, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof not being with it, he shall surely make restitution. 15 If the owner thereof be with it, he shall not make it good: if it be a hired thing, [2]it came for its hire.

16 And if a man entice a virgin that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely pay a dowry for her to be his wife. 17 If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

18 Thou shalt not suffer a sorceress to live.

19 Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death.

20 He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto Jĕ-hō'văh only, shall be [3]utterly destroyed. 21 And a sojourner shalt thou not wrong, neither shalt thou oppress him: for ye were sojourners in the land of Ĕ'gўpt. 22 Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. 23 If thou afflict them at all, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry; 24 and my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

25 If thou lend money to any of my people with thee that is poor, thou shalt not be to him as a creditor; neither shall ye lay upon him interest. 26 If thou at all take thy neighbor's garment to pledge, thou shalt restore it unto him before the sun goeth down: 27 for that is his only covering, it is his garment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear; for I am gracious.

28 Thou shalt not revile [4]God, nor curse a ruler of thy people. 29 Thou shalt not delay to offer of [5]thy harvest, and of the outflow of thy presses. The first-born of thy sons shalt thou give unto me. 30 Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen, *and* with thy sheep: seven days it shall be with its dam; on the eighth day thou shalt give it me. 31 And ye shall be holy men unto me: therefore ye shall not eat any flesh that is torn of beasts in the field; ye shall cast it to the dogs.

23 Thou shalt not take up a false report: put not thy hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. 2 Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou [6]speak in a cause to turn aside after a multitude to wrest *justice*: 3 neither shalt thou favor a poor man in his cause.

4 If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again. 5 If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, [7]thou shalt forbear to leave him, thou shalt surely release *it* with him.

6 Thou shalt not wrest the justice *due* to thy poor in his cause. 7 Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked. 8 And thou shalt take no bribe: for a bribe blindeth them that have sight, and perverteth the [8]words of the righteous. 9 And a sojourner shalt thou not oppress: for ye know the heart of a sojourner, seeing ye were sojourners in the land of Ĕ'gўpt.

10 And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the increase thereof: 11 but the seventh year thou shalt [9]let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave the beast of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, *and* with

[1] Heb. *ask* [2] Or, *it is reckoned in* (Heb. *cometh into*) *its hire* [3] Heb. *devoted* [4] Or, *the judges* [5] Heb. *thy fulness and thy tear* [6] Or, *bear witness* [7] Or, *and wouldest forbear to release it for him, thou shalt surely release it with him* [8] Or, *cause* [9] Or, *release it and let it lie fallow* See Deut. 15. 2.

thy oliveyard. 12 Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt [1]rest; that thine ox and thine ass may have rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the sojourner, may be refreshed. 13 And in all things that I have said unto you take ye heed: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

14 Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. 15 The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep: seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, at the time appointed in the month Ā'bĭb (for in it thou camest out from Ē'gўpt); and none shall appear before me empty: 16 and the feast of harvest, the first-fruits of thy labors, which thou sowest in the field: and the feast of ingathering, at the end of the year, when thou gatherest in thy labors out of the field. 17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

18 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my feast remain all night until the morning. 19 The first of the first-fruits of thy ground thou shalt bring into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God. Thou shalt not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

20 Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee by the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. 21 Take ye heed before him, and hearken unto his voice; [2]provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgression: for my name is in him. 22 But if thou shalt indeed hearken unto his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. 23 For mine angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Ăm'ôr-īte, and the Hĭt'tīte, and the Pĕr'ĭz-zīte, and the Cā'năan-īte, the Hī'vīte, and the Jĕb'ū-sīte: and I will cut them off. 24 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works; but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and break in pieces their [3]pillars. 25 And ye shall serve Jĕ-hō'văh your God, and he will bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. 26 There shall none cast her young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil. 27 I will send my terror before thee, and will discomfit all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee. 28 And I will send the hornet before thee, which shall drive out the Hī'vīte, the Cā'năan-īte, and the Hĭt'tīte, from before thee. 29 I will not drive them out from before thee in one year, lest the land become desolate, and the beasts of the field multiply against thee. 30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land. 31 And I will set thy border from the Red Sea even unto the sea of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and from the wilderness unto [4]the River: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee. 32 Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. 33 They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me; for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.

24 And he said unto Mō'sĕs, Come up unto Jĕ-hō'văh, thou, and Aâr'ŏn, Nā'dăb, and Ă-bī'hū, and seventy of the elders of ĭs'rā-ĕl; and worship ye afar off: 2 and Mō'sĕs alone shall come near unto Jĕ-hō'văh; but they shall not come near; neither shall the people go up with him. 3 And Mō'sĕs came and told the people all the words of Jĕ-hō'văh, and all the ordinances: and all the people answered with one voice,

[1] Or, *keep sabbath*
[2] Or, *be not rebellious against him*
[3] Or, *obelisks*
[4] That is, the Euphrates

and said, All the words which Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken will we do. 4 And Mō'sĕs wrote all the words of Jĕ-hō'văh, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the mount, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 5 And he sent young men of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, who offered burnt-offerings, and sacrificed peace-offerings of oxen unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 6 And Mō'sĕs took half of the blood, and put it in basins; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. 7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken will we do, and be obedient. 8 And Mō'sĕs took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which Jĕ-hō'văh hath made with you [1]concerning all these words.

9 Then went up Mō'sĕs, and Aăr'ŏn, Nā'dăb, and Ă-bī'hŭ, and seventy of the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: 10 and they saw the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and there was under his feet as it were [2]a paved work of sapphire stone, and as it were the very heaven for clearness. 11 And upon the nobles of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl he laid not his hand: and they beheld God, and did eat and drink.

12 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee the tables of stone, and the law and the commandment, which I have written, that thou mayest teach them. 13 And Mō'sĕs rose up, and Jŏsh'ū-ă his minister: and Mō'sĕs went up into the mount of God. 14 And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aăr'ŏn and Hûr are with you; whosoever hath a cause, let him come near unto them. 15 And Mō'sĕs went up into the mount, and the cloud covered the mount. 16 And the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh abode upon mount Sī'năi, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Mō'sĕs out of the midst of the cloud. 17 And the appearance of the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 18 And Mō'sĕs entered into the midst of the cloud, and went up into the mount: and Mō'sĕs was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

25 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that they take for me an [3]offering: of every man whose heart maketh him willing ye shall take my [3]offering. 3 And this is the [3]offering which ye shall take of them: gold, and silver, and brass, 4 and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and [4]fine linen, and goats' *hair*, 5 and rams' skins dyed red, and [5]sealskins, and acacia wood, 6 oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense, 7 [6]onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ĕph'ŏd, and for the breastplate. 8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I show thee, the pattern of the [7]tabernacle, and the pattern of all the furniture thereof, even so shall ye make it.

10 And they shall make an ark of acacia wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. 11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a [8]crown of gold round about. 12 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four feet thereof; and two rings shall be on the one [9]side of it, and two rings on the other [9]side of it. 13 And thou shalt make staves of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. 14 And thou shalt put the staves

[1] Or, *upon all these conditions*
[2] Or, *work of bright sapphire*
[3] Or, *heave-offering* [4] Or, *cotton* [5] Or, *porpoise-skins* [6] Or, *beryl* [7] Heb. *dwelling* [8] Or, *rim* Or, *moulding*
[9] Heb. *rib*

into the rings on the sides of the ark, wherewith to bear the ark. 15 The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it. 16 And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee. 17 And thou shalt make a [1] mercy-seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. 18 And thou shalt make two chĕr'û-bĭm of gold; of [2]beaten work shalt thou make them, at the two ends of the mercy-seat. 19 And make one chĕr'ŭb at the one end, and one chĕr'ŭb at the other end: [3]of one piece with the mercy-seat shall ye make the chĕr'û-bĭm on the two ends thereof. 20 And the chĕr'û-bĭm shall spread out their wings on high, covering the mercy-seat with their wings, with their faces one to another; toward the mercy-seat shall the faces of the chĕr'û-bĭm be. 21 And thou shalt put the mercy-seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. 22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy-seat, from between the two chĕr'û-bĭm which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl.

23 And thou shalt make a table of acacia wood: two cubits *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. 24 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about. 25 And thou shalt make unto it a border of a handbreadth round about; and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about. 26 And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that are on the four feet thereof. 27 Close by the border shall the rings be, for places for the staves to bear the table. 28 And thou shalt make the staves of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be borne with them. 29 And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and the spoons thereof, and the flagons thereof, and the bowls thereof, wherewith to pour out: of pure gold shalt thou make them. 30 And thou shalt set upon the table [4]showbread before me alway.

31 And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of [2]beaten work shall the candlestick be made, even its [5]base, and its shaft; its cups, its knops, and its flowers, shall be [6]of one piece with it: 32 and there shall be six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side thereof: 33 three cups made like almond-blossoms in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three cups made like almond-blossoms in the other branch, a knop and a flower: so for the six branches going out of the candlestick: 34 and in the candlestick four cups made like almond-blossoms, the knops thereof, and the flowers thereof; 35 and a knop under two branches [6]of one piece with it, and a knop under two branches [6]of one piece with it, and a knop under two branches [6]of one piece with it, for the six branches going out of the candlestick. 36 Their knops and their branches shall be [6]of one piece with it; the whole of it one [2]beaten work of pure gold. 37 And thou shalt make the lamps thereof, seven: and they shall [7]light the lamps thereof, to give light over against it. 38 And the snuffers thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, shall be of pure gold. 39 Of a talent of pure gold shall it be made, with all these vessels. 40 And see that thou make them after their pattern, which hath been showed thee in the mount.

[1] Or, *covering* [2] Or, *turned*
[3] Heb. *out of the mercy-seat*
[4] Or, *Presence-bread* [5] Heb. *thigh*
[6] Heb. *out of the same* [7] Or, *set up*

26 Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, with cher'ū-bim the work of the skilful workman shalt thou make them. 2 The length of each curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits: all the curtains shall have one measure. 3 Five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and *the other* five curtains shall be coupled one to another. 4 And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain [1]from the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is outmost in the second [2]coupling. 5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the second [2]coupling; the loops shall be opposite one to another. 6 And thou shalt make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains one to another with the clasps: and the tabernacle shall be one *whole*.

7 And thou shalt make curtains of goats' *hair* for a tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make them. 8 The length of each curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits: the eleven curtains shall have one measure. 9 And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double over the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tent. 10 And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outmost in the [2]coupling, and fifty loops upon the edge of the curtain which is *outmost in* the second [2]coupling. 11 And thou shalt make fifty clasps of brass, and put the clasps into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one. 12 And the overhanging part that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle. 13 And the cubit on the one side, and the cubit on the other side, of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it. 14 And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of [4]sealskins above.

15 And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing up. 16 Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half the breadth of each board. 17 Two tenons shall there be in each board, [5]joined one to another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle. 18 And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side southward. 19 And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under another board for its two tenons: 20 and for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards, 21 and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. 22 And for the hinder part of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards. 23 And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the hinder part. 24 And they shall be double beneath, and in like manner they shall be entire unto the top thereof unto [6]one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners. 25 And there shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

26 And thou shalt make bars of acacia wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, 27 and five bars for the boards of the

[1] Or, *that is outmost in the first set*
[2] Or, *set*
[3] Or, *first set*
[4] Or, *porpoise-skins*
[5] Or, *mortised*
[6] Or, *the first*

other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the hinder part westward. 28 And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall pass through from end to end. 29 And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold. 30 And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which hath been showed thee in the mount.

31 And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cher'ū-bim the work of the skilful workman shall it be made: 32 and thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold; their hooks *shall be* of gold, upon four sockets of silver. 33 And thou shalt hang up the veil under the clasps, and shalt bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall separate unto you between the holy place and the most holy. 34 And thou shalt put the mercy-seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place. 35 And thou shalt set the table without the veil, and the candlestick over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and thou shalt put the table on the north side.

36 And thou shalt make a screen for the door of the Tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the embroiderer. 37 And thou shalt make for the screen five pillars of acacia, and overlay them with gold; their hooks shall be of gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.

27 And thou shalt make the altar of acacia wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof shall be three cubits. 2 And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof; the horns thereof shall be of one piece with it: and thou shalt overlay it with brass. 3 And thou shalt make its pots to take away its ashes, and its shovels, and its basins, and its fleshhooks, and its firepans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of brass. 4 And thou shalt make for it a grating of network of brass; and upon the net shalt thou make four brazen rings in the four [1]corners thereof. 5 And thou shalt put it under the ledge round the altar beneath, that the net may reach halfway up the altar. 6 And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves of acacia wood, and overlay them with brass. 7 And the staves thereof shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two [2]sides of the altar, in bearing it. 8 Hollow with planks shalt thou make it: as it hath been showed thee in the mount, so shall they make it.

9 And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen a hundred cubits long for one side: 10 and the pillars thereof shall be twenty, and their sockets twenty, of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *shall be* of silver. 11 And likewise for the north side in length there shall be hangings a hundred cubits long, and the pillars thereof twenty, and their sockets twenty, of brass; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver. 12 And for the breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits; their pillars ten, and their sockets ten. 13 And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward shall be fifty cubits. 14 The hangings for the one side *of the gate* shall be fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. 15 And for the other side shall be hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. 16 And for the gate of the court shall be a screen of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the embroiderer; their

[1] Heb. *ends* [2] Heb. *ribs*

pillars four, and their sockets four. 17 All the pillars of the court round about shall be filleted with silver; their hooks of silver, and their sockets of brass. 18 The length of the court shall be a hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty every where, and the height five cubits, of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brass. 19 All the instruments of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, shall be of brass.

20 And thou shalt command the children of Is'ra-el, that they bring unto thee pure olive oil beaten for the light, [1]to cause a lamp to burn continually. 21 In the tent of meeting, without the veil which is before the testimony, Aar'on and his sons shall keep it in order from evening to morning before Je-ho'vah: it shall be a statute for ever throughout their generations [2]on the behalf of the children of Is'ra-el.

28 And bring thou near unto thee Aar'on thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Is'ra-el, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aar'on, Na'dab and A-bi'hu, E-le-a'zar and Ith'a-mar, Aar'on's sons. 2 And thou shalt make holy garments for Aar'on thy brother, for glory and for beauty. 3 And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise-hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aar'on's garments to sanctify him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. 4 And these are the garments which they shall make: a breastplate, and an eph'od, and a robe, and a coat of checker work, a [3]mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aar'on thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. 5 And they shall take the gold, and the blue, and the purple, and the scarlet, and the fine linen.

6 And they shall make the eph'od of gold, of blue, and purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the skilful workman. 7 It shall have two shoulder-pieces joined to the two ends thereof, that it may be joined together. 8 And the skilfully woven band, which is upon it, wherewith to gird it on, shall be like the work thereof *and* of the same piece; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. 9 And thou shalt take two [4]onyx stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Is'ra-el: 10 six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the six that remain on the other stone, according to their birth. 11 With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones, according to the names of the children of Is'ra-el: thou shalt make them to be inclosed in settings of gold. 12 And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulder-pieces of the eph'od, to be stones of memorial for the children of Is'ra-el: and Aar'on shall bear their names before Je-ho'vah upon his two shoulders for a memorial. 13 And thou shalt make settings of gold, 14 and two chains of pure gold; like cords shalt thou make them, of wreathen work: and thou shalt put the wreathen chains on the settings.

15 And thou shalt make a breastplate of judgment, the work of the skilful workman; like the work of the eph'od thou shalt make it; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, shalt thou make it. 16 Foursquare it shall be *and* double; a span shall be the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof. 17 And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, four rows of stones: a row of [5]sardius, topaz, and [6]carbuncle shall be the first row; 18 and the second row an [7]emerald, a sapphire, and a [8]diamond;

[1] Or, *to set up a lamp continually*
[2] Or, *from*
[3] Or, *turban*
[4] Or, *beryl*
[5] Or, *ruby*
[6] Or, *emerald*
[7] Or, *carbuncle*
[8] Or, *sardonyx*

19 and the third row a [1]jacinth,
an agate, and an amethyst; 20
and the fourth row a [2]beryl, and
an [3]onyx, and a jasper: they shall
be inclosed in gold in their set-
tings. 21 And the stones shall be
according to the names of the chil-
dren of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, twelve, according
to their names; like the engrav-
ings of a signet, every one accord-
ing to his name, they shall be for
the twelve tribes. 22 And thou
shalt make upon the breastplate
chains like cords, of wreathen
work of pure gold. 23 And thou
shalt make upon the breastplate
two rings of gold, and shalt put
the two rings on the two ends of
the breastplate. 24 And thou
shalt put the two wreathen chains
of gold in the two rings at the ends
of the breastplate. 25 And the
other two ends of the two wreathen
chains thou shalt put on the two
settings, and put them on the
shoulder-pieces of the ĕph'ŏd, in
the forepart thereof. 26 And thou
shalt make two rings of gold, and
thou shalt put them upon the two
ends of the breastplate, upon the
edge thereof, which is toward the
side of the ĕph'ŏd inward. 27 And
thou shalt make two rings of gold,
and shalt put them on the two
shoulder-pieces of the ĕph'ŏd
underneath, in the forepart thereof,
close by the coupling thereof,
above the skilfully woven band of
the ĕph'ŏd. 28 And they shall
bind the breastplate by the rings
thereof unto the rings of the
ĕph'ŏd with a lace of blue, that it
may be upon the skilfully woven
band of the ĕph'ŏd, and that the
breastplate be not loosed from
the ĕph'ŏd. 29 And Aâr'ŏn shall
bear the names of the children of
Ĭs'rā-ĕl in the breastplate of judg-
ment upon his heart, when he
goeth in unto the holy place, for a
memorial before Jĕ-hō'văh con-
tinually. 30 And thou shalt put
in the breastplate of judgment
[4]the Ū'rim and the Thŭm'mim;
and they shall be upon Aâr'ŏn's
heart, when he goeth in before
Jĕ-hō'văh: and Aâr'ŏn shall bear
the judgment of the children of
Ĭs'rā-ĕl upon his heart before
Jĕ-hō'văh continually.

31 And thou shalt make the
robe of the ĕph'ŏd all of blue.
32 And [5]it shall have a hole for the
head in the midst thereof: it shall
have a binding of woven work
round about the hole of it, as it
were the hole of a coat of mail,
that it be not rent. 33 And upon
the skirts of it thou shalt make
pomegranates of blue, and of pur-
ple, and of scarlet, round about
the skirts thereof; and bells of
gold between them round about:
34 a golden bell and a pomegran-
ate, a golden bell and a pomegran-
ate, upon the skirts of the robe
round about. 35 And it shall be
upon Aâr'ŏn to minister: and the
sound thereof shall be heard when
he goeth in unto the holy place
before Jĕ-hō'văh, and when he
cometh out, that he die not.

36 And thou shalt make a plate
of pure gold, and grave upon it,
like the engravings of a signet,
HOLY TO Jĕ-HŌ'VĂH. 37 And
thou shalt put it on a lace of blue,
and it shall be upon the [6]mitre;
upon the forefront of the [6]mitre it
shall be. 38 And it shall be upon
Aâr'ŏn's forehead, and Aâr'ŏn
shall bear the iniquity of the holy
things, which the children of Ĭs'-
rā-ĕl shall hallow in all their holy
gifts; and it shall be always upon
his forehead, that they may be
accepted before Jĕ-hō'văh. 39 And
thou shalt weave the coat in checker
work of [7]fine linen, and thou shalt
make a [6]mitre of [7]fine linen, and
thou shalt make a girdle, the work
of the embroiderer.

40 And for Aâr'ŏn's sons thou
shalt make coats, and thou shalt
make for them girdles, and head-
tires shalt thou make for them, for
glory and for beauty. 41 And
thou shalt put them upon Aâr'ŏn
thy brother, and upon his sons
with him, and shalt anoint them,

[1] Or, *amber* [2] Or, *chalcedony* [3] Or, *beryl*
[4] That is, *the Lights and the Perfections*
[5] Or, *there shall be a hole in the top of it*
[6] Or, *turban* [7] Or, *silk*

and [1]consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office. 42 And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover the flesh of their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach: 43 and they shall be upon Aâr'ŏn, and upon his sons, when they go in unto the tent of meeting, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die: it shall be a statute for ever unto him and unto his seed after him.

29 And this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priest's office: take one young bullock and two rams without blemish, 2 and unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened mingled with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil: of fine wheaten flour shalt thou make them. 3 And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bullock and the two rams. 4 And Aâr'ŏn and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tent of meeting, and shalt wash them with water. 5 And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aâr'ŏn the coat, and the robe of the ĕph'ŏd, and the ĕph'ŏd, and the breastplate, and gird him with the skilfully woven band of the ĕph'ŏd; 6 and thou shalt set the [2]mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the [2]mitre. 7 Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him. 8 And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them. 9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aâr'ŏn and his sons, and bind head-tires on them: and they shall have the priesthood by a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aâr'ŏn and his sons.

10 And thou shalt bring the bullock before the tent of meeting: and Aâr'ŏn and his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock. 11 And thou shalt kill the bullock before Jê-hō'văh, at the door of the tent of meeting. 12 And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger; and thou shalt pour out all the blood at the base of the altar. 13 And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul upon the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and burn them upon the altar. 14 But the flesh of the bullock, and its skin, and its dung, shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: it is a [3]sin-offering.

15 Thou shalt also take the one ram; and Aâr'ŏn and his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of the ram. 16 And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take its blood, and sprinkle it round about upon the altar. 17 And thou shalt cut the ram into its pieces, and wash its inwards, and its legs, and put them [4]with its pieces, and [4]with its head. 18 And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: it is a burnt-offering unto Jê-hō'văh; it is a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto Jê-hō'văh.

19 And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aâr'ŏn and his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of the ram. 20 Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of its blood, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of Aâr'ŏn, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about. 21 And thou shalt take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aâr'ŏn, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. 22 Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat, and the fat tail, and the fat that

[1] Heb. *fill their hand* [2] Or, *turban* [3] Heb. *sin* [4] Or, *upon*

covereth the inwards, and the caul of the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and the right [1]thigh (for it is a ram of consecration), 23 and one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, out of the basket of unleavened bread that is before Jĕ-hō'văh: 24 and thou shalt put the whole upon the hands of Aâr'ŏn, and upon the hands of his sons, and shalt wave them for a wave-offering before Jĕ-hō'văh. 25 And thou shalt take them from their hands, and burn them on the altar upon the burnt-offering, for a sweet savor before Jĕ-hō'văh: it is an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

26 And thou shalt take the breast of Aâr'ŏn's ram of consecration, and wave it for a wave-offering before Jĕ-hō'văh: and it shall be thy portion. 27 And thou shalt sanctify the breast of the wave-offering, and the [1]thigh of the heave-offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of consecration, even of that which is for Aâr'ŏn, and of that which is for his sons: 28 and it shall be for Aâr'ŏn and his sons as *their* portion for ever from the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; for it is a heave-offering: and it shall be a heave-offering from the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl of the sacrifices of their peace-offerings, even their heave-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

29 And the holy garments of Aâr'ŏn shall be for his sons after him, to be anointed in them, and to be consecrated in them. 30 Seven days shall the son that is priest in his stead put them on, when he cometh into the tent of meeting to minister in the holy place.

31 And thou shalt take the ram of consecration, and boil its flesh in a holy place. 32 And Aâr'ŏn and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, at the door of the tent of meeting. 33 And they shall eat those things wherewith atonement was made, to consecrate *and* to sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat thereof, because they are holy. 34 And if aught of the flesh of the consecration, or of the bread, remain unto the morning, then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it is holy.

35 And thus shalt thou do unto Aâr'ŏn, and to his sons, according to all that I have commanded thee: seven days shalt thou consecrate them. 36 And every day shalt thou offer the bullock of sin-offering for atonement: and thou shalt [2]cleanse the altar, when thou makest atonement for it; and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it. 37 Seven days thou shalt make atonement for the altar, and sanctify it: and the altar shall be most holy; [3]whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.

38 Now this is that which thou shalt offer upon the altar: two lambs a year old day by day continually. 39 The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer [4]at even: 40 and with the one lamb a tenth part *of an e'phah* of fine flour mingled with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of a hin of wine for a drink-offering. 41 And the other lamb thou shalt offer [4]at even, and shalt do thereto according to the meal-offering of the morning, and according to the drink-offering thereof, for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 42 It shall be a continual burnt-offering throughout your generations at the door of the tent of meeting before Jĕ-hō'văh, where I will meet with you, to speak there unto thee. 43 And there I will meet with the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and *the Tent* shall be sanctified by my glory. 44 And I will sanctify the tent of meeting, and the altar: Aâr'ŏn also and his sons will I sanctify, to minister to me in the priest's office.

[1] Or, *shoulder*

[2] Or, *purge the altar, by thy making atonement*

[3] Or, *whosoever*

[4] Heb. *between the two evenings*

45 And I will dwell among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and will be their God. 46 And they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Ē'gўpt, that I might dwell among them: I am Jĕ-hō'văh their God.

30 And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of acacia wood shalt thou make it. 2 A cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; foursquare shall it be; and two cubits shall be the height thereof: the horns thereof shall be of one piece with it. 3 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the [1]top thereof, and the [2]sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a [3]crown of gold round about. 4 And two golden rings shalt thou make for it under the crown thereof; upon the two ribs thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make them; and they shall be for places for staves wherewith to bear it. 5 And thou shalt make the staves of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. 6 And thou shalt put it before the veil that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy-seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee. 7 And Aâr'ŏn shall burn thereon incense of sweet spices: every morning, when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn it. 8 And when Aâr'ŏn [4]lighteth the lamps [5]at even, he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before Jĕ-hō'văh throughout your generations. 9 Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt-offering, nor meal-offering; and ye shall pour no drink-offering thereon. 10 And Aâr'ŏn shall make atonement [6]upon the horns of it once in the year; with the blood of the sin-offering of atonement once in the year shall he make atonement [7]for it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

11 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 12 When thou takest the sum of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, according to those that are numbered of them, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto Jĕ-hō'văh, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when thou numberest them. 13 This they shall give, every one that passeth over unto them that are numbered: half a shĕk'ĕl after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary (the shĕk'ĕl is twenty gē'răhs), half a shĕk'ĕl for an offering to Jĕ-hō'văh. 14 Every one that passeth over unto them that are numbered, from twenty years old and upward, shall give the offering of Jĕ-hō'văh. 15 The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than the half shĕk'ĕl, when they give the offering of Jĕ-hō'văh, to make atonement for your souls. 16 And thou shalt take the atonement money from the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tent of meeting; that it may be a memorial for the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl before Jĕ-hō-văh, to make atonement for your souls.

17 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 18 Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and the base thereof of brass, whereat to wash. And thou shalt put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein. 19 And Aâr'ŏn and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: 20 when they go into the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 21 So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

22 Moreover Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 23 Take thou also unto thee the chief spices: of flowing myrrh five hundred *shek'-*

[1] Heb. *roof* [2] Heb. *walls* [3] Or, *rim* Or, *moulding* [4] Or, *setteth up* Heb. *causeth to ascend* [5] Heb. *between the two evenings* [6] Or, *for* [7] Or, *upon*

els, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty, 24 and of [1]cassia five hundred, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary, and of olive oil a hin; 25 and thou shalt make it a holy anointing oil, a perfume compounded after the art of the perfumer: it shall be a holy anointing oil. 26 And thou shalt anoint therewith the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, 27 and the table and all the vessels thereof, and the candlestick and the vessels thereof, and the altar of incense, 28 and the altar of burnt-offering with all the vessels thereof, and the laver and the base thereof. 29 And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most holy: [2]whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy. 30 And thou shalt anoint Aâr'ŏn and his sons, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office. 31 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Ĭs'râ-ĕl, saying, This shall be a holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations. 32 Upon the flesh of man shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make any like it, according to the composition thereof: it is holy, *and* it shall be holy unto you. 33 Whosoever compoundeth any like it, or whosoever putteth any of it upon a stranger, he shall be cut off from his people.

34 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Take unto thee sweet spices, [3]stăc'tē, and ŏn'y-chà, and găl'bà-nŭm; sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight; 35 and thou shalt make of it incense, a perfume after the art of the perfumer, [4]seasoned with salt, pure *and* holy: 36 and thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy. 37 And the incense which thou shalt make, according to the composition thereof ye shall not make for yourselves: it shall be unto thee holy for Jĕ-hō'văh. 38 Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereof, he shall be cut off from his people.

31 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 See, I have called by name Bĕ-zăl'ĕl the son of Ū'rī, the son of Hûr, of the tribe of Jū'dăh: 3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 to devise skilful works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, 5 and in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to work in all manner of workmanship. 6 And I, behold, I have appointed with him Ō-hō'lĭ-ăb, the son of Ă-hĭs'ă-măch, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee: 7 the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy-seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the Tent, 8 and the table and its vessels, and the pure candlestick with all its vessels, and the altar of incense, 9 and the altar of burnt-offering with all its vessels, and the laver and its base, 10 and the finely wrought garments, and the holy garments for Aâr'ŏn the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office, 11 and the anointing oil, and the incense of sweet spices for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

12 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 13 Speak thou also unto the children of Ĭs'râ-ĕl, saying, Verily ye shall keep my sabbaths: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh who sanctifieth you. 14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that profaneth it shall surely be put to death; for whoso-

[1] Or, *costus* [2] Or, *whosoever*
[3] Or, *opobalsamum* [4] Or, *tempered together*

ever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 15 Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, holy to Jĕ-hō'văh: whosoever doeth any work on the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. 16 Wherefore the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a sign between me and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl for ever: for in six days Jĕ-hō'văh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

18 And he gave unto Mō'sĕs, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sī'nāi, the two tables of the testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

32 And when the people saw that Mō'sĕs delayed to come down from the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aâr'ŏn, and said unto him, Up, make us [1]gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Mō'sĕs, the man that brought us up out of the land of Ĕ'gўpt, we know not what is become of him. 2 And Aâr'ŏn said unto them, Break off the golden rings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. 3 And all the people brake off the golden rings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aâr'ŏn. 4 And he received it at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, and made it a molten calf: and they said, [2]These are thy gods, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl, which brought thee up out of the land of Ĕ'gўpt. 5 And when Aâr'ŏn saw *this*, he built an altar before it; and Aâr'ŏn made proclamation, and said, To-morrow shall be a feast to Jĕ-hō'văh. 6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt-offerings, and brought peace-offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

7 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, Go, get thee down; for thy people, that thou broughtest up out of the land of Ĕ'gўpt, have corrupted themselves: 8 they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed unto it, and said, These are thy gods, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl, which brought thee up out of the land of Ĕ'gўpt. 9 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: 10 now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. 11 And Mō'sĕs besought Jĕ-hō'văh his God, and said, Jĕ-hō'văh, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, that thou hast brought forth out of the land of Ĕ'gўpt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Wherefore should the Ē-gўp'tiăns speak, saying, For evil did he bring them forth, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. 13 Remember Abraham, Ĭ'sāac, and Ĭs'rā-ĕl, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever. 14 And Jĕ-hō'văh repented of the evil which he said he would do unto his people.

15 And Mō'sĕs turned, and went down from the mount, with the two tables of the testimony in his hand; tables that were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. 16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables. 17 And when Jŏsh'ū-ā heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Mō'-

[1] Or, *a god* [2] Or, *This is thy God*

sĕs, There is a noise of war in the camp. 18 And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome; but the noise of them that sing do I hear. 19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing: and Mō'sĕs' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount. 20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it with fire, and ground it to powder, and strewed it upon the water, and made the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl drink of it.

21 And Mō'sĕs said unto Aär'ŏn, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought a great sin upon them? 22 And Aär'ŏn said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are *set* on evil. 23 For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Mō'sĕs, the man that brought us up out of the land of Ē'gĭypt, we know not what is become of him. 24 And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off: so they gave it me; and I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

25 And when Mō'sĕs saw that the people were broken loose (for Aär'ŏn had let them loose for a [1]derision among their enemies), 26 then Mō'sĕs stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Whoso is on Jĕ-hō'vāh's side, *let him come* unto me. And all the sons of Lē'vī gathered themselves together unto him. 27 And he said unto them, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'vāh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Put ye every man his sword upon his thigh, and go to and fro from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor. 28 And the sons of Lē'vī did according to the word of Mō'sĕs: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. 29 And Mō'sĕs said, [2]Consecrate yourselves to-day to Jĕ-hō'vāh, [2]yea, every man [3]against his son, and [3]against his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

30 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Mō'sĕs said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto Jĕ-hō'vāh; peradventure I shall make atonement for your sin. 31 And Mō'sĕs returned unto Jĕ-hō'vāh, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. 32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. 33 And Jĕ-hō'vāh said unto Mō'sĕs, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. 34 And now go, lead the people unto *the place* of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine angel shall go before thee; nevertheless in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them. 35 And Jĕ-hō'vāh smote the people, because they made the calf, which Aär'ŏn made.

33 And Jĕ-hō'vāh spake unto Mō'sĕs, Depart, go up hence, thou and the people that thou hast brought up out of the land of Ē'gĭypt, unto the land of which I sware unto Abraham, to Ī'săac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it: 2 and I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Că'năan-īte, the Ăm'ôr-īte, and the Hĭt'tīte, and the Pĕr'ĭzzīte, the Hĭ'vīte, and the Jĕb'ū-sīte: 3 unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people; lest I consume thee in the way. 4 And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments. 5 And Jĕ-hō'vāh said unto Mō'sĕs, Say unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Ye are a stiffnecked people; if I go up into the midst of thee for one

[1] Heb. *whispering* [2] Heb. *Fill your hand* [3] Or, *for every man* hath been *against his son and against his brother* [4] Or, *upon*

moment, I shall consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee. 6 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl stripped themselves of their ornaments from mount Hō'rĕb onward.

7 Now Mō'sĕs used to take the tent and to pitch it without the camp, afar off from the camp; and he called it, The tent of meeting. And it came to pass, that every one that sought Jĕ-hō'văh went out unto the tent of meeting, which was without the camp. 8 And it came to pass, when Mō'sĕs went out unto the Tent, that all the people rose up, and stood, every man at his tent door, and looked after Mō'sĕs, until he was gone into the Tent. 9 And it came to pass, when Mō'sĕs entered into the Tent, the pillar of cloud descended, and stood at the door of the Tent: and *Je-ho'vah* spake with Mō'sĕs. 10 And all the people saw the pillar of cloud stand at the door of the Tent: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man at his tent door. 11 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his minister Jŏsh'ū-ā, the son of Nŭn, a young man, departed not out of the Tent.

12 And Mō'sĕs said unto Jĕ-hō'văh, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know [1]whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found favor in my sight. 13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found favor in thy sight, show me now thy ways, that I may know thee, to the end that I may find favor in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people. 14 And he said, My presence shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest. 15 And he said unto him, If thy presence go not *with me*, carry us not up hence. 16 For wherein now shall it be known that I have found favor in thy sight, I and thy people? is it not in that thou goest with us, so that we are separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth?

17 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken; for thou hast found favor in my sight, and I know thee by name. 18 And he said, Show me, I pray thee, thy glory. 19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and will proclaim the name of Jĕ-hō'văh before thee; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face; for man shall not see me and live. 21 And Jĕ-hō'văh said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon the rock: 22 and it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand until I have passed by: 23 and I will take away my hand, and thou shalt see my back; but my face shall not be seen.

34 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon the tables the words that were on the first tables, which thou brakest. 2 And be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sĭ'nāi, and present thyself there to me on the top of the mount. 3 And no man shall come up with thee; neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount. 4 And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Mō'sĕs rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sĭ'nāi, as Jĕ-hō'văh had commanded him, and took in his hand two tables of stone. 5 And Jĕ-hō'văh descended in the cloud, [2]and stood with him there, and proclaimed [3]the name of Jĕ-hō'văh.

[1] Or, *him whom*

[2] Or, *and he stood with him there, and called upon &c.* [3] Or, *Jehovah by name*

6 And Jĕ-hō'văh passed by before him, and proclaimed, Jĕ-hō'văh, Jĕ-hō'văh, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness and truth; 7 keeping lovingkindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin; and that will by no means clear *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation. 8 And Mō'sĕs made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. 9 And he said, If now I have found favor in thy sight, O Lord, let the Lord, I pray thee, go in the midst of us; for it is a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.

10 And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been [1]wrought in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of Jĕ-hō'văh; for it is a terrible thing that I do with thee. 11 Observe thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Ăm'ŏr-īte, and the Că'năan-īte, and the Hĭt'tīte, and the Pĕr'ĭz-zīte, and the Hī'vīte, and the Jĕb'ū-sīte. 12 Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: 13 but ye shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their [2]pillars, and ye shall cut down their [3]Ă-shē'rĭm 14 (for thou shalt worship no other god: for Jĕ-hō'văh, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God); 15 lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot after their gods, and sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee and thou eat of his sacrifice; 16 and thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters play the harlot after their gods, and make thy sons play the harlot after their gods. 17 Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.

18 The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, at the time appointed in the month Ā'bĭb; for in the month Ā'bĭb thou camest out from Ē'gўpt. 19 All that openeth the womb is mine; and all thy cattle that is male, the firstlings of cow and sheep. 20 And the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a [4]lamb: and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break its neck. All the first-born of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty.

21 Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in plowing time and in harvest thou shalt rest. 22 And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, *even* of the first-fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's [5]end. 23 Three times in the year shall all thy males appear before the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 24 For I will cast out nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou goest up to appear before Jĕ-hō'văh thy God three times in the year.

25 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning. 26 The first of the first-fruits of thy ground thou shalt bring unto the house of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God. Thou shalt not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

27 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with ĭs'rā-ĕl. 28 And he was there with Jĕ-hō'văh forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten [6]commandments.

[1] Heb. *created* [2] Or, *obelisks* [3] Probably the wooden symbols of a goddess Asherah
[4] Or, *kid* [5] Heb. *revolution*
[6] Heb. *words*

29 And it came to pass, when Mō'sĕs came down from mount Sī'nāi with the two tables of the testimony in Mō'sĕs' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Mō'sĕs knew not that the skin of his face [1]shone [2]by reason of his speaking with him. 30 And when Aâr'ŏn and all the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl saw Mō'sĕs, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. 31 And Mō'sĕs called unto them; and Aâr'ŏn and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Mō'sĕs spake to them. 32 And afterward all the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that Jĕ-hō'văh had spoken with him in mount Sī'nāi. 33 And when Mō'sĕs had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. 34 But when Mō'sĕs went in before Jĕ-hō'văh to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out; and he came out, and spake unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl that which he was commanded. 35 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl saw the face of Mō'sĕs, that the skin of Mō'sĕs' face shone: and Mō'sĕs put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

35 And Mō'sĕs assembled all the congregation of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and said unto them, These are the words which Jĕ-hō'văh hath commanded, that ye should do them. 2 Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day there shall be to you a holy day, a sabbath of solemn rest to Jĕ-hō'văh: whosoever doeth any work therein shall be put to death. 3 Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day.

4 And Mō'sĕs spake unto all the congregation of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, This is the thing which Jĕ-hō'văh commanded, saying, 5 Take ye from among you an offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh; whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, Jĕ-hō'văh's offering: gold, and silver, and brass, 6 and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair*, 7 and rams' skins dyed red, and sealskins, and acacia wood, 8 and oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense, 9 and onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ĕph'ŏd, and for the breastplate.

10 And let every wise-hearted man among you come, and make all that Jĕ-hō'văh hath commanded: 11 the tabernacle, its tent, and its covering, its clasps, and its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets; 12 the ark, and the staves thereof, the mercy-seat, and the veil of the screen; 13 the table, and its staves, and all its vessels, and the [3]showbread; 14 the candlestick also for the light, and its vessels, and its lamps, and the oil for the light; 15 and the altar of incense, and its staves, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the screen for the door, at the door of the tabernacle; 16 the altar of burnt-offering, with its grating of brass, its staves, and all its vessels, the laver and its base; 17 the hangings of the court, the pillars thereof, and their sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court; 18 the pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords; 19 the finely wrought garments, for ministering in the holy place, the holy garments for Aâr'ŏn the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office.

20 And all the congregation of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl departed from the presence of Mō'sĕs. 21 And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, *and* brought Jĕ-hō'văh's offering, for the work of the tent of meeting, and for all the service thereof, and for the holy garments. 22 And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing-hearted, *and* brought brooches,

[1] Or, *sent forth beams* (Heb. *horns*) [2] Or, *while he talked with him*

[3] Or, *Presence-bread*

and [1]ear-rings, and signet-rings, and [2]armlets, all jewels of gold; even every man that offered an offering of gold unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 23 And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair*, and rams' skins dyed red, and sealskins, brought them. 24 Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass brought Jĕ-hō'văh's offering; and every man, with whom was found acacia wood for any work of the service, brought it. 25 And all the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, the blue, and the purple, the scarlet, and the fine linen. 26 And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun the goats' *hair*. 27 And the rulers brought the [3]onyx stones, and the stones to be set, for the ĕph'ŏd, and for the breastplate; 28 and the spice, and the oil; for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense. 29 The children of ĭs'rā-ĕl brought a free-will offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh; every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all the work, which Jĕ-hō'văh had commanded to be made by Mō'sĕs.

30 And Mō'sĕs said unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, See, Jĕ-hō'văh hath called by name Bĕ-zăl'ĕl the son of ū'rī, the son of Hûr, of the tribe of Jū'dăh; 31 and he hath filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; 32 and to devise skilful works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, 33 and in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to work in all manner of skilful workmanship. 34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and ō-hō'lĭ-ăb, the son of Ă-hĭs'ă-măch, of the tribe of Dan. 35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of workmanship, of the [4]engraver, and of the skilful workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any workmanship, and of those that devise skilful works.

36 1 And Bĕ-zăl'ĕl and ō-hō'lĭ-ăb shall work, and every wise-hearted man, in whom Jĕ-hō'văh hath put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all the work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that Jĕ-hō'văh hath commanded.

2 And Mō'sĕs called Bĕ-zăl'ĕl and ō-hō'lĭ-ăb, and every wise-hearted man, in whose heart Jĕ-hō'văh had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it: 3 and they received of Mō'sĕs all the offering which the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, wherewith to make it. And they brought yet unto him freewill offerings every morning. 4 And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they wrought; 5 and they spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which Jĕ-hō'văh commanded to make. 6 And Mō'sĕs gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing. 7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

8 And all the wise-hearted men among them that wrought the work made the tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, with chĕr'ū-bĭm, the work of the skilful workman, *Be-zal'el* made them. 9 The length of each curtain was eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits: all the curtains had one measure. 10 And he coupled five curtains

[1] Or, *nose-rings* [2] Or, *necklaces* [3] Or, *beryl* [4] Or, *craftsman*

one to another: and *the other* five curtains he coupled one to another. 11 And he made loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain [1]from the selvedge in the coupling: likewise he made in the edge of the curtain that was outmost in the second [2]coupling. 12 Fifty loops made he in the one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain that was in the second [2]coupling: the loops were opposite one to another. 13 And he made fifty clasps of gold, and coupled the curtains one to another with the clasps: so the tabernacle was one.

14 And he made curtains of goats' *hair* for a tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains he made them. 15 The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits the breadth of each curtain: the eleven curtains had one measure. 16 And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves. 17 And he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was outmost in the [3]coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which was *outmost in* the second [2]coupling. 18 And he made fifty clasps of brass to couple the tent together, that it might be one. 19 And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of [4]sealskins above.

20 And he made the boards for the tabernacle, of acacia wood, standing up. 21 Ten cubits was the length of a board, and a cubit and a half the breadth of each board. 22 Each board had two tenons, [5]joined one to another: thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle. 23 And he made the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side southward; 24 and he made forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under another board for its two tenons. 25 And for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, he made twenty boards, 26 and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. 27 And for the hinder part of the tabernacle westward he made six boards. 28 And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the hinder part. 29 And they were double beneath; and in like manner they were entire unto the top thereof unto [6]one ring: thus he did to both of them in the two corners. 30 And there were eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; under every board two sockets.

31 And he made bars of acacia wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, 32 and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the hinder part westward. 33 And he made the middle bar to pass through in the midst of the boards from the one end to the other. 34 And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold for places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

35 And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cher'ū-bim, the work of the skilful workman, made he it. 36 And he made thereunto four pillars of acacia, and overlaid them with gold: their hooks were of gold; and he cast for them four sockets of silver. 37 And he made a screen for the door of the Tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the embroiderer; 38 and the five pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their capitals and their fillets with gold; and their five sockets were of brass.

37 And Bĕ-zăl'ĕl made the ark of acacia wood: two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of

[1] Or, *that was outmost in the* first *set* [2] Or, *set* [3] Or, first *set* [4] Or, *porpoise-skins* [5] Or, *mortised* [6] Or, *the first*

it. 2 And he overlaid it with pure
gold within and without, and made
a [1]crown of gold to it round about.
3 And he cast for it four rings of
gold, in the four feet thereof; even
two rings on the one [2]side of it,
and two rings on the other [2]side of
it. 4 And he made staves of
acacia wood, and overlaid them
with gold. 5 And he put the staves
into the rings on the sides of the
ark, to bear the ark. 6 And he
made a [3]mercy-seat of pure gold:
two cubits and a half *was* the length
thereof, and a cubit and a half the
breadth thereof. 7 And he made
two chĕr'û-bĭm of gold; of [4]beaten
work made he them, at the two
ends of the mercy-seat; 8 one
chĕr'ŭb at the one end, and one
chĕr'ŭb at the other end: of one
piece with the mercy-seat made he
the chĕr'û-bĭm at the two ends
thereof. 9 And the chĕr'û-bĭm
spread out their wings on high,
covering the mercy-seat with their
wings, with their faces one to
another; toward the mercy-seat
were the faces of the chĕr-û-bĭm.
10 And he made the table of
acacia wood: two cubits *was* the
length thereof, and a cubit the
breadth thereof, and a cubit and a
half the height thereof. 11 And
he overlaid it with pure gold, and
made thereto a crown of gold
round about. 12 And he made
unto it a border of a handbreadth
round about, and made a golden
crown to the border thereof round
about. 13 And he cast for it four
rings of gold, and put the rings in
the four corners that were on the
four feet thereof. 14 Close by
the border were the rings, the
places for the staves to bear the
table. 15 And he made the staves
of acacia wood, and overlaid them
with gold, to bear the table. 16 And
he made the vessels which were
upon the table, the dishes thereof,
and the spoons thereof, and the
bowls thereof, and the flagons
thereof, wherewith to pour out, of
pure gold.

17 And he made the candlestick
of pure gold: of beaten work made
he the candlestick, even its base,
and its shaft; its cups, its knops,
and its flowers, were of one piece
with it. 18 And there were six
branches going out of the sides
thereof; three branches of the
candlestick out of the one side
thereof, and three branches of the
candlestick out of the other side
thereof: 19 three cups made like
almond-blossoms in one branch,
a knop and a flower; and three
cups made like almond-blossoms
in the other branch, a knop and a
flower: so for the six branches go-
ing out of the candlestick. 20 And
in the candlestick were four cups
made like almond-blossoms, the
knops thereof, and the flowers
thereof; 21 and a knop under two
branches of one piece with it, and
a knop under two branches of one
piece with it, and a knop under
two branches of one piece with it,
for the six branches going out of it.
22 Their knops and their branches
were of one piece with it: the
whole of it was one beaten work
of pure gold. 23 And he made
the lamps thereof, seven, and the
snuffers thereof, and the snuff-
dishes thereof, of pure gold. 24 Of
a talent of pure gold made he it,
and all the vessels thereof.

25 And he made the altar of in-
cense of acacia wood: a cubit was
the length thereof, and a cubit the
breadth thereof, foursquare; and
two cubits was the height thereof;
the horns thereof were of one piece
with it. 26 And he overlaid it
with pure gold, the top thereof,
and the sides thereof round about,
and the horns of it: and he made
unto it a crown of gold round about.
27 And he made for it two golden
rings under the crown thereof,
upon the two ribs thereof, upon
the two sides of it, for places for
staves wherewith to bear it. 28 And
he made the staves of acacia wood,
and overlaid them with gold. 29
And he made the holy anointing
oil, and the pure incense of sweet
spices, after the art of the perfumer.

[1] Or, *rim* Or, *moulding* [2] Heb. *rib*
[3] Or, *covering* [4] Or, *turned*

38 And he made the altar of burnt-offering of acacia wood: five cubits was the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof, foursquare; and three cubits the height thereof. 2 And he made the horns thereof upon the four corners of it; the horns thereof were of one piece with it: and he overlaid it with brass. 3 And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basins, the flesh-hooks, and the firepans: all the vessels thereof made he of brass. 4 And he made for the altar a grating of network of brass, under the ledge round it beneath, reaching halfway up. 5 And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grating of brass, to be places for the staves. 6 And he made the staves of acacia wood, and overlaid them with brass. 7 And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, wherewith to bear it; he made it hollow with planks.

8 And he made the laver of brass, and the base thereof of brass, of the mirrors of [1]the ministering women that ministered at the door of the tent of meeting.

9 And he made the court: for the south side southward the hangings of the court were of fine twined linen, a hundred cubits; 10 their pillars were twenty, and their sockets twenty, of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver. 11 And for the north side a hundred cubits, their pillars twenty, and their sockets twenty, of brass; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver. 12 And for the west side were hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver. 13 And for the east side eastward fifty cubits. 14 The hangings for the one side *of the gate* were fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three; 15 and so for the other side: on this hand and that hand by the gate of the court were hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. 16 All the hangings of the court round about were of fine twined linen. 17 And the sockets for the pillars were of brass; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver; and the overlaying of their capitals, of silver; and all the pillars of the court were filleted with silver. 18 And the screen for the gate of the court was the work of the embroiderer, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: and twenty cubits was the length, and the height in the breadth was five cubits, answerable to the hangings of the court. 19 And their pillars were four, and their sockets four, of brass; their hooks of silver, and the overlaying of their capitals, and their fillets, of silver. 20 And all the pins of the tabernacle, and of the court round about, were of brass.

21 This is the sum of *the things for* the tabernacle, even the tabernacle of the testimony, as they were counted, according to the commandment of Mō'sēs, for the service of the Lē'vītes, by the hand of ĭth'ă-mär, the son of Aâr'ŏn the priest. 22 And Bĕ-zăl'ĕl the son of ū'rī, the son of Hûr, of the tribe of Jū'dăh, made all that Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sēs. 23 And with him was Ō-hō'lī-ăb, the son of Ă-his'ă-măch, of the tribe of Dan, [2]an engraver, and a skilful workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and in fine linen.

24 All the gold that was used for the work in all the work of the sanctuary, even the gold of the offering, was twenty and nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shĕk'ĕls, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary. 25 And the silver of them that were numbered of the congregation was a hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and threescore and fifteen shĕk'ĕls, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary: 26 a bē'kà a head, *that is*, half a shĕk'ĕl, after the

[1] Or, *the women that assembled to minister*

[2] Or, *a craftsman*

shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary, for every one that passed over to them that were numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty men. 27 And the hundred talents of silver were for casting the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the veil; a hundred sockets for the hundred talents, a talent for a socket. 28 And of the thousand seven hundred seventy and five *shek'els* he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their capitals, and made fillets for them. 29 And the brass of the offering was seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shĕk'ĕls. 30 And therewith he made the sockets to the door of the tent of meeting, and the brazen altar, and the brazen grating for it, and all the vessels of the altar, 31 and the sockets of the court round about, and the sockets of the gate of the court, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

39 And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made finely wrought garments, for ministering in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aär'ŏn; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

2 And he made the ĕph'ŏd of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. 3 And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, the work of the skilful workman. 4 They made shoulder-pieces for it, joined together; at the two ends was it joined together. 5 And the skilfully woven band, that was upon it, wherewith to gird it on, was of the same piece *and* like the work thereof; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

6 And they wrought the onyx stones, inclosed in settings of gold, graven with the engravings of a signet, according to the names of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 7 And he put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ĕph'ŏd, to be stones of memorial for the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

8 And he made the breastplate, the work of the skilful workman, like the work of the ĕph'ŏd; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. 9 It was foursquare; they made the breastplate double: a span was the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof, being double. 10 And they set in it four rows of stones. A row of sardius, topaz, and carbuncle was the first row; 11 and the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond; 12 and the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; 13 and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: they were inclosed in inclosings of gold in their settings. 14 And the stones were according to the names of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, twelve, according to their names; like the engravings of a signet, every one according to his name, for the twelve tribes. 15 And they made upon the breastplate chains like cords, of wreathen work of pure gold. 16 And they made two settings of gold, and two gold rings, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. 17 And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings at the ends of the breastplate. 18 And the *other* two ends of the two wreathen chains they put on the two settings, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ĕph'ŏd, in the forepart thereof. 19 And they made two rings of gold, and put them upon the two ends of the breastplate, upon the edge thereof, which was toward the side of the ĕph'ŏd inward. 20 And they made two rings of gold, and put them on the two shoulder-pieces of the ĕph'ŏd underneath, in the forepart thereof, close by the coupling thereof, above the skilfully woven band of the ĕph'ŏd. 21 And they did bind the breastplate by the

rings thereof unto the rings of the ĕph'ŏd with a lace of blue, that it might be upon the skilfully woven band of the ĕph'ŏd, and that the breastplate might not be loosed from the ĕph'ŏd; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

22 And he made the robe of the ĕph'ŏd of woven work, all of blue; 23 and the hole of the robe in the midst thereof, as the hole of a coat of mail, with a binding round about the hole of it, that it should not be rent. 24 And they made upon the skirts of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, *and* twined *linen*. 25 And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the skirts of the robe round about, between the pomegranates; 26 a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, upon the skirts of the robe round about, to minister in; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

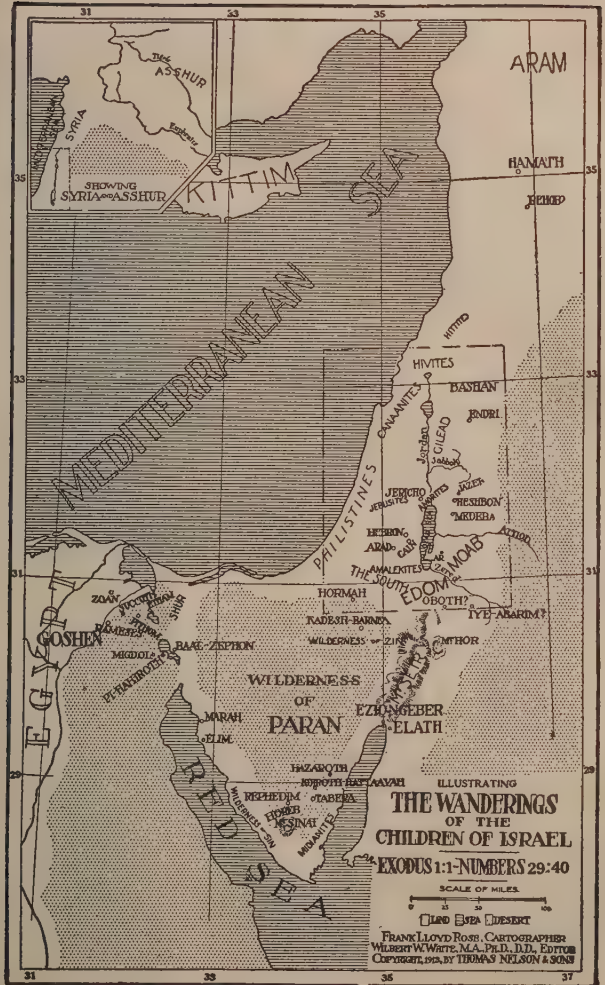
27 And they made the coats of fine linen of woven work for Aâr'ŏn, and for his sons, 28 and the [1]mitre of fine linen, and the goodly head-tires of fine linen, and the linen breeches of fine twined linen, 29 and the girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, the work of the embroiderer; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

30 And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like the engravings of a signet, HOLY TO Jĕ-Hō'VĂH. 31 And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten it upon the [1]mitre above; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

32 Thus was finished all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting: and the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl did according to all that Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs; so did they. 33 And they brought the tabernacle unto Mō'sĕs, the Tent, and all its furniture, its clasps, its boards, its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets; 34 and the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of [2]sealskins, and the veil of the screen; 35 the ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the mercy-seat; 36 the table, all the vessels thereof, and the showbread; 37 the pure candlestick, the lamps thereof, even the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oil for the light; 38 and the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the screen for the door of the Tent; 39 the brazen altar, and its grating of brass, its staves, and all its vessels, the laver and its base; 40 the hangings of the court, its pillars, and its sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court, the cords thereof, and the pins thereof, and all the instruments of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting; 41 the finely wrought garments for ministering in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aâr'ŏn the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office. 42 According to all that Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs, so the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl did all the work. 43 And Mō'sĕs saw all the work, and, behold, they had done it; as Jĕ-hō'văh had commanded, even so had they done it: and Mō'sĕs blessed them.

40 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 On the first day of the first month shalt thou rear up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. 3 And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and thou shalt screen the ark with the veil. 4 And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and [3]light the lamps thereof. 5 And thou shalt set the golden altar for incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the screen of the door to the tabernacle. 6 And thou shalt set the altar of burnt-offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. 7 And thou shalt set

[1] Or, *turban*
[2] Or, *porpoise-skins*
[3] Or, *set up*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the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and shalt put water therein. 8 And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the screen of the gate of the court. 9 And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the furniture thereof: and it shall be holy. 10 And thou shalt anoint the altar of burnt-offering, and all its vessels, and sanctify the altar: and the altar shall be most holy. 11 And thou shalt anoint the laver and its base, and sanctify it. 12 And thou shalt bring Aâr'ŏn and his sons unto the door of the tent of meeting, and shalt wash them with water. 13 And thou shalt put upon Aâr'ŏn the holy garments; and thou shalt anoint him, and sanctify him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. 14 And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them; 15 and thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: and their anointing shall be to them for an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations. 16 Thus did Mō'sĕs: according to all that Jĕ-hō'văh commanded him, so did he.

17 And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up. 18 And Mō'sĕs reared up the tabernacle, and laid its sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up its pillars. 19 And he spread the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs. 20 And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy-seat above upon the ark: 21 and he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs. 22 And he put the table in the tent of meeting, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the veil. 23 And he set the bread in order upon it before Jĕ-hō'văh; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs. 24 And he put the candlestick in the tent of meeting, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward. 25 And he [1]lighted the lamps before Jĕ-hō'văh; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs. 26 And he put the golden altar in the tent of meeting before the veil: 27 and he burnt thereon incense of sweet spices; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs. 28 And he put the screen of the door to the tabernacle. 29 And he set the altar of burnt-offering at the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered upon it the burnt-offering and the meal-offering; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs. 30 And he set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water therein, wherewith to wash. 31 And Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat; 32 when they went into the tent of meeting, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs. 33 And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of the gate of the court. So Mō'sĕs finished the work.

34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh filled the tabernacle. 35 And Mō'sĕs was not able to enter into the tent of meeting, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh filled the tabernacle. 36 And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl went onward, throughout all their journeys: 37 but if the cloud was not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. 38 For the cloud of Jĕ-hō'văh was upon the tabernacle by day, and there was fire therein by night, in the sight of all the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl, throughout all their journeys.

[1] Or, *set up*

THE THIRD BOOK OF MOSES,
COMMONLY CALLED
LEVITICUS

The Law of Burnt-offerings; of Meal-offerings

1 And Jĕ-hō'văh called unto Mō'sĕs, and spake unto him out of the tent of meeting, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Ĭs'-rā-ĕl, and say unto them, When any man of you offereth an oblation unto Jĕ-hō'văh, ye shall offer your oblation of the cattle, *even* of the herd and of the flock.

3 If his oblation be a burnt-offering of the herd, he shall offer it a male without blemish: he shall offer it at the door of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before Jĕ-hō'văh. 4 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the burnt-offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him. 5 And he shall kill the bullock before Jĕ-hō'văh: and Aâr'ŏn's sons, the priests, shall present the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is at the door of the tent of meeting. 6 And he shall flay the burnt-offering, and cut it into its pieces. 7 And the sons of Aâr'ŏn the priest shall put fire upon the altar, and lay wood in order upon the fire; 8 and Aâr'ŏn's sons, the priests, shall lay the pieces, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar: 9 but its inwards and its legs shall he wash with water. And the priest shall burn the whole on the altar, for a burnt-offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

10 And if his oblation be of the flock, of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt-offering; he shall offer it a male without blemish. 11 And he shall kill it on the side of the altar northward before Jĕ-hō'văh: and Aâr'ŏn's sons, the priests, shall sprinkle its blood upon the altar round about. 12 And he shall cut it into its pieces, with its head and its fat; and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar: 13 but the inwards and the legs shall he wash with water. And the priest shall offer the whole, and burn it upon the altar: it is a burnt-offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

14 And if his oblation to Jĕ-hō'-văh be a burnt-offering of birds, then he shall offer his oblation of turtle-doves, or of young pigeons. 15 And the priest shall bring it unto the altar, and [1]wring off its head, and burn it on the altar; and the blood thereof shall be drained out on the side of the altar; 16 and he shall take away its crop with the [2]filth thereof, and cast it beside the altar on the east part, in the place of the ashes: 17 and he shall rend it by the wings thereof, *but* shall not divide it asunder. And the priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that is upon the fire: it is a burnt-offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

2 And when any one offereth an oblation of a meal-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh, his oblation shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon: 2 and he shall bring it to Aâr'ŏn's sons the priests; and he shall take thereout his handful of the fine flour thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof. And the priest shall burn *it as* the memorial thereof upon the altar, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh: 3 and that which is left

[1] Or, *pinch* [2] Or, *feathers*

of the meal-offering shall be Aâr'ŏn's and his sons': it is a thing most holy of the offerings of Jĕhō'văh made by fire.

4 And when thou offerest an oblation of a meal-offering baken in the oven, it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil. 5 And if thy oblation be a meal-offering of the [1]baking-pan, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil. 6 Thou shalt part it in pieces, and pour oil thereon: it is a meal-offering. 7 And if thy oblation be a meal-offering of the frying-pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil. 8 And thou shalt bring the meal-offering that is made of these things unto Jĕhō'văh: and it shall be presented unto the priest, and he shall bring it unto the altar. 9 And the priest shall take up from the meal-offering the memorial thereof, and shall burn it upon the altar, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jĕhō'văh. 10 And that which is left of the meal-offering shall be Aâr'ŏn's and his sons': it is a thing most holy of the offerings of Jĕhō'văh made by fire.

11 No meal-offering, which ye shall offer unto Jĕhō'văh, shall be made with leaven; for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, as an offering made by fire unto Jĕhō'văh. 12 As an oblation of first-*fruits* ye shall offer them unto Jĕhō'văh: but they shall not come up for a sweet savor on the altar. 13 And every oblation of thy meal-offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meal-offering: with all thine oblations thou shalt offer salt.

14 And if thou offer a meal-offering of first-fruits unto Jĕhō'văh, thou shalt offer for the meal-offering of thy first-fruits grain in the ear parched with fire, bruised grain of the fresh ear. 15 And thou shalt put oil upon it, and lay frankincense thereon: it is a meal-offering. 16 And the priest shall burn the memorial of it, part of the bruised grain thereof, and part of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof: it is an offering made by fire unto Jĕhō'văh.

3 And if his oblation be a sacrifice of [2]peace-offerings; if he offer of the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before Jĕhō'văh. 2 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his oblation, and kill it at the door of the tent of meeting: and Aâr'ŏn's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about. 3 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of peace-offerings an offering made by fire unto Jĕhō'văh; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, 4 and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the caul upon the liver, [3]with the kidneys, shall he take away. 5 And Aâr'ŏn's sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt-offering, which is upon the wood that is on the fire: it is an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jĕhō'văh.

6 And if his oblation for a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto Jĕhō'văh be of the flock; male or female, he shall offer it without blemish. 7 If he offer a lamb for his oblation, then shall he offer it before Jĕhō'văh; 8 and he shall lay his hand upon the head of his oblation, and kill it before the tent of meeting: and Aâr'ŏn's sons shall sprinkle the blood thereof upon the altar round about. 9 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of peace-offerings an offering made by fire unto Jĕhō'văh; the fat thereof, the fat tail entire, he shall take away hard by the backbone; and the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, 10 and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the loins, and the caul upon the liver, with the kidneys, shall he take away.

[1] Or, *flat plate*

[2] Or, *thank-offerings* [3] Or, *which he shall take away by the kidneys*

11 And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: it is the [1]food of the offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

12 And if his oblation be a goat, then he shall offer it before Jĕ-hō'-văh: 13 and he shall lay his hand upon the head of it, and kill it before the tent of meeting; and the sons of Aâr'ŏn shall sprinkle the blood thereof upon the altar round about. 14 And he shall offer thereof his oblation, *even* an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, 15 and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the loins, and the caul upon the liver, with the kidneys, shall he take away. 16 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire, for a sweet savor; all the fat is Jĕ-hō'văh's. 17 It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings, that ye shall eat neither fat nor blood.

4 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, If any one shall sin [2]unwittingly, in any of the things which Jĕ-hō'văh hath commanded not to be done, and shall do any one of them: 3 if the anointed priest shall sin so as to bring guilt on the people, then let him offer for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto Jĕ-hō'văh for a sin-offering. 4 And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tent of meeting before Jĕ-hō'văh; and he shall lay his hand upon the head of the bullock, and kill the bullock before Jĕ-hō'văh. 5 And the anointed priest shall take of the blood of the bullock, and bring it to the tent of meeting: 6 and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before Jĕ-hō'văh, before the veil of the sanctuary. 7 And the priest shall put of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before Jĕ-hō'-văh, which is in the tent of meeting; and all the blood of the bullock shall he pour out at the base of the altar of burnt-offering, which is at the door of the tent of meeting. 8 And all the fat of the bullock of the sin-offering he shall take off from it; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, 9 and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the loins, and the caul upon the liver, with the kidneys, shall he take away, 10 as it is taken off from the ox of the sacrifice of peace-offerings: and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of burnt-offering. 11 And the skin of the bullock, and all its flesh, with its head, and with its legs, and its inwards, and its dung, 12 even the whole bullock shall he carry forth without the camp unto a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn it on wood with fire: where the ashes are poured out shall it be burnt.

13 And if the whole congregation of Ĭs'rā-ĕl err, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done any of the things which Jĕ-hō'văh hath commanded not to be done, and are guilty; 14 when the sin wherein they have sinned is known, then the assembly shall offer a young bullock for a sin-offering, and bring it before the tent of meeting. 15 And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before Jĕ-hō'văh; and the bullock shall be killed before Jĕ-hō'văh. 16 And the anointed priest shall bring of the blood of the bullock to the tent of meeting: 17 and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before Jĕ-hō'văh, before the veil. 18 And he shall put of the blood upon the horns of the altar which is before Jĕ-hō'văh, that is in the tent of meeting; and all the blood shall he pour out at the base of the altar of burnt-offering, which is at the door

[1] Heb. *bread* [2] Or, *through error*

of the tent of meeting. 19 And all the fat thereof shall he take off from it, and burn it upon the altar. 20 Thus shall he do with the bullock; as he did with the bullock of the sin-offering, so shall he do with this; and the priest shall make atonement for them, and they shall be forgiven. 21 And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn it as he burned the first bullock: it is the sin-offering for the assembly.

22 When a ruler sinneth, and doeth unwittingly any one of all the things which Jĕ-hō'văh his God hath commanded not to be done, and is guilty; 23 if his sin, wherein he hath sinned, be made known to him, he shall bring for his oblation a goat, a male without blemish. 24 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt-offering before Jĕ-hō'văh: it is a sin-offering. 25 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin-offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering; and the blood thereof shall he pour out at the base of the altar of burnt-offering. 26 And all the fat thereof shall he burn upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the priest shall make atonement for him as concerning his sin, and he shall be forgiven.

27 And if any one of the [1]common people sin unwittingly, in doing any of the things which Jĕ-hō'văh hath commanded not to be done, and be guilty; 28 if his sin, which he hath sinned, be made known to him, then he shall bring for his oblation a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned. 29 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and kill the sin-offering in the place of burnt-offering. 30 And the priest shall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering; and all the blood thereof shall he pour out at the base of the altar. 31 And all the fat thereof shall he take away, as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh; and the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be forgiven.

32 And if he bring a lamb as his oblation for a sin-offering, he shall bring it a female without blemish. 33 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and kill it for a sin-offering in the place where they kill the burnt-offering. 34 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin-offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering; and all the blood thereof shall he pour out at the base of the altar. 35 And all the fat thereof shall he take away, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn them on the altar, [2]upon the offerings of Jĕ-hō'văh made by fire; and the priest shall make atonement for him as touching his sin that he hath sinned, and he shall be forgiven.

5 And if any one sin, in that he heareth the voice of adjuration, he being a witness, whether he hath seen or known, if he do not utter *it*, then he shall bear his iniquity. 2 Or if any one touch any unclean thing, whether it be the carcass of an unclean beast, or the carcass of unclean cattle, or the carcass of unclean creeping things, and it be hidden from him, and he be unclean, then he shall be guilty. 3 Or if he touch the uncleanness of man, whatsoever his uncleanness be wherewith he is unclean, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty. 4 Or if any one swear rashly with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a man shall utter rashly with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then

[1] Heb. *people of the land*

[2] Or, *after the manner of*

he shall be guilty in one of these *things*. 5 And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these *things*, that he shall confess that wherein he hath sinned: 6 and he shall bring [1]his trespass-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat, for a sin-offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him as concerning his sin.

7 And if his means suffice not for a lamb, then he shall bring [1]his trespass-offering for that wherein he hath sinned, two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, unto Jĕ-hō'văh; one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering. 8 And he shall bring them unto the priest, who shall offer that which is for the sin-offering first, and [2]wring off its head from its neck, but shall not divide it asunder: 9 and he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin-offering upon the side of the altar; and the rest of the blood shall be drained out at the base of the altar: it is a sin-offering. 10 And he shall [3]offer the second for a burnt-offering, according to the ordinance; and the priest shall make atonement for him as concerning his sin which he hath sinned, and he shall be forgiven.

11 But if his means suffice not for two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, then he shall bring his oblation for that wherein he hath sinned, the tenth part of an ē'phāh of fine flour for a sin-offering: he shall put no oil upon it, neither shall he put any frankincense thereon; for it is a sin-offering. 12 And he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it as the memorial thereof, and burn it on the altar, [4]upon the offerings of Jĕ-hō'văh made by fire: it is a sin-offering. 13 And the priest shall make atonement for him as touching his sin that he hath sinned in any of these things, and he shall be forgiven: and *the remnant* shall be the priest's, as the meal-offering.

14 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 15 If any one commit a trespass, and sin unwittingly, in the holy things of Jĕ-hō'văh; then he shall bring his trespass-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh, a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to thy estimation in silver by shĕk'ĕls, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary, for a trespass-offering: 16 and he shall make restitution for that which he hath done amiss in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the priest; and the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering, and he shall be forgiven.

17 And if any one sin, and do any of the things which Jĕ-hō'văh hath commanded not to be done; though he knew it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity. 18 And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to thy estimation, for a trespass-offering, unto the priest; and the priest shall make atonement for him concerning the thing wherein he erred unwittingly and knew it not, and he shall be forgiven. 19 It is a trespass-offering: he is certainly guilty before Jĕ-hō'văh.

*6 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 If any one sin, and commit a trespass against Jĕ-hō'văh, and deal falsely with his neighbor in a matter of deposit, or of [5]bargain, or of robbery, or have oppressed his neighbor, 3 or have found that which was lost, and deal falsely therein, and swear to a lie; in any of all these things that a man doeth, sinning therein: 4 then it shall be, if he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took by robbery, or the thing which he hath gotten by oppression, or the deposit which was committed to him, or the lost thing which he found, 5 or any thing about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in full, and shall add the

[1] Or, *for his guilt* [2] Or, *pinch*
[3] Or, *prepare* [4] Or, *after the manner of*
* [Ch. 5.20 in Heb.] [5] Or, *pledge*

fifth part more thereto: unto him to whom it appertaineth shall he give it, in the day of his being found guilty. 6 And he shall bring his trespass-offering unto Jĕ-hō'-văh, a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to thy estimation, for a trespass-offering, unto the priest: 7 and the priest shall make atonement for him before Jĕ-hō'văh; and he shall be forgiven concerning whatsoever he doeth so as to be guilty thereby.

*8 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 9 Command Aär'-ŏn and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt-offering: the burnt-offering shall be [1]on the hearth upon the altar all night unto the morning; and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning thereon. 10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh; and he shall take up the ashes whereto the fire hath consumed the burnt-offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. 11 And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place. 12 And the fire upon the altar shall be kept burning thereon, it shall not go out; and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning; and he shall lay the burnt-offering in order upon it, and shall burn thereon the fat of the peace-offerings. 13 Fire shall be kept burning upon the altar continually; it shall not go out.

14 And this is the law of the meal-offering: the sons of Aär'ŏn shall offer it before Jĕ-hō'văh, before the altar. 15 And he shall take up therefrom his handful, of the fine flour of the meal-offering, and of the oil thereof, and all the frankincense which is upon the meal-offering, and shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savor, as the memorial thereof, unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 16 And that which is left thereof shall Aär'ŏn and his sons eat: it shall be eaten without leaven in a holy place; in the court of the tent of meeting they shall eat it. 17 It shall not be baken with leaven. I have given it as their portion of my offerings made by fire; it is most holy, as the sin-offering, and as the trespass-offering. 18 Every male among the children of Aär'ŏn shall eat of it, as *his* portion for ever throughout your generations, from the offerings of Jĕ-hō'văh made by fire: whosoever toucheth them shall be holy.

19 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 20 This is the oblation of Aär'ŏn and of his sons, which they shall offer unto Jĕ-hō'-văh in the day when he is anointed: the tenth part of an ē'phäh of fine flour for a meal-offering perpetually, half of it in the morning, and half thereof in the evening. 21 On a baking-pan it shall be made with oil; when it is soaked, thou shalt bring it in: in [2]baken pieces shalt thou offer the meal-offering for a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 22 And the anointed priest that shall be in his stead from among his sons shall offer it: by a statute for ever it shall be wholly burnt unto Jĕ-hō'-văh. 23 And every meal-offering of the priest shall be wholly burnt: it shall not be eaten.

24 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 25 Speak unto Aär'ŏn and to his sons, saying, This is the law of the sin-offering: in the place where the burnt-offering is killed shall the sin-offering be killed before Jĕ-hō'văh: it is most holy. 26 The priest that offereth it for sin shall eat it: in a holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tent of meeting. 27 [3]Whatsoever shall touch the flesh thereof shall be holy; and when there is sprinkled of the blood thereof upon any garment, thou shalt wash that whereon it was sprinkled in a holy place. 28 But the earthen vessel wherein it is boiled shall be broken; and if

*[Ch. 6.1 in Heb.] [1] Or, *on its firewood* [2] The meaning of the Hebrew word is uncertain [3] Or, *Whosoever*

it be boiled in a brazen vessel, it shall be scoured, and rinsed in water. 29 Every male among the priests shall eat thereof: it is most holy. 30 And no sin-offering, whereof any of the blood is brought into the tent of meeting to make atonement in the holy place, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt with fire.

7 And this is the law of the trespass-offering: it is most holy. 2 In the place where they kill the burnt-offering shall they kill the trespass-offering; and the blood thereof shall he sprinkle upon the altar round about. 3 And he shall offer of it all the fat thereof: the fat tail, and the fat that covereth the inwards, 4 and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the caul upon the liver, with the kidneys, shall he take away; 5 and the priest shall burn them upon the altar for an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh: it is a trespass-offering. 6 Every male among the priests shall eat thereof: it shall be eaten in a holy place: it is most holy. 7 As is the sin-offering, so is the trespass-offering; there is one law for them: the priest that maketh atonement therewith, he shall have it. 8 And the priest that offereth any man's burnt-offering, even the priest shall have to himself the skin of the burnt-offering which he hath offered. 9 And every meal-offering that is baken in the oven, and all that is dressed in the frying-pan, and on the baking-pan, shall be the priest's that offereth it. 10 And every meal-offering, mingled with oil, or dry, shall all the sons of Aăr'ŏn have, one as well as another.

11 And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which one shall offer unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 12 If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour soaked. 13 With cakes of leavened bread he shall offer his oblation with the sacrifice of his peace-offerings for thanksgiving. 14 And of it he shall offer one out of each oblation for a heave-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh; it shall be the priest's that sprinkleth the blood of the peace-offerings.

15 And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten on the day of his oblation; he shall not leave any of it until the morning. 16 But if the sacrifice of his oblation be a vow, or a freewill-offering, it shall be eaten on the day that he offereth his sacrifice; and on the morrow that which remaineth of it shall be eaten: 17 but that which remaineth of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burnt with fire. 18 And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings be eaten on the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed unto him that offereth it: it shall be an abomination, and the soul that eateth of it shall bear his iniquity.

19 And the flesh that toucheth any unclean thing shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire. And as for the flesh, every one that is clean shall eat thereof: 20 but the soul that eateth of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, that pertain unto Jĕ-hō'văh, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from his people. 21 And when any one shall touch any unclean thing, the uncleanness of man, or an unclean beast, or any unclean abomination, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which pertain unto Jĕ-hō'văh, that soul shall be cut off from his people.

22 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 23 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl, saying, Ye shall eat no fat, of ox, or sheep, or goat. 24 And the fat of that which dieth of itself, and the fat of that which is torn of beasts may be used for any other service;

but ye shall in no wise eat of it.
25 For whosoever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh, even the soul that eateth it shall be cut off from his people.
26 And ye shall eat no manner of blood, whether it be of bird or of beast, in any of your dwellings.
27 Whosoever it be that eateth any blood, that soul shall be cut off from his people.
28 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 29 Speak unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, He that offereth the sacrifice of his peace-offerings unto Jĕ-hō'văh shall bring his oblation unto Jĕ-hō'văh out of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings: 30 his own hands shall bring the offerings of Jĕ-hō'văh made by fire; the fat with the breast shall he bring, that the breast may be waved for a wave-offering before Jĕ-hō'văh.
31 And the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar; but the breast shall be Aâr'ŏn's and his sons'.
32 And the right [1]thigh shall ye give unto the priest for a heave-offering out of the sacrifices of your peace-offerings.
33 He among the sons of Aâr'ŏn that offereth the blood of the peace-offerings, and the fat, shall have the right [1]thigh for a portion.
34 For the wave-breast and the heave-[1]thigh have I taken of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl out of the sacrifices of their peace-offerings, and have given them unto Aâr'ŏn the priest and unto his sons as *their* portion for ever from the children of Ĭs'-rā-ĕl.
35 This is the [2]anointing-portion of Aâr'ŏn, and the anointing-portion of his sons, out of the offerings of Jĕ-hō'văh made by fire, in the day when he presented them to minister unto Jĕ-hō'văh in the priest's office;
36 which Jĕ-hō'văh commanded to be given them of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, in the day that he anointed them. It is *their* portion for ever throughout their generations.
37 This is the law of the burnt-offering, of the meal-offering, and of the sin-offering, and of the trespass-offering, and of the consecration, and of the sacrifice of peace-offerings;
38 which Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs in mount Sĭ'năi, in the day that he commanded the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl to offer their oblations unto Jĕ-hō'văh, in the wilderness of Sĭ'năi.

8 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Take Aâr'ŏn and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and the bullock of the sin-offering, and the two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread;
3 and assemble thou all the congregation at the door of the tent of meeting.
4 And Mō'sĕs did as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded him; and the congregation was assembled at the door of the tent of meeting.
5 And Mō'sĕs said unto the congregation, This is the thing which Jĕ-hō'văh hath commanded to be done.
6 And Mō'sĕs brought Aâr'ŏn and his sons, and washed them with water.
7 And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ĕph'ŏd upon him, and he girded him with the skilfully woven band of the ĕph'-ŏd, and bound it unto him therewith.
8 And he placed the breastplate upon him: and in the breastplate he put [3]the Ū'rĭm and the Thŭm'mĭm.
9 And he set the [4]mitre upon his head; and upon the [4]mitre, in front, did he set the golden plate, the holy crown; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.
10 And Mō'sĕs took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them.
11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its vessels, and the laver and its base, to sanctify them.
12 And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aâr'ŏn's head,

[1] Or, *shoulder*
[2] Or, *portion*
[3] That is, *the Lights and the Perfections*
[4] Or, *turban*

and anointed him, to sanctify him. 13 And Mō'sĕs brought Aâr'ŏn's sons, and clothed them with coats, and girded them with girdles, and bound head-tires upon them; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

14 And he brought the bullock of the sin-offering: and Aâr'ŏn and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock of the sin-offering. 15 And he slew it; and Mō'sĕs took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured out the blood at the base of the altar, and sanctified it, to make atonement for it. 16 And he took all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul of the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat; and Mō'sĕs burned it upon the altar. 17 But the bullock, and its skin, and its flesh, and its dung, he burnt with fire without the camp; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

18 And he presented the ram of the burnt-offering: and Aâr'ŏn and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram. 19 And he killed it; and Mō'sĕs sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about. 20 And he cut the ram into its pieces; and Mō'sĕs burnt the head, and the pieces, and the fat. 21 And he washed the inwards and the legs with water; and Mō'sĕs burnt the whole ram upon the altar: it was a burnt-offering for a sweet savor: it was an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

22 And he presented the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aâr'ŏn and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram. 23 And he slew it; and Mō'sĕs took of the blood thereof, and put it upon the tip of Aâr'ŏn's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot. 24 And he brought Aâr'ŏn's sons; and Mō'sĕs put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot: and Mō'sĕs sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about. 25 And he took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul of the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right [1]thigh: 26 and out of the basket of unleavened bread, that was before Jĕ-hō'văh, he took one unleavened cake, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and placed them on the fat, and upon the right thigh: 27 and he put the whole upon the hands of Aâr'ŏn, and upon the hands of his sons, and waved them for a wave-offering before Jĕ-hō'văh. 28 And Mō'sĕs took them from off their hands, and burnt them on the altar upon the burnt-offering: they were a consecration for a sweet savor: it was an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 29 And Mō'sĕs took the breast, and waved it for a wave-offering before Jĕ-hō'văh: it was Mō'sĕs' portion of the ram of consecration; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

30 And Mō'sĕs took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon Aâr'ŏn, upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him, and sanctified Aâr'ŏn, his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

31 And Mō'sĕs said unto Aâr'ŏn and to his sons, Boil the flesh at the door of the tent of meeting: and there eat it and the bread that is in the basket of consecration, [2]as I commanded, saying, Aâr'ŏn and his sons shall eat it. 32 And that which remaineth of the flesh and of the bread shall ye burn with fire. 33 And ye shall not go out from the door of the tent of meeting seven days, until the days of your consecration be fulfilled: for he shall [3]consecrate you seven days. 34 As hath been done this day, so Jĕ-hō'văh hath

[1] Or, *shoulder* [2] Or, as otherwise read, *as I am commanded* [3] Heb. *fill your hand*

commanded to do, to make atonement for you. 35 And at the door of the tent of meeting shall ye abide day and night seven days, and keep the charge of Jĕ-hō'vāh, that ye die not: for so I am commanded. 36 And Aär'ŏn and his sons did all the things which Jĕ-hō'vāh commanded by Mō'sēs.

9 And it came to pass on the eighth day, that Mō'sēs called Aär'ŏn and his sons, and the elders of ĭs'rā-ĕl; 2 and he said unto Aär'ŏn, Take thee a calf of the herd for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering, without blemish, and offer them before Jĕ-hō'vāh. 3 And unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl thou shalt speak, saying, Take ye a he-goat for a sin-offering; and a calf and a lamb, both a year old, without blemish, for a burnt-offering; 4 and an ox and a ram for peace-offerings, to sacrifice before Jĕ-hō'vāh; and a meal-offering mingled with oil: for to-day Jĕ-hō'vāh appeareth unto you. 5 And they brought that which Mō'sēs commanded before the tent of meeting: and all the congregation drew near and stood before Jĕ-hō'vāh. 6 And Mō'sēs said, This is the thing which Jĕ-hō'vāh commanded that ye should do: and the glory of Jĕ-hō'vāh shall appear unto you. 7 And Mō'sēs said unto Aär'ŏn, Draw near unto the altar, and offer thy sin-offering, and thy burnt-offering, and make atonement for thyself, and for the people; and offer the oblation of the people, and make atonement for them; as Jĕ-hō'vāh commanded.

8 So Aär'ŏn drew near unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin-offering, which was for himself. 9 And the sons of Aär'ŏn presented the blood unto him; and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the base of the altar: 10 but the fat, and the kidneys, and the caul from the liver of the sin-offering, he burnt upon the altar; as Jĕ-hō'vāh commanded Mō'sēs. 11 And the flesh and the skin he burnt with fire without the camp.

12 And he slew the burnt-offering; and Aär'ŏn's sons delivered unto him the blood, and he sprinkled it upon the altar round about. 13 And they delivered the burnt-offering unto him, piece by piece, and the head: and he burnt them upon the altar. 14 And he washed the inwards and the legs, and burnt them upon the burnt-offering on the altar.

15 And he presented the people's oblation, and took the goat of the sin-offering which was for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin, as the first. 16 And he presented the burnt-offering, and offered it according to the ordinance. 17 And he presented the meal-offering, and filled his hand therefrom, and burnt it upon the altar, besides the burnt-offering of the morning.

18 He slew also the ox and the ram, the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which was for the people: and Aär'ŏn's sons delivered unto him the blood, which he sprinkled upon the altar round about, 19 and the fat of the ox and of the ram, the fat tail, and that which covereth *the inwards*, and the kidneys, and the caul of the liver: 20 and they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar: 21 and the breasts and the right thigh Aär'ŏn waved for a wave-offering before Jĕ-hō'vāh; as Mō'sēs commanded.

22 And Aär'ŏn lifted up his hands toward the people, and blessed them; and he came down from offering the sin-offering, and the burnt-offering, and the peace-offerings. 23 And Mō'sēs and Aär'ŏn went into the tent of meeting, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of Jĕ-hō'vāh appeared unto all the people. 24 And there came forth fire from before Jĕ-hō'vāh, and consumed upon the altar the burnt-offering and the fat: and when all the people saw it, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

10 And Nā'dăb and Ā-bī'hū, the sons of Aâr'ŏn, took each of them his censer, and put fire therein, and laid incense thereon, and offered strange fire before Jĕ-hō'văh, which he had not commanded them. 2 And there came forth fire from before Jĕ-hō'văh, and devoured them, and they died before Jĕ-hō'văh. 3 Then Mō'sĕs said unto Aâr'ŏn, This is it that Jĕ-hō'văh spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that [1]come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aâr'ŏn held his peace. 4 And Mō'sĕs called Mĭsh'ā-ĕl and Ĕl'zā-phăn, the sons of Uz-zī'ĕl the uncle of Aâr'ŏn, and said unto them, Draw near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp. 5 So they drew near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp, as Mō'sĕs had said. 6 And Mō'sĕs said unto Aâr'ŏn, and unto Ē-lē-ā'zär and unto Ĭth'ā-mär, his sons, [2]Let not the hair of your heads go loose, neither rend your clothes; that ye die not, and that he be not wroth with all the congregation: but let your brethren, the whole house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, bewail the burning which Jĕ-hō'văh hath kindled. 7 And ye shall not go out from the door of the tent of meeting, lest ye die; for the anointing oil of Jĕ-hō'văh is upon you. And they did according to the word of Mō'sĕs.

8 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Aâr'ŏn, saying, 9 Drink no wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tent of meeting, that ye die not: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations: 10 and [3]that ye may make a distinction between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean; 11 and [3]that ye may teach the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl all the statutes which Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken unto them by Mō'sĕs.

12 And Mō'sĕs spake unto Aâr'ŏn, and unto Ē-lē-ā'zär and unto Ĭth'ā-mär, his sons that were left, Take the meal-offering that remaineth of the offerings of Jĕ-hō'văh made by fire, and eat it without leaven beside the altar; for it is most holy; 13 and ye shall eat it in a holy place, because it is thy portion, and thy sons' portion, of the offerings of Jĕ-hō'văh made by fire: for so I am commanded. 14 And the wave-breast and the heave-thigh shall ye eat in a clean place, thou, and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee: for they are given as thy portion, and thy sons' portion, out of the sacrifices of the peace-offerings of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 15 The heave-thigh and the wave-breast shall they bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave it for a wave-offering before Jĕ-hō'văh: and it shall be thine, and thy sons' with thee, as a portion for ever; as Jĕ-hō'văh hath commanded.

16 And Mō'sĕs diligently sought the goat of the sin-offering, and, behold, it was burnt: and he was angry with Ē-lē-ā'zär and with Ĭth'ā-mär, the sons of Aâr'ŏn that were left, saying, 17 Wherefore have ye not eaten the sin-offering in the place of the sanctuary, seeing it is most holy, and he hath given it you [4]to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before Jĕ-hō'văh? 18 Behold, the blood of it was not brought into the sanctuary within: ye should certainly have eaten it in the sanctuary, as I commanded. 19 And Aâr'ŏn spake unto Mō'sĕs, Behold, this day have they offered their sin-offering and their burnt-offering before Jĕ-hō'văh; and there have befallen me such things as these: and if I had eaten the sin-offering to-day, would it have been well-pleasing in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh? 20 And when Mō'sĕs heard *that*, it was well-pleasing in his sight.

11 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs and to Aâr'ŏn, saying

[1] Or, *are nigh* [2] Acc. to Sept., Vulg., and Syr., *Uncover not your heads* [3] Or, *ye shall* [4] Or, *to take away*

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unto them, 2 Speak unto the children of Is'ra-el, saying, These are the living things which ye may eat among all the beasts that are on the earth. 3 Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, *and* [1]cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that may ye eat. 4 Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that part the hoof: the camel, because he [2]cheweth the cud but parteth not the hoof, he is unclean unto you. 5 And the [2]coney, because he [1]cheweth the cud but parteth not the hoof, he is unclean unto you. 6 And the hare, because she [1]cheweth the cud but parteth not the hoof, she is unclean unto you. 7 And the swine, because he parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, but [1]cheweth not the cud, he is unclean unto you. 8 Of their flesh ye shall not eat, and their carcasses ye shall not touch; they are unclean unto you.

9 These may ye eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, that may ye eat. 10 And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of all the living creatures that are in the waters, they are an abomination unto you, 11 and they shall be an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, and their carcasses ye shall have in abomination. 12 Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that is an abomination unto you.

13 And these ye shall have in abomination among the birds; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the [3]eagle, and the gier-eagle, and the ospray, 14 and the kite, and the falcon after its kind, 15 every raven after its kind, 16 and the ostrich, and the [4]night-hawk, and the sea-mew, and the hawk after its kind, 17 and the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl, 18 and the [5]horned owl, and the pelican, and the vulture, 19 and the stork, the [6]heron after its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat.

20 All winged creeping things that go upon all fours are an abomination unto you. 21 Yet these may ye eat of all winged creeping things that go upon all fours, which have legs above their feet, wherewith to leap upon the earth; 22 even these of them ye may eat: the [7]locust after its kind, and the [7]bald locust after its kind, and the [7]cricket after its kind, and the [7]grasshopper after its kind. 23 But all winged creeping things, which have four feet, are an abomination unto you.

24 And by these ye shall become unclean: whosoever toucheth the carcass of them shall be unclean until the even; 25 and whosoever beareth *aught* of the carcass of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even. 26 Every beast which parteth the hoof, and is not clovenfooted, nor cheweth the cud, is unclean unto you: every one that toucheth them shall be unclean. 27 And whatsoever goeth upon its paws, among all beasts that go on all fours, they are unclean unto you: whoso toucheth their carcass shall be unclean until the even. 28 And he that beareth the carcass of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: they are unclean unto you.

29 And these are they which are unclean unto you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth: the weasel, and the mouse, and the great lizard after its kind, 30 and the [8]gecko, and the [8]land-crocodile, and the [8]lizard, and the [8]sand-lizard, and the chameleon. 31 These are they which are unclean to you among all that creep: whosoever doth touch them, when they are dead, shall be unclean until the even. 32 And upon

[1] Heb. *bringeth up* [2] Heb. *shaphan*, the *Hyrax Syriacus* or *rock-badger* [3] Or, *great vulture* [4] Heb. *tahmas*, of uncertain meaning [5] Or, *swan* [6] Or, *ibis* [7] Four kinds of locusts or grasshoppers, which are not certainly known. [8] Words of uncertain meaning, but probably denoting four kinds of lizards

whatsoever any of them, when they are dead, doth fall, it shall be unclean; whether it be any vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or sack, whatsoever vessel it be, wherewith any work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the even; then shall it be clean. 33 And every earthen vessel, whereinto any of them falleth, whatsoever is in it shall be unclean, and it ye shall break. 34 All food *thereín* which may be eaten, that on which water cometh, shall be unclean; and all drink that may be drunk in every *such* vessel shall be unclean. 35 And everything whereupon *any part* of their carcass falleth shall be unclean; whether oven, or [1]range for pots, it shall be broken in pieces: they are unclean, and shall be unclean unto you. 36 Nevertheless a fountain or a [2]pit wherein is a gathering of water shall be clean: but [3]that which toucheth their carcass shall be unclean. 37 And if *aught* of their carcass fall upon any sowing seed which is to be sown, it is clean. 38 But if water be put upon the seed, and *aught* of their carcass fall thereon, it is unclean unto you.

39 And if any beast, of which ye may eat, die; he that toucheth the carcass thereof shall be unclean until the even. 40 And he that eateth of the carcass of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: he also that beareth the carcass of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

41 And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth is an abomination; it shall not be eaten. 42 Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all fours, or whatsoever hath many feet, even all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they are an abomination. 43 Ye shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ye make yourselves unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby. 44 For I am Jĕ-hō'vāh your God: sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that moveth upon the earth. 45 For I am Jĕ-hō'vāh that brought you up out of the land of Ĕ'gўpt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

46 This is the law of the beast, and of the bird, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth; 47 to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the living thing that may be eaten and the living thing that may not be eaten.

12 And Jĕ-hō'vāh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, If a woman conceive seed, and bear a man-child, then she shall be unclean seven days; as in the days of the [4]impurity of her sickness shall she be unclean. 3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. 4 And she shall continue in the blood of *her* purifying three and thirty days; she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled. 5 But if she bear a maid-child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her [4]impurity; and she shall continue in the blood of *her* purifying threescore and six days.

6 And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb a year old for a burnt-offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtle-dove, for a sin-offering, unto the door of the tent of meeting, unto the priest: 7 and he shall offer it before Jĕ-hō'vāh, and make atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the fountain of her blood. This is the law for her that beareth, whether a male or a female. 8 And if her means suffice

[1] Or, *stewpan* [2] Or, *cistern* [3] Or, *he who*
[4] Or, *separation*

not for a lamb, then she shall take two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons; the one for a burnt-offering, and the other for a sin-offering: and the priest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

13 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs and unto Aâr'ŏn, saying, 2 When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a rising, or a scab, or a bright spot, and it become in the skin of his flesh the plague of leprosy, then he shall be brought unto Aâr'ŏn the priest, or unto one of his sons the priests: 3 and the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh: and if the hair in the plague be turned white, and the appearance of the plague be deeper than the skin of his flesh, it is the plague of leprosy; and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean. 4 And if the bright spot be white in the skin of his flesh, and the appearance thereof be not deeper than the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned white, then the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the plague seven days: 5 and the priest shall look on him the seventh day: and, behold, if in his eyes the plague be at a stay, and the plague be not spread in the skin, then the priest shall shut him up seven days more: 6 and the priest shall look on him again the seventh day; and, behold, if the plague be dim, and the plague be not spread in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean: it is a scab: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean. 7 But if the scab spread abroad in the skin, after that he hath showed himself to the priest for his cleansing, he shall show himself to the priest again: 8 and the priest shall look; and, behold, if the scab be spread in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is leprosy.

9 When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought unto the priest; 10 and the priest shall look; and, behold, if there be a white rising in the skin, and it have turned the hair white, and there be quick raw flesh in the rising, 11 it is an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean: he shall not shut him up; for he is unclean. 12 And if the leprosy break out abroad in the skin, and the leprosy cover all the skin of *him that hath* the plague from his head even to his feet, as far as appeareth to the priest; 13 then the priest shall look; and, behold, if the leprosy have covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce *him* clean *that hath* the plague: it is all turned white: he is clean. 14 But whensoever raw flesh appeareth in him, he shall be unclean.. 15 And the priest shall look on the raw flesh, and pronounce him unclean: the raw flesh is unclean: it is leprosy. 16 Or if the raw flesh turn again, and be changed unto white, then he shall come unto the priest; 17 and the priest shall look on him; and, behold, if the plague be turned into white, then the priest shall pronounce *him* clean *that hath* the plague: he is clean.

18 And when the flesh hath in the skin thereof a boil, and it is healed, 19 and in the place of the boil there is a white rising, or a bright spot, reddish-white, then it shall be showed to the priest; 20 and the priest shall look; and, behold, if the appearance thereof be lower than the skin, and the hair thereof be turned white, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy, it hath broken out in the boil. 21 But if the priest look on it, and, behold, there be no white hairs therein, and it be not lower than the skin, but be dim; then the priest shall shut him up seven days: 22 and if it spread abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a plague. 23 But if the bright spot stay in its place, and be not spread, it is the scar of the boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

24 Or when the flesh hath in

the skin thereof a burning by fire, and the quick *flesh* of the burning become a bright spot, reddish-white, or white; 25 then the priest shall look upon it; and, behold, if the hair in the bright spot be turned white, and the appearance thereof be deeper than the skin; it is leprosy, it hath broken out in the burning: and the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy. 26 But if the priest look on it, and, behold, there be no white hair in the bright spot, and it be no lower than the skin, but be dim; then the priest shall shut him up seven days: 27 and the priest shall look upon him the seventh day: if it spread abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy. 28 And if the bright spot stay in its place, and be not spread in the skin, but be dim; it is the rising of the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him clean: for it is the scar of the burning.

29 And when a man or woman hath a plague upon the head or upon the beard, 30 then the priest shall look on the plague; and, behold, if the appearance thereof be deeper than the skin, and there be in it yellow thin hair, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a scall, it is leprosy of the head or of the beard. 31 And if the priest look on the plague of the scall, and, behold, the appearance thereof be not deeper than the skin, and there be no black hair in it, then the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the plague of the scall seven days: 32 and in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague; and, behold, if the scall be not spread, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the appearance of the scall be not deeper than the skin, 33 then he shall be shaven, but the scall shall he not shave; and the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the scall seven days more: 34 and in the seventh day the priest shall look on the scall; and, behold, if the scall be not spread in the skin, and the appearance thereof be not deeper than the skin; then the priest shall pronounce him clean: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean. 35 But if the scall spread abroad in the skin after his cleansing, 36 then the priest shall look on him; and, behold, if the scall be spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for the yellow hair; he is unclean. 37 But if in his eyes the scall be at a stay, and black hair be grown up therein; the scall is healed, he is clean: and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

38 And when a man or a woman hath in the skin of the flesh bright spots, even white bright spots; 39 then the priest shall look; and, behold, if the bright spots in the skin of their flesh be of a dull white, it is a tetter, it hath broken out in the skin; he is clean.

40 And if a man's hair be fallen off his head, he is bald; *yet* is he clean. 41 And if his hair be fallen off from the front part of his head, he is forehead bald; *yet* is he clean. 42 But if there be in the bald head, or the bald forehead, a reddish-white plague; it is leprosy breaking out in his bald head, or his bald forehead. 43 Then the priest shall look upon him; and, behold, if the rising of the plague be reddish-white in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the appearance of leprosy in the skin of the flesh; 44 he is a leprous man, he is unclean: the priest shall surely pronounce him unclean; his plague is in his head.

45 And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and the hair of his head shall go loose, and he shall cover his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean. 46 All the days wherein the plague is in him he shall be unclean; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his dwelling be.

47 The garment also that the plague of leprosy is in, whether it be a woollen garment, or a linen garment; 48 whether it be in

warp, or woof; of linen, or of woollen; whether in a skin, or in anything made of skin; 49 if the plague be greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it is the plague of leprosy, and shall be showed unto the priest. 50 And the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut up *that which hath* the plague seven days: 51 and he shall look on the plague on the seventh day: if the plague be spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in the skin, whatever service skin is used for; the plague is a fretting leprosy; it is unclean. 52 And he shall burn the garment, whether the warp or the woof, in woolen or in linen, or anything of skin, wherein the plague is: for it is a fretting leprosy; it shall be burnt in the fire.

53 And if the priest shall look, and, behold, the plague be not spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of skin; 54 then the priest shall command that they wash the thing wherein the plague is, and he shall shut it up seven days more: 55 and the priest shall look, after that the plague is washed; and, behold, if the plague have not changed its color, and the plague be not spread, it is unclean; thou shalt burn it in the fire: it is a fret, whether the bareness be within or without.

56 And if the priest look, and, behold, the plague be dim after the washing thereof, then he shall rend it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof: 57 and if it appear still in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin, it is breaking out: thou shalt burn that wherein the plague is with fire. 58 And the garment, either the warp, or the woof, or whatsoever thing of skin it be, which thou shalt wash, if the plague be departed from them, then it shall be washed the second time, and shall be clean.

59 This is the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of woollen or linen, either in the warp, or the woof, or anything of skin, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

14 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: he shall be brought unto the priest: 3 and the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look; and, behold, if the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper, 4 then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two living clean birds, and cedar-wood, and scarlet, and hyssop: 5 and the priest shall command to kill one of the birds in an earthen vessel over [3]running water. 6 As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar-wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the [3]running water: 7 and he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let go the living bird into the open field. 8 And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and bathe himself in water; and he shall be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, but shall dwell outside his tent seven days. 9 And it shall be on the seventh day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and he shall be clean.

10 And on the eighth day he shall take two he-lambs without blemish, and one ewe-lamb a year old without blemish, and three tenth parts *of an e'phah* of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, and one lŏg of oil. 11 And the

[1] Or, *woven or knitted stuff* (and in ver. 49, etc.). [2] Heb. whether *it* be *bald in the head thereof, or in the forehead thereof*

[3] Heb. *living*

priest that cleanseth him shall set the man that is to be cleansed, and those things, before Jĕ-hō'văh, at the door of the tent of meeting. 12 And the priest shall take one of the he-lambs, and offer him for a trespass-offering, and the lŏg of oil, and wave them for a wave-offering before Jĕ-hō'văh: 13 and he shall kill the he-lamb in the place where they kill the sin-offering and the burnt-offering, in the place of the sanctuary: for as the sin-offering is the priest's, so is the trespass-offering: it is most holy. 14 And the priest shall take of the blood of the trespass-offering, and the priest shall put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot. 15 And the priest shall take of the lŏg of oil, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand; 16 and the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before Jĕ-hō'-văh. 17 And of the rest of the oil that is in his hand shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the tres-pass-offering: 18 and the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put upon the head of him that is to be cleansed: and the priest shall make atonement for him before Jĕ-hō'văh. 19 And the priest shall offer the sin-offering, and make atonement for him that is to be cleansed because of his uncleanness: and afterward he shall kill the burnt-offering; 20 and the priest shall offer the burnt-offering and the meal-offering upon the altar: and the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

21 And if he be poor, and cannot get so much, then he shall take one he-lamb for a trespass-offering to be waved, to make atonement for him, and one tenth part *of an e'phah* of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering, and a lŏg of oil; 22 and two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get; and the one shall be a sin-offering, and the other a burnt-offering. 23 And on the eighth day he shall bring them for his cleansing unto the priest, unto the door of the tent of meeting, before Jĕ-hō'văh: 24 and the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass-offering, and the lŏg of oil, and the priest shall wave them for a wave-offering before Jĕ-hō'văh. 25 And he shall kill the lamb of the trespass-offering; and the priest shall take of the blood of the trespass-offering, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot. 26 And the priest shall pour of the oil into the palm of his own left hand; 27 and the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before Jĕ-hō'văh: 28 and the priest shall put of the oil that is in his hand upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the place of the blood of the trespass-offering: 29 and the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put upon the head of him that is to be cleansed, to make atonement for him before Jĕ-hō'văh. 30 And he shall offer one of the turtle-doves, or of the young pigeons, such as he is able to get, 31 even such as he is able to get, the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, with the meal-offering: and the priest shall make atonement for him that is to be cleansed before Jĕ-hō'văh. 32 This is the law of him in whom is the plague of leprosy, who is not able to get *that which pertaineth* to his cleansing.

33 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs and unto Aâr'ŏn, saying, 34 When ye are come into the land

of Cā′năan, which I give to you for a possession, and I put the plague of leprosy in a house of the land of your possession; 35 then he that owneth the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, There seemeth to me to be as it were a plague in the house. 36 And the priest shall command that they empty the house, before the priest goeth in to see the plague, that all that is in the house be not made unclean: and afterward the priest shall go in to see the house: 37 and he shall look on the plague; and, behold, if the plague be in the walls of the house with hollow streaks, greenish or reddish, and the appearance thereof be lower than the wall; 38 then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days. 39 And the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look; and, behold, if the plague be spread in the walls of the house; 40 then the priest shall command that they take out the stones in which the plague is, and cast them into an unclean place without the city: 41 and he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the mortar, that they scrape off, without the city into an unclean place: 42 and they shall take other stones, and put them in the place of those stones; and he shall take other mortar, and shall plaster the house.

43 And if the plague come again, and break out in the house, after that he hath taken out the stones, and after he hath scraped the house, and after it is plastered; 44 then the priest shall come in and look; and, behold, if the plague be spread in the house, it is a fretting leprosy in the house: it is unclean. 45 And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the mortar of the house; and he shall carry them forth out of the city into an unclean place. 46 Moreover he that goeth into the house all the while that it is shut up shall be unclean until the even. 47 And he that lieth in the house shall wash his clothes; and he that eateth in the house shall wash his clothes.

48 And if the priest shall come in, and look, and, behold, the plague hath not spread in the house, after the house was plastered; then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed. 49 And he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar-wood, and scarlet, and hyssop: 50 and he shall kill one of the birds in an earthen vessel over [1]running water: 51 and he shall take the cedar-wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the [1]running water, and sprinkle the house seven times: 52 and he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the [1]running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar-wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet: 53 but he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open field: so shall he make atonement for the house; and it shall be clean.

54 This is the law for all manner of plague of leprosy, and for a scall, 55 and for the leprosy of a garment, and for a house, 56 and for a rising, and for a scab, and for a bright spot; 57 to teach when it is unclean, and when it is clean: this is the law of leprosy.

15 And Jĕ-hō′văh spake unto Mō′sĕs and to Aär′ŏn, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl, and say unto them, When any man hath an issue out of his flesh, because of his issue he is unclean. 3 And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his flesh run with his issue, or his flesh be stopped from his issue, it is his uncleanness. 4 Every bed whereon he that hath the issue lieth shall be unclean; and everything whereon he sitteth shall be unclean. 5 And whosoever toucheth his bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be

[1] Heb. *living*

unclean until the even. 6 And he that sitteth on anything whereon he that hath the issue sat shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. 7 And he that toucheth the flesh of him that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. 8 And if he that hath the issue spit upon him that is clean, then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. 9 And what [1]saddle soever he that hath the issue rideth upon shall be unclean. 10 And whosoever toucheth anything that was under him shall be unclean until the even: and he that beareth those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. 11 And whomsoever he that hath the issue toucheth, without having rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. 12 And the earthen vessel, which he that hath the issue toucheth, shall be broken; and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.

13 And when he that hath an issue is cleansed of his issue, then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes; and he shall bathe his flesh in [2]running water, and shall be clean. 14 And on the eighth day he shall take to him two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, and come before Jĕ-hō'vāh unto the door of the tent of meeting, and give them unto the priest: 15 and the priest shall offer them, the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him before Jĕ-hō'vāh for his issue.

16 And if any man's seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall bathe all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the even. 17 And every garment, and every skin, whereon is the seed of copulation, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the even. 18 The woman also with whom a man shall lie with seed of copulation, they shall both bathe themselves in water, and be unclean until the even.

19 And if a woman have an issue, *and* her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be in her [3]impurity seven days: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even. 20 And everything that she lieth upon in her [3]impurity shall be unclean: everything also that she sitteth upon shall be unclean. 21 And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. 22 And whosoever toucheth anything that she sitteth upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. 23 And if it be on the bed, or on anything whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean until the even. 24 And if any man lie with her, and her impurity be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and every bed whereon he lieth shall be unclean.

25 And if a woman have an issue of her blood many days not in the time of her impurity, or if she have an issue beyond the time of her impurity; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness she shall be as in the days of her impurity: she is unclean. 26 Every bed whereon she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her impurity: and everything whereon she sitteth shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her impurity. 27 And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. 28 But if she be cleansed of her issue, then she shall number to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean. 29 And on the eighth day she shall take unto her two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, and

[1] Or, *carriage* [2] Heb. *living* [3] Or, *separation*

bring them unto the priest, to the door of the tent of meeting. 30 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering; and the priest shall make atonement for her before Jĕ-hō'văh for the issue of her uncleanness.

31 Thus shall ye separate the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl from their uncleanness, that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that is in the midst of them.

32 This is the law of him that hath an issue, and of him whose seed of copulation goeth from him, so that he is unclean thereby; 33 and of her that is sick with her impurity, and of him that hath an issue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lieth with her that is unclean.

16 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, after the death of the two sons of Aâr'ŏn, when they drew near before Jĕ-hō'văh, and died; 2 and Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Speak unto Aâr'ŏn thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the veil, before the mercy-seat which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy-seat. 3 Herewith shall Aâr'ŏn come into the holy place: with a young bullock for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering. 4 He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with the linen girdle, and with the linen [1]mitre shall he be attired: they are the holy garments; and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and put them on. 5 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl two he-goats for a sin-offering, and one ram for a burnt-offering.

6 And Aâr'ŏn shall present the bullock of the sin-offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself, and for his house. 7 And he shall take the two goats, and set them before Jĕ-hō'văh at the door of the tent of meeting. 8 And Aâr'ŏn shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for Jĕ-hō'văh, and the other lot for [2]Ă-zā'zĕl. 9 And Aâr'ŏn shall present the goat upon which the lot fell for Jĕ-hō'văh, and offer him for a sin-offering. 10 But the goat, on which the lot fell for Ă-zā'zĕl, shall be set alive before Jĕ-hō'văh, to make atonement [3]for him, to send him away for Ă-zā'zĕl into the wilderness.

11 And Aâr'ŏn shall present the bullock of the sin-offering, which is for himself, and shall make atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin-offering which is for himself. 12 And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from off the altar before Jĕ-hō'văh. and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil: 13 and he shall put the incense upon the fire before Jĕ-hō'văh, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy-seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not: 14 and he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy-seat on the east; and before the mercy-seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 Then shall he kill the goat of the sin-offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with his blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy-seat, and before the mercy-seat: 16 and he shall make atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleannesses of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and because of their transgressions, even all their sins: and so shall he do for the tent of meeting, that dwelleth with them in the midst of their uncleannesses. 17 And there shall be no man in the tent of meeting when he goeth in to make atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made atonement for himself, and

[1] Or, *turban*

[2] Or, *removal*

[3] Or, *over*

for his household, and for all the assembly of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 18 And he shall go out unto the altar that is before Jĕ-hō'văh, and make atonement for it, and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about. 19 And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleannesses of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

20 And when he hath made an end of atoning for the holy place, and the tent of meeting, and the altar, he shall present the live goat: 21 and Aâr'ŏn shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and all their transgressions, even all their sins; and he shall put them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a man [1]that is in readiness into the wilderness: 22 and the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a solitary land: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

23 And Aâr'ŏn shall come into the tent of meeting, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there: 24 and he shall bathe his flesh in water in a holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt-offering and the burnt-offering of the people, and make atonement for himself and for the people. 25 And the fat of the sin-offering shall he burn upon the altar. 26 And he that letteth go the goat for [2]Ă-zā'zĕl shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp. 27 And the bullock of the sin-offering, and the goat of the sin-offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall be carried forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung. 28 And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

29 And it shall be a statute for ever unto you: in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and shall do no manner of work, the home-born, or the stranger that sojourneth among you: 30 for on this day shall atonement be made for you, to cleanse you; from all your sins shall ye be clean before Jĕ-hō'văh. 31 It is a sabbath of solemn rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls; it is a statute for ever. 32 And the priest, who shall be anointed and who shall be consecrated to be priest in his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen garments, even the holy garments: 33 and he shall make atonement for the holy sanctuary; and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar; and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. 34 And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make atonement for the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl because of all their sins once in the year. And he did as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

17 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Speak unto Aâr'ŏn, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and say unto them: This is the thing which Jĕ-hō'văh hath commanded, saying, 3 What man soever there be of the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or that killeth it without the camp, 4 and hath not brought it unto the door of the tent of meeting, to offer it as an oblation unto Jĕ-hō'văh before the tabernacle of Jĕ-hō'văh: blood shall be imputed unto that man; he hath shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people: 5 to the end that the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl may bring their sacrifices, which they sacrifice in the open field,

[1] Or, *appointed* [2] Or, *removal*

even that they may bring them unto Jĕ-hō′văh, unto the door of the tent of meeting, unto the priest, and sacrifice them for sacrifices of peace-offerings unto Jĕ-hō′văh. 6 And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of Jĕ-hō′văh at the door of the tent of meeting, and burn the fat for a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō′văh. 7 And they shall no more sacrifice their sacrifices unto the he-goats, after which they play the harlot. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.

8 And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man there be of the house of ĭs′rā-ĕl, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, that offereth a burnt-offering or sacrifice, 9 and bringeth it not unto the door of the tent of meeting, to sacrifice it unto Jĕ-hō′văh; that man shall be cut off from his people.

10 And whatsoever man there be of the house of ĭs′rā-ĕl, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, that eateth any manner of blood, I will set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people. 11 For the [1]life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh atonement by reason of the [1]life. 12 Therefore I said unto the children of ĭs′rā-ĕl, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood. 13 And whatsoever man there be of the children of ĭs′rā-ĕl, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, who taketh in hunting any beast or bird that may be eaten; he shall pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.

14 For as to the life of all flesh, the blood thereof is *all one* with the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of ĭs′rā-ĕl, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh; for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off. 15 And every soul that eateth [2]that which dieth of itself, or that which is torn of beasts, whether he be home-born or a sojourner, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even: then shall he be clean. 16 But if he wash them not, nor bathe his flesh, then he shall bear his iniquity.

18 And Jĕ-hō′văh spake unto Mō′sĕs, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of ĭs′rā-ĕl, and say unto them, I am Jĕ-hō′văh your God. 3 After the doings of the land of Ĕ′gўpt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Cā′năan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do; neither shall ye walk in their statutes. 4 Mine ordinances shall ye do, and my statutes shall ye keep, to walk therein: I am Jĕ-hō′văh your God. 5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and mine ordinances; which if a man do, he shall live [3]in them: I am Jĕ-hō′văh.

6 None of you shall approach to any that are near of kin to him, to uncover *their* nakedness: I am Jĕ-hō′văh. 7 The nakedness of thy father, even the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. 8 The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover; it is thy father's nakedness. 9 The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or the daughter of thy mother, whether born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover. 10 The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs is thine own nakedness. 11 The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. 12 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman. 13 Thou shalt

[1] Heb. *soul*
[2] Heb. *a carcass*
[3] Or, *by*

not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for she is thy mother's near kinswoman. 14 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt. 15 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter-in-law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. 16 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it is thy brother's nakedness. 17 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter; thou shalt not take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; they are near kinswomen: it is [1]wickedness. 18 And thou shalt not take a wife to her sister, to be a rival *to her*, to uncover her nakedness, besides the other in her life-time.

19 And thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is [2]impure by her uncleanness. 20 And thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbor's wife, to defile thyself with her. 21 And thou shalt not give any of thy seed [3]to make them pass through *the fire* to Mō'lĕch; neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. 23 And thou shalt not lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith; neither shall any woman stand before a beast, to lie down thereto: it is confusion.

24 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out from before you; 25 and the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land vomiteth out her inhabitants. 26 Ye therefore shall keep my statutes and mine ordinances, and shall not do any of these abominations; neither the home-born, nor the stranger that sojourneth among you 27 (for all these abominations have the men of the land done, that were before you, and the land is defiled); 28 that the land vomit not you out also, when ye defile it, as it vomited out the nation that was before you. 29 For whosoever shall do any of these abominations, even the souls that do them shall be cut off from among their people. 30 Therefore shall ye keep my charge, that ye practise not any of these abominable customs, which were practised before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God.

19 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy; for I Jĕ-hō'văh your God am holy. 3 Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father; and ye shall keep my sabbaths: I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God. 4 Turn ye not unto [4]idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God.

5 And when ye offer a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto Jĕ-hō'văh, ye shall offer it that ye may be accepted. 6 It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if aught remain until the third day, it shall be burnt with fire. 7 And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination; it shall not be accepted: 8 but every one that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the holy thing of Jĕ-hō'văh: and that soul shall be cut off from his people.

9 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleaning of thy harvest. 10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather the fallen fruit of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God.

11 Ye shall not steal; neither shall ye deal falsely, nor lie one to another. 12 And ye shall not

[1] Or, *enormity* [2] Or, *separated for* [3] Or, *to set them apart to Molech*
[4] Heb. *things of nought*

swear by my name falsely, and profane the name of thy God: I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

13 Thou shalt not oppress thy neighbor, nor rob him: the wages of a hired servant shall not abide with thee all night until the morning. 14 Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind; but thou shalt fear thy God: I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty; but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbor. 16 Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbor: I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart: thou shalt surely rebuke thy neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. 18 Thou shalt not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people; but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

19 Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with two kinds of seed: neither shall there come upon thee a garment of two kinds of stuff mingled together. 20 And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman, that is a bondmaid, betrothed to a husband, and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her; [1]they shall be punished; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free. 21 And he shall bring his trespass-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh, unto the door of the tent of meeting, even a ram for a trespass-offering. 22 And the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering before Jĕ-hō'văh for his sin which he hath sinned: and the sin which he hath sinned shall be forgiven him.

23 And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as their uncircumcision: three years shall they be as uncircumcised unto you; it shall not be eaten. 24 But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy, for giving praise unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 25 And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God.

26 Ye shall not eat anything with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantments, nor practise augury. 27 Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard. 28 Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

29 Profane not thy daughter, to make her a harlot; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of [2]wickedness. 30 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

31 Turn ye not unto them that have familiar spirits, nor unto the wizards; seek them not out, to be defiled by them: I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God.

32 Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man, and thou shalt fear thy God: I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

33 And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not do him wrong. 34 The stranger that sojourneth with you shall be unto you as the home-born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were sojourners in the land of Ē'gўpt: I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God.

35 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in measures of length, of weight, or of quantity. 36 Just balances, just weights, a just ē'phăh, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God, who brought you out of the land of Ē'gўpt. 37 And ye shall observe all my statutes, and all mine ordinances, and do them: I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

[1] Heb. *there shall be inquisition*

[2] Or, *enormity*

20 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Moreover, thou shalt say to the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Whosoever he be of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, or of the strangers that sojourn in Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that giveth of his seed unto Mō'lĕch; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones. 3 I also will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Mō'lĕch, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name. 4 And if the people of the land do at all hide their eyes from that man, when he giveth of his seed unto Mō'lĕch, and put him not to death; 5 then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that play the harlot after him, to play the harlot with Mō'lĕch, from among their people.

6 And the soul that turneth unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto the wizards, to play the harlot after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people. 7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy; for I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God. 8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am Jĕ-hō'văh who sanctifieth you. 9 For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall surely be put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him.

10 And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. 11 And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. 12 And if a man lie with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them. 13 And if a man lie with mankind, as with womankind, both of them have committed abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. 14 And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is [1]wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you. 15 And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast. 16 And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

17 And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it is a shameful thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of the children of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity. 18 And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he hath made naked her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people. 19 And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister; for he hath made naked his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity. 20 And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless. 21 And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it is impurity: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

22 Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all mine ordinances, and do them; that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, vomit you not out. 23 And ye shall not walk in the customs of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they did all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.

[1] Or, *enormity*

24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey: I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God, who hath separated you from the peoples. 25 Ye shall therefore make a distinction between the clean beast and the unclean, and between the unclean fowl and the clean: and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by bird, or by anything wherewith the ground [1]teemeth, which I have separated from you as unclean. 26 And ye shall be holy unto me: for I, Jĕ-hō'văh, am holy, and have set you apart from the peoples, that ye should be mine.

27 A man also or a woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones; their blood shall be upon them.

21 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Speak unto the priests, the sons of Aär'ŏn, and say unto them, There shall none defile himself for the dead among his people; 2 except for his kin, that is near unto him, for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother, 3 and for his sister a virgin, that is near unto him, that hath had no husband; for her may he defile himself. 4 He shall not defile himself, [2]*being* a chief man among his people, to profane himself. 5 They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh. 6 They shall be holy unto their God, and not profane the name of their God; for the offerings of Jĕ-hō'văh made by fire, the bread of their God, they do offer: therefore they shall be holy. 7 They shall not take a woman that is a harlot, or [3]profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God. 8 Thou shalt sanctify him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee; for I Jĕ-hō'văh, who sanctify you, am holy. 9 And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the harlot, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire.

10 And he that is the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil is poured, and [4]that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not let the hair of his head go loose, nor rend his clothes; 11 neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother; 12 neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the [5]crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 13 And he shall take a wife in her virginity. 14 A widow, or one divorced, or a [3]profane woman, a harlot, these shall he not take: but a virgin of his own people shall he take to wife. 15 And he shall not profane his seed among his people: for I am Jĕ-hō'văh who sanctifieth him.

16 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 17 Speak unto Aär'ŏn, saying, Whosoever he be of thy seed throughout their generations that hath a blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God. 18 For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a [6]flat nose, or anything superfluous, 19 or a man that is broken-footed, or broken-handed, 20 or crook-backed, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or is scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones broken; 21 no man of the seed of Aär'ŏn the priest, that hath a blemish, shall come nigh to offer the offerings of Jĕ-hō'văh made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God. 22 He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy, and of the holy: 23 only he

[1] Heb. *creepeth* [2] Or, as *a husband* [3] Or, *polluted*
[4] Heb. *whose hand is filled* [5] Or, *consecration* [6] Or, *slit*

shall not go in unto the veil, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries: for I am Jĕ-hō'văh who sanctifieth them. 24 So Mō'sĕs spake unto Aâr'ŏn, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

22 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Speak unto Aâr'ŏn and to his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, which they hallow unto me, and that they profane not my holy name: I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 3 Say unto them, Whosoever he be of all your seed throughout your generations, that approacheth unto the holy things, which the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl hallow unto Jĕ-hō'văh, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from before me: I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 4 What man soever of the seed of Aâr'ŏn is a leper, or hath an issue; he shall not eat of the holy things, until he be clean. And whoso toucheth [1]anything that is unclean by the dead, or a man whose seed goeth from him; 5 or whosoever toucheth any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatsoever uncleanness he hath; 6 the soul that toucheth any such shall be unclean until the even, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he bathe his flesh in water. 7 And when the sun is down, he shall be clean; and afterward he shall eat of the holy things, because it is his bread. 8 That which dieth of itself, or is torn of beasts, he shall not eat, to defile himself therewith: I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 9 They shall therefore keep my charge, lest they bear sin for it, and die therein, if they profane it: I am Jĕ-hō'văh who sanctifieth them.

10 There shall no stranger eat of the holy thing: a sojourner of the priest's, or a hired servant, shall not eat of the holy thing. 11 But if a priest buy any soul, the purchase of his money, he shall eat of it; and such as are born in his house, they shall eat of his bread. 12 And if a priest's daughter be married unto a stranger, she shall not eat of the heave-offering of the holy things. 13 But if a priest's daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and be returned unto her father's house, as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's bread: but there shall no stranger eat thereof. 14 And if a man eat of the holy thing unwittingly, then he shall put the fifth part thereof unto it, and shall give unto the priest the holy thing. 15 And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, which they offer unto Jĕ-hō'văh, 16 and *so* cause them to bear the iniquity that bringeth guilt, when they eat their holy things: for I am Jĕ-hō'văh who sanctifieth them.

17 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 18 Speak unto Aâr'ŏn, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, Whosoever he be of the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, or of the sojourners in Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that offereth his oblation, whether it be any of their vows, or any of their free-will-offerings, which they offer unto Jĕ-hō'văh for a burnt-offering; 19 that ye may be accepted, *ye shall offer* a male without blemish, of the bullocks, of the sheep, or of the goats. 20 But whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you. 21 And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto Jĕ-hō'văh to [2]accomplish a vow, or for a free-will-offering, of the herd or of the flock, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein. 22 Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having [3]a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto Jĕ-hō'văh, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 23 Either

[1] Or, *any one*

[2] Or, *make a special vow*

[3] Or, *sores*

a bullock or a lamb that hath anything superfluous or lacking in his parts, that mayest thou offer for a freewill-offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted. 24 That which hath its stones bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut, ye shall not offer unto Jĕ-hō'văh; neither shall ye [1]do *thus* in your land. 25 Neither from the hand of a foreigner shall ye offer the bread of your God of any of these; because their corruption is in them, there is a blemish in them: they shall not be accepted for you.

26 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 27 When a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat, is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under the dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for the oblation of an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 28 And whether it be cow or ewe, ye shall not kill it and its young both in one day. 29 And when ye sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto Jĕ-hō'văh, ye shall sacrifice it that ye may be accepted. 30 On the same day it shall be eaten; ye shall leave none of it until the morning: I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 31 Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 32 And ye shall not profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: I am Jĕ-hō'văh who halloweth you, 33 who brought you out of the land of Ē'gўpt, to be your God: I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

23 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, The [2]set feasts of Jĕ-hō'văh, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my set feasts. 3 Six days shall work be done: but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of work: it is a sabbath unto Jĕ-hō'văh in all your dwellings.

4 These are the set feasts of Jĕ-hō'văh, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their appointed season. 5 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month [3]at even, is Jĕ-hō'văh's passover. 6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto Jĕ-hō'văh: seven days ye shall eat unleavened bread. 7 In the first day ye shall have a holy convocation: ye shall do no [4]servile work. 8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh seven days: in the seventh day is a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

9 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 10 Speak unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, When ye are come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring the sheaf of the first-fruits of your harvest unto the priest: 11 and he shall wave the sheaf before Jĕ-hō'văh, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. 12 And in the day when ye wave the sheaf, ye shall offer a he-lamb without blemish a year old for a burnt-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 13 And the meal-offering thereof shall be two tenth parts *of an e'phah* of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh for a sweet savor; and the drink-offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of a hĭn. 14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched grain, nor fresh ears, until this selfsame day, until ye have brought the oblation of your God: it is a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave-offering; seven sabbaths shall there be complete: 16 even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall

[1] Or, *sacrifice* them [2] Or, *appointed seasons* [3] Heb. *between the two evenings* [4] Heb. *work of labor*

offer a new meal-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave-loaves of two tenth parts *of an e'phah*: they shall be of fine flour, they shall be baken with leaven, for first-fruits unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 18 And ye shall present with the bread seven lambs without blemish a year old, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be a burnt-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh, with their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings, even an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 19 And ye shall offer one he-goat for a sin-offering, and two he-lambs a year old for a sacrifice of peace-offerings. 20 And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the first-fruits for a wave-offering before Jĕ-hō'văh, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to Jĕ-hō'văh for the priest. 21 And ye shall make proclamation on the selfsame day; there shall be a holy convocation unto you; ye shall do no servile work: it is a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

22 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleaning of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them for the poor, and for the sojourner: I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God.

23 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 24 Speak unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, shall be a solemn rest unto you, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. 25 Ye shall do no servile work; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

26 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 27 Howbeit on the tenth day of this seventh month is the day of atonement: it shall be a holy convocation unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 28 And ye shall do no manner of work in that same day; for it is a day of atonement, to make atonement for you before Jĕ-hō'văh your God. 29 For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day; he shall be cut off from his people. 30 And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any manner of work in that same day, that soul will I destroy from among his people. 31 Ye shall do no manner of work: it is a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 32 It shall be unto you a sabbath of solemn rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye keep your sabbath.

33 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 34 Speak unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the feast of [1]tabernacles for seven days unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 35 On the first day shall be a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work. 36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh: on the eighth day shall be a holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh: it is a [2]solemn assembly; ye shall do no servile work.

37 These are the set feasts of Jĕ-hō'văh, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh, a burnt-offering, and a meal-offering, a sacrifice, and drink-offerings, each on its own day; 38 besides the sabbaths of Jĕ-hō'văh, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill-offerings, which ye give unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

39 Howbeit on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruits of the land, ye shall keep the feast of Jĕ-hō'văh seven days: on the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest. 40 And ye shall take you on the

[1] Heb. *booths* [2] Or, *closing festival*

first day the fruit of goodly trees, branches of palm-trees, and boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before Jĕ-hō'văh your God seven days. 41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto Jĕ-hō'văh seven days in the year: it is a statute for ever throughout your generations; ye shall keep it in the seventh month. 42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are home-born in ĭs'rā-ĕl shall dwell in booths; 43 that your generations may know that I made the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Ĕ'gўpt: I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God. 44 And Mō'sēs declared unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl the set feasts of Jĕ-hō'văh.

24 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sēs, saying, 2 Command the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, that they bring unto thee pure olive oil beaten for the light, [1]to cause a lamp to burn continually. 3 Without the veil of the testimony, in the tent of meeting, shall Aâr'ŏn keep it in order from evening to morning before Jĕ-hō'văh continually: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations. 4 He shall keep in order the lamps upon the pure candlestick before Jĕ-hō'văh continually.

5 And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth parts *of an e'phah* shall be in one cake. 6 And thou shalt set them in [2]two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before Jĕ-hō'văh. 7 And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon each [3]row, that it may be to the bread for a memorial, even an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 8 Every sabbath day he shall set it in order before Jĕ-hō'văh continually; it is on the behalf of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, an everlasting covenant. 9 And it shall be for Aâr'ŏn and his sons; and they shall eat it in a holy place: for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of Jĕ-hō'văh made by fire by a perpetual statute.

10 And the son of an ĭs'rā-ĕl-ĭ-tĭsh woman, whose father was an Ē-gўp'tiăn, went out among the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl; and the son of the ĭs'rā-ĕl-ĭ-tĭsh woman and a man of ĭs'rā-ĕl strove together in the camp: 11 and the son of the ĭs'rā-ĕl-ĭ-tĭsh woman blasphemed the Name, and cursed; and they brought him unto Mō'sēs. And his mother's name was Shĕl'ō-mĭth, the daughter of Dĭb'rĭ, of the tribe of Dan. 12 And they put him in ward, that it might be declared unto them at the mouth of Jĕ-hō'văh.

13 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sēs, saying, 14 Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him. 15 And thou shalt speak unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin. 16 And he that blasphemeth the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, he shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the sojourner, as the home-born, when he blasphemeth the name *of Je-ho'vah*, shall be put to death. 17 And he that smiteth any man mortally shall surely be put to death. 18 And he that smiteth a beast mortally shall make it good, life for life. 19 And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbor; as he hath done, so shall it be done to him: 20 breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be rendered unto him. 21 And he that killeth a beast shall make it good: and he that killeth a man shall be put to death. 22 Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the sojourner, as for the home-born: for I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God. 23 And Mō'sēs spake to the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl; and they brought forth him that had cursed out of the camp, and stoned him with stones. And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl did as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sēs.

[1] Or, *to set up a lamp continually* [2] Or, *two piles, six in a pile* [3] Or, *pile* [4] Or, *from*

25 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs in mount Sī'nāi, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruits thereof; 4 but in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath unto Jĕ-hō'văh: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. 5 That which groweth of itself of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, and the grapes of thy undressed vine thou shalt not gather: it shall be a year of solemn rest for the land. 6 And the sabbath of the land shall be for food for you; for thee, and for thy servant and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant and for thy stranger, who sojourn with thee. 7 And for thy cattle, and for the beasts that are in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be for food.

8 And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and there shall be unto thee the days of seven sabbaths of years, even forty and nine years. 9 Then shalt thou send abroad the loud trumpet on the tenth day of the seventh month; in the day of atonement shall ye send abroad the trumpet throughout all your land. 10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jū'bĭ-lēe unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. 11 A jū'bĭ-lēe shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather *the grapes* in it of the undressed vines. 12 For it is a jū'bĭ-lēe; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.

13 In this year of jū'bĭ-lēe ye shall return every man unto his possession. 14 And if thou sell aught unto thy neighbor, or buy of thy neighbor's hand, ye shall not wrong one another. 15 According to the number of years after the jū'bĭ-lēe thou shalt buy of thy neighbor, *and* according unto the number of years of the crops he shall sell unto thee. 16 According to the multitude of the years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of the years thou shalt diminish the price of it; for the number of the crops doth he sell unto thee. 17 And ye shall not wrong one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God.

18 Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep mine ordinances and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety. 19 And the land shall yield its fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety. 20 And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase; 21 then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for the three years. 22 And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat of the fruits, the old store; until the ninth year, until its fruits come in, ye shall eat the old store.

23 And the land shall not be sold in perpetuity; for the land is mine: for ye are strangers and sojourners with me. 24 And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land. 25 If thy brother be waxed poor, and sell some of his possession, then shall his kinsman that is next unto him come, and shall redeem that which his brother hath sold. 26 And if a man have no one to redeem it, and he be waxed rich and find sufficient to redeem it; 27 then let him reckon the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it; and he shall return unto his possession. 28 But if he be not able to get it back for

himself, then that which he hath sold shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until the year of jū'bĭ-lēe: and in the jū'bĭ-lēe it shall go out, and he shall return unto his possession.

29 And if a man sell a dwelling-house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; for a full year shall he have the right of redemption. 30 And if it be not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall be made sure in perpetuity to him that bought it, throughout his generations: it shall not go out in the jū'bĭ-lēe. 31 But the houses of the villages which have no wall round about them shall be reckoned with the fields of the country: they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jū'bĭ-lēe. 32 Nevertheless the cities of the Lē'vītes, the houses of the cities of their possession, may the Lē'vites redeem at any time. 33 And [1]if one of the Lē'vītes redeem, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, shall go out in the jū'bĭ-lēe; for the houses of the cities of the Lē'vītes are their possession among the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 34 But the field of the [2]suburbs of their cities may not be sold; for it is their perpetual possession.

35 And if thy brother be waxed poor, and his hand fail with thee; then thou shalt [3]uphold him: *as* a stranger and a sojourner shall he live with thee. 36 Take thou no interest of him or increase, but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee. 37 Thou shalt not give him thy money upon interest, nor give him thy victuals for increase. 38 I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Ē'gўpt, to give you the land of Că'năan, *and* to be your God.

39 And if thy brother be waxed poor with thee, and sell himself unto thee; thou shalt not make him to serve as a bondservant. 40 As a hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee; he shall serve with thee unto the year of jū'bĭ-lēe: 41 then shall he go out from thee, he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return. 42 For they are my servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Ē'gўpt: they shall not be sold as bondmen. 43 Thou shalt not rule over him with rigor, but shalt fear thy God. 44 And as for thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, whom thou shalt have; of the nations that are round about you, of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids. 45 Moreover of the children of the strangers that sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that are with you, which they have begotten in your land: and they shall be your possession. 46 And ye shall make them an inheritance for your children after you, to hold for a possession; of them shall ye take your bondmen for ever: but over your brethren the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl ye shall not rule, one over another, with rigor.

47 And if a stranger or sojourner with thee be waxed rich, and thy brother be waxed poor beside him, and sell himself unto the stranger *or* sojourner with thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family; 48 after that he is sold he may be redeemed: one of his brethren may redeem him; 49 or his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be waxed rich, he may redeem himself. 50 And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that he sold himself to him unto the year of jū'bĭ-lēe: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years; according to the time of a hired servant shall he be with him. 51 If there be yet many years, accord-

[1] Or, *if a man redeem from the Levites* Or, acc. to Vulg., *if they have not been redeemed*
[2] Or, *pasture lands*
[3] Or, *relieve*

ing unto them he shall give back the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for. 52 And if there remain but few years unto the year of jū'bĭ-lēe, then he shall reckon with him; according unto his years shall he give back the price of his redemption. 53 As a servant hired year by year shall he be with him: he shall not rule with rigor over him in thy sight. 54 And if he be not redeemed [1]by these *means*, then he shall go out in the year of jū'bĭ-lēe, he, and his children with him. 55 For unto me the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Ē'gўpt: I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God.

26 Ye shall make you no idols, neither shall ye rear you up a graven image, or [2]a pillar, neither shall ye place any figured stone in your land, to bow down [3]unto it: for I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God. 2 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; 4 then I will give your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. 5 And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time; and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. 6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. 7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. 8 And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. 9 And I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and will establish my covenant with you. 10 And ye shall eat old store long kept, and ye shall bring forth the old [4]because of the new. 11 And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. 12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people. 13 I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Ē'gўpt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bars of your yoke, and made you go upright.

14 But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; 15 and if ye shall reject my statutes, and if your soul abhor mine ordinances, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but break my covenant; 16 I also will do this unto you: I will appoint terror over you, even consumption and fever, that shall consume the eyes, and make the soul to pine away; and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. 17 And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be smitten before your enemies: they that hate you shall rule over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you. 18 And if ye will not yet for these things hearken unto me, then I will chastise you seven times more for your sins. 19 And I will break the pride of your power: and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass: 20 and your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield its increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruit.

21 And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins. 22 And I will send the beast of the field among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your ways shall become desolate.

23 And if by these things ye will not be reformed [5]unto me, but will

[1] Or, *in these* years [2] Or, *an obelisk* [3] Or, *thereon* [4] Or, *from before* [5] Or, *by*

walk contrary unto me; 24 then will I also walk contrary unto you; and I will smite you, even I, seven times for your sins. 25 And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall execute the vengeance of the covenant; and ye shall be gathered together within your cities: and I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. 26 When I break your staff of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; 28 then I will walk contrary unto you in wrath; and I also will chastise you seven times for your sins. 29 And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat. 30 And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your sun-images, and cast your dead bodies upon the bodies of your idols; and my soul shall abhor you. 31 And I will make your cities a waste, and will bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savor of your sweet odors. 32 And I will bring the land into desolation; and your enemies that dwell therein shall be astonished at it. 33 And you will I scatter among the nations, and I will draw out the sword after you: and your land shall be a desolation, and your cities shall be a waste.

34 Then shall the land enjoy its sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye are in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy its sabbaths. 35 As long as it lieth desolate it shall have rest, even the rest which it had not in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it. 36 And as for them that are left of you, I will send a faintness into their heart in the lands of their enemies: and the sound of a driven leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as one fleeth from the sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth. 37 And they shall stumble one upon another, as it were before the sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies. 38 And ye shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. 39 And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.

40 And they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, in their trespass which they trespassed against me, and also that, because they walked contrary unto me, 41 I also walked contrary unto them, and brought them into the land of their enemies: if then their uncircumcised heart be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity; 42 then will I remember my covenant with Jacob; and also my covenant with Ĭ'sāac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land. 43 The land also shall be left by them, and shall enjoy its sabbaths, while it lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity; because, even because they rejected mine ordinances, and their soul abhorred my statutes. 44 And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them; for I am Jĕ-hō'văh their God; 45 but I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Ĕ'gўpt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

46 These are the statutes and ordinances and laws, which Jĕ-hō'văh made between him and the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl in mount Sī'năi by Mō'sĕs.

27 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and say unto

them, When a man shall [1]accomplish a vow, [2]the persons shall be for Jĕ-hō'văh by thy estimation. 3 And thy estimation shall be of the male from twenty years old even unto sixty years old, even thy estimation shall be fifty shĕk'ĕls of silver, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary. 4 And if it be a female, then thy estimation shall be thirty shĕk'ĕls. 5 And if it be from five years old even unto twenty years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male twenty shĕk'ĕls, and for the female ten shĕk'ĕls. 6 And if it be from a month old even unto five years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male five shĕk'ĕls of silver, and for the female thy estimation shall be three shĕk'ĕls of silver. 7 And if it be from sixty years old and upward; if it be a male, then thy estimation shall be fifteen shĕk'ĕls, and for the female ten shĕk'ĕls. 8 But if he be poorer than thy estimation, then he shall be set before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to the ability of him that vowed shall the priest value him.

9 And if it be a beast, whereof men offer an oblation unto Jĕ-hō'văh, all that any man giveth of such unto Jĕ-hō'văh shall be holy. 10 He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good: and if he shall at all change beast for beast, then both it and that for which it is changed shall be holy. 11 And if it be any unclean beast, of which they do not offer an oblation unto Jĕ-hō'văh, then he shall set the beast before the priest; 12 and the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad: as thou the priest valuest it, so shall it be. 13 But if he will indeed redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part thereof unto thy estimation.

14 And when a man shall sanctify his house to be holy unto Jĕ-hō'văh, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it be good or bad: as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand. 15 And if he that sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be his.

16 And if a man shall sanctify unto Jĕ-hō'văh part of the field of his possession, then thy estimation shall be according to the sowing thereof: the sowing of a hō'mĕr of barley *shall be valued* at fifty shĕk'ĕls of silver. 17 If he sanctify his field from the year of jū'bĭ-lēe, according to thy estimation it shall stand. 18 But if he sanctify his field after the jū'bĭ-lēe, then the priest shall reckon unto him the money according to the years that remain unto the year of jū'bĭ-lēe; and an abatement shall be made from thy estimation. 19 And if he that sanctified the field will indeed redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be assured to him. 20 And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more: 21 but the field, when it goeth out in the jū'bĭ-lēe, shall be holy unto Jĕ-hō'văh, as a field devoted; the possession thereof shall be the priest's. 22 And if he sanctify unto Jĕ-hō'văh a field which he hath bought, which is not of the field of his possession; 23 then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation unto the year of jū'bĭ-lēe: and he shall give thine estimation in that day, as a holy thing unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 24 In the year of jū'bĭ-lēe the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, even to him to whom the possession of the land belongeth. 25 And all thy estimations shall be according to the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary: twenty gē'răhs shall be the shĕk'ĕl.

26 Only the firstling among beasts, which is made a firstling to Jĕ-hō'văh, no man shall sanctify it; whether it be ox or sheep, it is Jĕ-hō'văh's. 27 And if it be o

[1] Or, *make a special vow* . [2] Or, *according to thy estimation of persons unto Jehovah, then thy estimation &c.*

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an unclean beast, then he shall ransom it according to thine estimation, and shall add unto it the fifth part thereof: or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy estimation.

28 Notwithstanding, no devoted thing, that a man shall devote unto Jĕ-hō'văh of all that he hath, whether of man or beast, or of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing is most holy unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 29 No one devoted, that shall be devoted from among men, shall be ransomed; he shall surely be put to death.

30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is Jĕ-hō'văh's: it is holy unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 31 And if a man will redeem aught of his tithe, he shall add unto it the fifth part thereof. 32 And all the tithe of the herd or the flock, whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tent shall be holy unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 33 He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and that for which it is changed shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

34 These are the commandments, which Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs for the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl in mount Sī'nāi.

THE FOURTH BOOK OF MOSES,

COMMONLY CALLED

NUMBERS

Men of War numbered

1 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs in the wilderness of Sī'nāi, in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Ē'gўpt, saying, 2 Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, every male, by their polls; 3 from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Ĭs'rā-ĕl, thou and Aâr'ŏn shall number them by their hosts. 4 And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one head of his fathers' house. 5 And these are the names of the men that shall stand with you. Of Reu'bĕn: Ē-lĭ'zŭr the son of Shĕd'-ē-ŭr. 6 Of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn: Shĕ-lū'-mĭ-ĕl the son of Zū-rĭ-shăd'dāi. 7 Of Jū'dăh: Năh'shŏn the son of Ăm-mĭn'ă-dăb. 8 Of Ĭs'să-chär: Nĕ-thăn'ĕl the son of Zŭ'ăr. 9 Of Zĕb'ū-lŭn: Ē-lĭ'ăb the son of Hē'-lŏn. 10 Of the children of Joseph: Of Ē'phrā-ĭm: Ē-lĭsh'ă-mà the son of Ăm-mĭ'hŭd. Of Mă-năs'sĕh: Gă-mā'lĭ-ĕl the son of Pĕ-dăh'zŭr. 11 Of Bĕn'jă-mĭn: Ăb'ĭ-dăn the son of Gĭd-ĕ-ō'nĭ. 12 Of Dan: Ā-hĭ-ē'zĕr the son of Ăm-mĭ-shăd'-dāi. 13 Of Ăsh'ĕr: Pā'gĭ-ĕl the son of Ŏch'răn. 14 Of Gad: Ē-lĭ'ă-săph the son of [1]Deū'ĕl. 15 Of Năph'-tă-lĭ: Ă-hĭ'rà the son of Ē'năn. 16 These are they that were called of the congregation, the princes of the tribes of their fathers; they were the heads of the [2]thousands of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 17 And Mō'sĕs and Aâr'-ŏn took these men that are mentioned by name: 18 and they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month;

[1] In. ch. 2. 14, *Reuel* [2] Or, *families*

and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls. 19 As Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sī'năi.

20 And the children of Reu'bĕn, Ĭs'rā-ĕl's first-born, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 21 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Reu'bĕn, were forty and six thousand and five hundred.

22 Of the children of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, those that were numbered thereof, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 23 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn, were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

24 Of the children of Gad, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 25 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Gad, were forty and five thousand six hundred and fifty.

26 Of the children of Jū'dăh, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 27 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Jū'dăh, were threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

28 Of the children of Ĭs'să-chär, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 29 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Ĭs'să-chär, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

30 Of the children of Zĕb'ū-lŭn, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 31 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Zĕb'ū-lŭn, were fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.

32 Of the children of Joseph, *namely*, of the children of Ĕ'phrā-ĭm, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 33 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Ĕ'phrā-ĭm, were forty thousand and five hundred.

34 Of the children of Mă-năs'sĕh, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 35 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

36 Of the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 37 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

38 Of the children of Dan, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war 39 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Dan, were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

40 Of the children of Ăsh'ĕr their generations, by their fami

lies, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 41 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Ăsh'ĕr, were forty and one thousand and five hundred.

42 Of the children of Năph'tă-lī, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 43 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Năph'tă-lī, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

44 These are they that were numbered, whom Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn numbered, and the princes of ĭs'rā-ĕl, being twelve men: they were each one for his fathers' house. 45 So all they that were numbered of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in ĭs'rā-ĕl; 46 even all they that were numbered were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

47 But the Lē'vītes after the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them. 48 For Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō-sĕs, saying, 49 Only the tribe of Lē'vi thou shalt not number, neither shalt thou take the sum of them among the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl; 50 but appoint thou the Lē'vītes over the tabernacle of the testimony, and over all the furniture thereof, and over all that belongeth to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the furniture thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle. 51 And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Lē'vītes shall take it down; and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Lē'vītes shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death. 52 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, according to their hosts. 53 But the Lē'vītes shall encamp round about the tabernacle of the testimony, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl: and the Lē'vītes shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of the testimony. 54 Thus did the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl; according to all that Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs, so did they.

2 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs and unto Aâr'ŏn, saying, 2 The children of ĭs'rā-ĕl shall encamp every man by his own standard, with the ensigns of their fathers' houses: over against the tent of meeting shall they encamp round about. 3 And those that encamp on the east side toward the sunrising shall be they of the standard of the camp of Jū'dăh, according to their hosts: and the prince of the children of Jū'dăh shall be Năh'shŏn the son of Ăm-mĭn'ă-dăb. 4 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred. 5 And those that encamp next unto him shall be the tribe of ĭs'săchär: and the prince of the children of ĭs'să-chär shall be Nēthăn'ĕl the son of Zū'ăr. 6 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred. 7 *And* the tribe of Zĕb'ū-lŭn: and the prince of the children of Zĕb'ūlŭn shall be Ē-lī'ăb the son of Hē'lŏn. 8 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and seven thousand and four hundred. 9 All that were numbered of the camp of Jū'dăh were a hundred thousand and fourscore thousand and six thousand and four hundred, according to their hosts. They shall set forth first.

10 On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reu'bĕn according to their hosts: and the prince of the children of Reu'bĕn shall be Ē-lī'zūr the son of Shĕd'ē-ūr. 11 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof,

were forty and six thousand and five hundred. 12 And those that encamp next unto him shall be the tribe of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn: and the prince of the children of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn shall be Shĕ-lū'mĭ-ĕl the son of Zū-rĭ-shăd'dāi. 13 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred. 14 And the tribe of Gad: and the prince of the children of Gad shall be Ē-lī'ă-săph the son of [1]Reu'ĕl. 15 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty. 16 All that were numbered of the camp of Reu'bĕn were a hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty, according to their hosts. And they shall set forth second.

17 Then the tent of meeting shall set forward, with the camp of the Lē'vītes in the midst of the camps: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place, by their standards.

18 On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ē'phrā-ĭm according to their hosts: and the prince of the children of Ē'phrā-ĭm shall be Ē-lĭsh'ă-mà the son of Ăm-mī'hŭd. 19 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty thousand and five hundred. 20 And next unto him shall be the tribe of Mă-năs'-sĕh: and the prince of the children of Mă-năs'sĕh shall be Gă-mă'lĭ-ĕl the son of Pĕ-dăh'zŭr. 21 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred. 22 And the tribe of Bĕn'jă-mĭn: and the prince of the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn shall be Ăb'ĭ-dăn the son of Gĭd-ĕ-ō'nī. 23 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred. 24 All that were numbered of the camp of Ē'phrā-ĭm were a hundred thousand and eight thousand and a hundred, according to their hosts. And they shall set forth third.

[1] In ch. 1. 14, *Deuel*

25 On the north side shall be the standard of the camp of Dan according to their hosts: and the prince of the children of Dan shall be Ā-hī-ē'zĕr the son of Ăm-mĭ-shăd'dāi. 26 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred. 27 And those that encamp next unto him shall be the tribe of Ăsh'ĕr: and the prince of the children of Ăsh'ĕr shall be Pā'gĭ-ĕl the son of Ŏch'răn. 28 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and one thousand and five hundred. 29 And the tribe of Năph'tă-lī: and the prince of the children of Năph'tă-lī shall be Ā-hī'rà the son of Ē'năn. 30 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred. 31 All that were numbered of the camp of Dan were a hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred. They shall set forth hindmost by their standards.

32 These are they that were numbered of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl by their fathers' houses: all that were numbered of the camps according to their hosts were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty. 33 But the Lē'vites were not numbered among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs. 34 Thus did the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; according to all that Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs, so they encamped by their standards, and so they set forward, every one by their families, according to their fathers' houses.

3 Now these are the generations of Aär'ŏn and Mō'sĕs in the day that Jĕ-hō'văh spake with Mō'sĕs in mount Sī'nāi. 2 And these are the names of the sons of Aär'ŏn: Nā'dăb the first-born, and Ā-bī'hū, Ĕ-lĕ-ā'zär, and Ĭth'ă-mär. 3 These are the names of the sons of Aär'ŏn, the priests that were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the priest's office. 4 And Nā'dăb and Ā-bī'hū

died before Jĕ-hō'văh, when they offered strange fire before Jĕ-hō'văh, in the wilderness of Sĭ'năi, and they had no children; and Ĕ-lĕ-ā'zär and ĭth'ă-mär ministered in the priest's office in the presence of Aär'ŏn their father.

5 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 6 Bring the tribe of Lĕ'vĭ near, and set them before Aär'ŏn the priest, that they may minister unto him. 7 And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle. 8 And they shall keep all the furniture of the tent of meeting, and the charge of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, to do the service of the tabernacle. 9 And thou shalt give the Lĕ'vītes unto Aär'ŏn and to his sons: they are [1]wholly given unto him [2]on the behalf of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 10 And thou shalt [3]appoint Aär'ŏn and his sons, and they shall keep their priesthood: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

11 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 12 And I, behold, I have taken the Lĕ'vītes from among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl instead of all the first-born that openeth the womb among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and the Lĕ'vītes shall be mine: 13 for all the first-born are mine; on the day that I smote all the first-born in the land of Ē'gўpt I hallowed unto me all the first-born in Ĭs'rā-ĕl, both man and beast; mine they shall be: I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

14 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs in the wilderness of Sĭ'năi, saying, 15 Number the children of Lĕ'vĭ by their fathers' houses, by their families: every male from a month old and upward shalt thou number them. 16 And Mō'sĕs numbered them according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, as he was commanded. 17 And these were the sons of Lĕ'vĭ by their names: Gĕr'shŏn, and Kō'hăth, and Mĕ-rā'rĭ. 18 And these are the names of the sons of Gĕr'shŏn by their families: Lĭb'nĭ and Shĭm'ē-ī. 19 And the sons of Kō'hăth by their families: Ăm'-răm, and Ĭz'här, Hĕ'brŏn, and Uz-zĭ'ĕl. 20 And the sons of Mĕ-rā'rĭ by their families: Măh'lĭ and Mū'shi. These are the families of the Lĕ'vites according to their fathers' houses.

21 Of Gĕr'shŏn was the family of the Lĭb'nītes, and the family of the Shĭm'ē-ītes: these are the families of the Gĕr'shŏn-ītes. 22 Those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, even those that were numbered of them were seven thousand and five hundred. 23 The families of the Gĕr'shŏn-ītes shall encamp behind the tabernacle westward. 24 And the prince of the fathers' house of the Gĕr'shŏn-ītes shall be Ē-lī'ă-săph the son of Lā'ĕl. 25 And the charge of the sons of Gĕr'shŏn in the tent of meeting shall be the tabernacle, and the Tent, the covering thereof, and the screen for the door of the tent of meeting, 26 and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and the cords of it for all the service thereof.

27 And of Kō'hăth was the family of the Ăm'răm-ītes, and the family of the Ĭz'här-ītes, and the family of the Hĕ'brŏn-ītes, and the family of the Uz-zĭ'ĕl-ītes: these are the families of the Kō'hăth-ītes. 28 According to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, there were eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary. 29 The families of the sons of Kō'hăth shall encamp on the side of the tabernacle southward. 30 And the prince of the fathers' house of the families of the Kō'hăth-ītes shall be Ē-lĭz'ă-phăn the son of Uz-zĭ'ĕl. 31 And their charge shall be the ark, and the table, and the candlestick, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary where-

[1] Heb. *given, given* [2] Or, *from* [3] Or, *number*

with they minister, and the screen, and all the service thereof. 32 And Ĕ-lē-ā'zär the son of Aär'ŏn the priest shall be prince of the princes of the Lē'vītes, *and have* the oversight of them that keep the charge of the sanctuary.

33 Of Mĕ-rā'rī was the family of the Mäh'lītes, and the family of the Mū'shītes: these are the families of Mĕ-rā'rī. 34 And those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were six thousand and two hundred. 35 And the prince of the fathers' house of the families of Mĕ-rā'rī was Zū'rī-ĕl the son of Ăb-ĭ-hā'ĭl: they shall encamp on the side of the tabernacle northward. 36 And [1]the appointed charge of the sons of Mĕ-rā'rī shall be the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof, and all the instruments thereof, and all the service thereof, 37 and the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

38 And those that encamp before the tabernacle eastward, before the tent of meeting toward the sunrising, shall be Mō'sĕs, and Aär'ŏn and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary [2]for the charge of the children of Is'rā-ĕl; and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death. 39 All that were numbered of the Lē'vītes, whom Mō'sĕs and Aär'ŏn numbered at the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh, by their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were twenty and two thousand.

40 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Number all the first-born males of the children of Is'rā-ĕl from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names. 41 And thou shalt take the Lē'vītes [2]for me (I am Jĕ-hō'văh) instead of all the first-born among the children of Is'rā-ĕl; and the cattle of the Lē'vītes instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Is'rā-ĕl. 42 And Mō'sĕs numbered, as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded him, all the first-born among the children of Is'rā-ĕl. 43 And all the first-born males according to the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen.

44 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 45 Take the Lē'vītes instead of all the first-born among the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and the cattle of the Lē'vītes instead of their cattle; and the Lē'vītes shall be mine: I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 46 And for [3]the redemption of the two hundred and threescore and thirteen of the first-born of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, that are over and above *the number of* the Lē'vītes, 47 thou shalt take five shĕk'ĕls apiece by the poll; after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary shalt thou take them (the shĕk'ĕl is twenty gĕ'rāhs): 48 and thou shalt give the money, wherewith the odd number of them is redeemed, unto Aär'ŏn and to his sons. 49 And Mō'sĕs took the redemption-money from them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Lē'vītes; 50 from the first-born of the children of Is'rā-ĕl took he the money, a thousand three hundred and threescore and five *shek'els*, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary: 51 and Mō'sĕs gave [4]the redemption-money unto Aär'ŏn and to his sons, according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

4 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs and unto Aär'ŏn, saying, 2 Take the sum of the sons of Kō'hăth from among the sons of Lē'vī, by their families, by their fathers' houses, 3 from thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter upon the [5]service, to do the work in the tent of meeting. 4 This is the

[1] Heb. *the office of the charge* [2] Or, *even*
[3] Or, *those that are to be redeemed, the &c*
[4] Or, *the money of them that were redeemed*
[5] Heb. *warfare*, or, *host* (and so in ver. 35 39, 43)

[1]service of the sons of Kō'hăth in the tent of meeting, *about* the most holy things: 5 when the camp setteth forward, Aâr'ŏn shall go in, and his sons, and they shall take down the veil of the screen, and cover the ark of the testimony with it, 6 and shall put thereon a covering of sealskin, and shall spread over it a cloth all of blue, and shall put in the staves thereof. 7 And upon the table of showbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls and the cups wherewith to pour out; and the continual bread shall be thereon: 8 and they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of sealskin, and shall put in the staves thereof. 9 And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the candlestick of the light, and its lamps, and its snuffers, and its snuffdishes, and all the oil vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it: 10 and they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of sealskin, and shall put it upon [2]the frame. 11 And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of sealskin, and shall put in the staves thereof: 12 and they shall take all the vessels of ministry, wherewith they minister in the sanctuary, and put them in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of sealskin, and shall put them on the frame. 13 And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth thereon: 14 and they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister about it, the firepans, the flesh-hooks, and the shovels, and the basins, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of sealskin, and put in the staves thereof. 15 And when Aâr'ŏn and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the furniture of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kō'hăth shall come to bear it: but they shall not touch the [3]sanctuary, lest they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kō'hăth in the tent of meeting. 16 And the charge of Ĕ-lē-ā'zăr the son of Aâr'ŏn the priest shall be the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the continual meal-offering, and the anointing oil, the charge of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein is, the sanctuary, and the furniture thereof.

17 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs and unto Aâr'ŏn, saying, 18 Cut ye not off the tribe of the families of the Kō'hăth-ītes from among the Lē'vītes; 19 but thus do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto the most holy things: Aâr'ŏn and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden; 20 but they shall not go in to see the [3]sanctuary even for a moment, lest they die.

21 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 22 Take the sum of the sons of Gĕr'shŏn also, by their fathers' houses, by their families; 23 from thirty years old and upward until fifty years old shalt thou number them; all that enter in to [4]wait upon the service, to do the work in the tent of meeting. 24 This is the service of the families of the Gĕr'shŏn-ītes, in serving and in bearing burdens: 25 they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tent of meeting, its covering, and the covering of sealskin that is above upon it, and the screen for the door of the tent of meeting, 26 and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the door of the gate of the court, which is by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and whatsoever shall be done with them: therein shall they serve. 27 At the commandment of Aâr'ŏn and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gĕr'shŏn-ītes, in all their burden,

[1] Or, *work* [2] Or, *a bar* [3] Or, *holy things* [4] Heb. *war the warfare*

and in all their service; and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their burden. 28 This is the service of the families of the sons of the Gĕr'shŏn-ītes in the tent of meeting: and their charge shall be under the hand of Ĭth'ă-mär the son of Aär'ŏn the priest.

29 As for the sons of Mĕ-rā'rī, thou shalt number them by their families, by their fathers' houses; 30 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, every one that entereth upon the service, to do the work of the tent of meeting. 31 And this is the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tent of meeting: the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof, 32 and the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name ye shall [1]appoint the instruments of the charge of their burden. 33 This is the service of the families of the sons of Mĕ-rā'rī, according to all their service, in the tent of meeting, under the hand of Ĭth'ă-mär the son of Aär'ŏn the priest.

34 And Mō'sĕs and Aär'ŏn and the princes of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kō'hăth-ites by their families, and by their fathers' houses, 35 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered upon the service, for work in the tent of meeting: 36 and those that were numbered of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred and fifty. 37 These are they that were numbered of the families of the Kō'hăth-ites, all that did serve in the tent of meeting, whom Mō'sĕs and Aär'ŏn numbered according to the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh by Mō'sĕs.

38 And those that were numbered of the sons of Gĕr'shŏn, their families, and by their fathers' houses, 39 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered upon the service, for work in the tent of meeting, 40 even those that were numbered of them, by their families, by their fathers' houses, were two thousand and six hundred and thirty. 41 These are they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Gĕr'shŏn, all that did serve in the tent of meeting, whom Mō'sĕs and Aär'ŏn numbered according to the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh.

42 And those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Mĕ-rā'rī, by their families, by their fathers' houses, 43 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered upon the service, for work in the tent of meeting, 44 even those that were numbered of them by their families, were three thousand and two hundred. 45 These are they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Mĕ-rā'rī, whom Mō'sĕs and Aär'ŏn numbered according to the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh by Mō'sĕs.

46 All those that were numbered of the Lē'vītes, whom Mō'sĕs and Aär'ŏn and the princes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl numbered, by their families, and by their fathers' houses, 47 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered in to do the work of service, and the work of bearing burdens in the tent of meeting, 48 even those that were numbered of them, were eight thousand and five hundred and fourscore. 49 According to the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh they were numbered by Mō'sĕs, every one according to his service, and [2]according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

5 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Command the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is unclean by the

[1] Or, *number*

[2] Or, *according to his burden and his duty as &c.*

dead: 3 both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camp, in the midst whereof I dwell. 4 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl did so, and put them out without the camp; as Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, so did the children of Is'rā-ĕl.

5 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 6 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl, When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, so as to trespass against Jĕ-hō'văh, and that soul shall be guilty; 7 then he shall confess his sin which he hath done: and he shall make restitution for his guilt in full, and add unto it the fifth part thereof, and give it unto him in respect of whom he hath been guilty. 8 But if the man have no kinsman to whom restitution may be made for the guilt, the restitution for guilt which is made unto Jĕ-hō'văh shall be the priest's; besides the ram of the atonement, whereby atonement shall be made for him. 9 And every heave-offering of all the holy things of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, which they present unto the priest, shall be his. 10 And every man's hallowed things shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth the priest, it shall be his.

11 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 12 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him, 13 and a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and there be no witness against her, and she be not taken in the act; 14 and the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled: 15 then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and shall bring her oblation for her, the tenth part of an ē'phăh of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it is a meal-offering of jealousy, a meal-offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

16 And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before Jĕ-hō'văh: 17 and the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water. 18 And the priest shall set the woman before Jĕ-hō'văh, and let the hair of the woman's head go loose, and put the meal-offering of memorial in her hands, which is the meal-offering of jealousy: and the priest shall have in his hand the water of bitterness that causeth the curse. 19 And the priest shall cause her to swear, and shall say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou have not gone aside to uncleanness, [1]being under thy husband, be thou free from this water of bitterness that causeth the curse. 20 But if thou have gone aside, [1]being under thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee besides thy husband: 21 then the priest shall cause the woman to swear with the oath of [2]cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, Jĕ-hō'văh make thee a [2]curse and an oath among thy people, when Jĕ-hō'văh doth make thy thigh to fall away, and thy body to swell; 22 and this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, and make thy body to swell, and thy thigh to fall away. And the woman shall say, Ā-mĕn', Ā-mĕn'.

23 And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot them out into the water of bitterness: 24 and he shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that causeth the curse; and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her *and become* bitter. 25 And the priest shall take the meal-offering of jealousy out of the woman's hand, and shall

[1] Or, with another *instead of thy husband* See Ezek. 23. 5; Rom. 7. 2 [2] Or, *adjuration*

wave the meal-offering before Jĕ-hō'văh, and bring it unto the altar: 26 and the priest shall take a handful of the meal-offering, as the memorial thereof, and burn it upon the altar, and afterward shall make the woman drink the water. 27 And when he hath made her drink the water, then it shall come to pass, if she be defiled, and have committed a trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her *and become* bitter, and her body shall swell, and her thigh shall fall away: and the woman shall be a curse among her people. 28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed.

29 This is the law of jealousy, when a wife, [1]being under her husband, goeth aside, and is defiled; 30 or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon a man, and he is jealous of his wife; then shall he set the woman before Jĕ-hō'văh, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law. 31 And the man shall be free from iniquity, and that woman shall bear her iniquity.

6 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall make a special vow, the vow of [2]a Năz'ĭ-rīte, to [3]separate himself unto Jĕ-hō'văh, 3 he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any juice of grapes, nor eat fresh grapes or dried. 4 All the days of his [4]separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the grape-vine, from the kernels even to the husk.

5 All the days of his vow of separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in which he separateth himself unto Jĕ-hō'văh, he shall be holy; he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long.

6 All the days that he separateth himself unto Jĕ-hō'văh he shall not come near to a dead body. 7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die; because his separation unto God is upon his head. 8 All the days of his separation he is holy unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

9 And if any man die very suddenly beside him, and he defile the head of his separation; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it. 10 And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tent of meeting: 11 and the priest shall offer one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, and make atonement for him, for that he sinned by reason of the dead, and shall hallow his head that same day. 12 And he shall separate unto Jĕ-hō'văh the days of his separation, and shall bring a he-lamb a year old for a trespass-offering: but the former days shall be void, because his separation was defiled.

13 And this is the law of the Năz'ĭ-rite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the door of the tent of meeting: 14 and he shall offer his oblation unto Jĕ-hō'văh, one he-lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt-offering, and one ewe-lamb a year old without blemish for a sin-offering, and one ram without blemish for peace-offerings, 15 and a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings. 16 And the priest shall present them before Jĕ-hō'văh, and shall offer his sin-offering, and his burnt-offering: 17 and he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto Jĕ-hō'văh, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also

[1] Or, *goeth aside* with another *instead of her husband* [2] That is, *one separated* or *consecrated* [3] Or, *consecrate* [4] Or, *consecration* Or, *Nazirite-ship*

the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof. 18 And the Năz'ĭ-rite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tent of meeting, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it on the fire which is under the sacrifice of peace-offerings. 19 And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them upon the hands of the Năz'ĭ-rite, after he hath shaven *the head of* his separation; 20 and the priest shall wave them for a wave-offering before Jĕ-hō'văh; this is holy for the priest, together with the wave-breast and heave-[1]thigh: and after that the Năz'ĭ-rite may drink wine.

21 This is the law of the Năz'ĭ-rite who voweth, *and of* his oblation unto Jĕ-hō'văh for his separation, besides that which he is able to get: according to his vow which he voweth, so he must do after the law of his separation.

22 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 23 Speak unto Aär'ŏn and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl: ye shall say unto them,

24 Jĕ-hō'văh bless thee, and keep thee:

25 Jĕ-hō'văh make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

26 Jĕ-hō'văh lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

27 So shall they put my name upon the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl; and I will bless them.

7 And it came to pass on the day that Mō'sĕs had made an end of setting up the tabernacle, and had anointed it and sanctified it, and all the furniture thereof, and the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them and sanctified them; 2 that the princes of ĭs'rā-ĕl, the heads of their fathers' houses, offered. These were the princes of the tribes, these are they that were over them that were numbered: 3 and they brought their oblation before Jĕ-hō'văh, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for every two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they presented them before the tabernacle. 4 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 5 Take it of them, that they may be *used* in doing the service of the tent of meeting; and thou shalt give them unto the Lĕ'vītes, to every man according to his service. 6 And Mō'sĕs took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Lĕ'vītes. 7 Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Gĕr'shŏn, according to their service: 8 and four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Mĕ-rā'rī, according unto their service, under the hand of ĭth'ă-mär the son of Aär'ŏn the priest. 9 But unto the sons of Kō'hăth he gave none, because the service of the sanctuary belonged unto them; they bare it upon their shoulders. 10 And the princes offered [2]for the dedication of the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their oblation before the altar. 11 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, They shall offer their oblation, each prince on his day, for the dedication of the altar.

12 And he that offered his oblation the first day was Năh'shŏn the son of ăm-mĭn'ă-dăb, of the tribe of Jū'dăh: 13 and his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty *shĕk'els*, one silver bowl of seventy shĕk'ĕls, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 14 one golden spoon of ten *shĕk'els*, full of incense; 15 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 16 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 17 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year

[1] Or, *shoulder*

[2] Or, *the dedication-gift*

old: this was the oblation of Näh'-shŏn the son of Ăm-mĭn'ă-dăb.

18 On the second day Nĕ-thăn'-ĕl the son of Zū'ăr, prince of Ĭs'-să-chär, did offer: 19 he offered for his oblation one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty *shek'els*, one silver bowl of seventy shĕk'ĕls, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 20 one golden spoon of ten *shek'els*, full of incense; 21 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 22 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 23 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Nĕ-thăn'ĕl the son of Zū'ăr.

24 On the third day Ĕ-lī'ăb the son of Hē'lŏn, prince of the children of Zĕb'ū-lŭn: 25 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty *shek'els*, one silver bowl of seventy shĕk'ĕls, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 26 one golden spoon of ten *shek'els*, full of incense; 27 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 28 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 29 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Ĕ-lī'ăb the son of Hē'lŏn.

30 On the fourth day Ĕ-lī'zŭr the son of Shĕd'ĕ-ŭr, prince of the children of Reu'bĕn: 31 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty *shek'els*, one silver bowl of seventy shĕk'ĕls, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 32 one golden spoon of ten *shek'els*, full of incense; 33 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 34 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 35 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Ĕ-lī'zŭr the son of Shĕd'ĕ-ŭr.

36 On the fifth day Shĕ-lū'-mĭ-ĕl the son of Zū-rĭ-shăd'dāi, prince of the children of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn: 37 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty *shek'els*, one silver bowl of seventy shĕk'ĕls, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 38 one golden spoon of ten *shek'els*, full of incense; 39 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 40 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 41 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Shĕ-lū'mĭ-ĕl the son of Zū-rĭ-shăd'dāi.

42 On the sixth day Ĕ-lī'ă-săph the son of Deū'ĕl, prince of the children of Gad: 43 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty *shek'els*, one silver bowl of seventy shĕk'ĕls, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 44 one golden spoon of ten *shek'els*, full of incense; 45 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 46 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 47 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Ĕ-lī'ă-săph the son of Deū'ĕl.

48 On the seventh day Ĕ-lĭsh'-ă-mă the son of Ăm-mĭ'hŭd, prince of the children of Ĕ'phrā-ĭm: 49 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty *shek'els*, one silver bowl of seventy shĕk'ĕls, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 50 one golden spoon of ten *shek'els*, full of incense; 51 one

young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 52 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 53 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Ĕ-lĭsh'ă-mà the son of Ăm-mī'hŭd.

54 On the eighth day Gă-mā'lĭ-ĕl the son of Pĕ-dăh'zŭr, prince of the children of Mā-năs'sĕh: 55 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty *shĕk'els,* one silver bowl of seventy shĕk'ĕls, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 56 one golden spoon of ten *shĕk'els,* full of incense; 57 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 58 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 59 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Gă-mā'lĭ-ĕl the son of Pĕ-dăh'zŭr.

60 On the ninth day Ăb'ĭ-dăn the son of Gĭd-ĕ-ō'nī, prince of the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn: 61 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty *shĕk'els,* one silver bowl of seventy shĕk'ĕls, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 62 one golden spoon of ten *shĕk'els,* full of incense; 63 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 64 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 65 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Ăb'ĭ-dăn the son of Gĭd-ĕ-ō'nī.

66 On the tenth day Ā-hī-ē'zĕr the son of Ăm-mī-shăd'dāi, prince of the children of Dan: 67 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty *shĕk'els,* one silver bowl of seventy shĕk'ĕls, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 68 one golden spoon of ten *shĕk'els,* full of incense; 69 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 70 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 71 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Ā-hī-ē'zĕr the son of Ăm-mī-shăd'dāi.

72 On the eleventh day Pā'gĭ-ĕl the son of Ŏch'răn, prince of the children of Ăsh'ĕr: 73 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty *shĕk'els,* one silver bowl of seventy shĕk'ĕls, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 74 one golden spoon of ten *shĕk'els,* full of incense; 75 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 76 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 77 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Pā'gĭ-ĕl the son of Ŏch'răn.

78 On the twelfth day Ă-hī'rà the son of Ē'năn, prince of the children of Năph'tă-lī: 79 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty *shĕk'els,* one silver bowl of seventy shĕk'ĕls, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 80 one golden spoon of ten *shĕk'els,* full of incense; 81 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 82 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 83 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Ă-hī'rà the son of Ē'năn.

84 This was the [1]dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, [2]by the princes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: twelve silver platters, twelve silver

[1] Or, *dedication-gift* [2] Or, *at the hands of*

bowls, twelve golden spoons; 85 each silver platter *weighing* a hundred and thirty *shek'els*, and each bowl seventy; all the silver of the vessels two thousand and four hundred *shek'els*, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary; 86 the twelve golden spoons, full of incense, *weighing* ten *shek'els* apiece, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary; all the gold of the spoons a hundred and twenty *shek'els*; 87 all the oxen for the burnt-offering twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the he-lambs a year old twelve, and their meal-offering; and the males of the goats for a sin-offering twelve; 88 and all the oxen for the sacrifice of peace-offerings twenty and four bullocks, the rams sixty, the he-goats sixty, the he-lambs a year old sixty. This was the [1]dedication of the altar, after that it was anointed.

89 And when Mō'sĕs went into the tent of meeting to speak with him, then he heard the Voice speaking unto him from above the mercy-seat that was upon the ark of the testimony, from between the two chĕr'ū-bĭm: and he spake unto him.

8 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Speak unto Aâr'ŏn, and say unto him, When thou [2]lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the candlestick. 3 And Aâr'ŏn did so; he [2]lighted the lamps thereof *so as to give light* in front of the candlestick, as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs. 4 And this was the work of the candlestick, [3]beaten work of gold; unto the base thereof *and* unto the flowers thereof, it was [3]beaten work: according unto the pattern which Jĕ-hō'văh had showed Mō'sĕs, so he made the candlestick.

5 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 6 Take the Lē'vītes from among the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and cleanse them. 7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: sprinkle the water of expiation upon them, and let them cause a razor to pass over all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and cleanse themselves. 8 Then let them take a young bullock, and its meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil; and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin-offering. 9 And thou shalt present the Lē'vītes before the tent of meeting: and thou shalt assemble the whole congregation of the children of Is'rā-ĕl: 10 and thou shalt present the Lē'vītes before Jĕ-hō'văh. And the children of Is'rā-ĕl shall lay their hands upon the Lē'vītes: 11 and Aâr'ŏn shall [4]offer the Lē'vītes before Jĕ-hō'văh for a wave-offering, [5]on the behalf of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, that it may be theirs to do the service of Jĕ-hō'văh. 12 And the Lē'vītes shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and offer thou the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, unto Jĕ-hō'văh, to make atonement for the Lē'vītes. 13 And thou shalt set the Lē'vītes before Aâr'ŏn, and before his sons, and offer them for a wave-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

14 Thus shalt thou separate the Lē'vītes from among the children of Is'rā-ĕl; and the Lē'vītes shall be mine. 15 And after that shall the Lē'vītes go in to do the service of the tent of meeting: and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them for a wave-offering. 16 For they are wholly given unto me from among the children of Is'rā-ĕl: instead of all that openeth the womb, even the first-born of all the children of Is'rā-ĕl, have I taken them unto me. 17 For all the first-born among the children of Is'rā-ĕl are mine, both man and beast: on the day that I smote all the first-born in the land of Ĕ'gўpt I sanctified them for myself. 18 And I have taken the Lē'vītes instead of all the first-born among the children of Is'rā-ĕl. 19 And I have given the Lē'vītes as [7]a gift to

[1] Or, *dedication-gift*
[2] Or, *set up*
[3] Or, *settest up*
[4] Or, *turned*
[5] Heb. *wave*, and in ver. 13, 15, 21
[6] Or, *from*
[7] Heb. *Nethunim*, given

Aär'ŏn and to his sons from among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, to do the service of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl in the tent of meeting, and to make atonement for the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; that there be no plague among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, [1]when the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl come nigh unto the sanctuary.

20 Thus did Mō'sĕs, and Aär'ŏn, and all the congregation of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, unto the Lē'vītes: according unto all that Jĕ-hō'vāh commanded Mō'sĕs touching the Lē'vītes, so did the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl unto them. 21 And the Lē'vītes purified themselves from sin, and they washed their clothes; and Aär'ŏn offered them for a wave-offering before Jĕ-hō'vāh; and Aär'ŏn made atonement for them to cleanse them. 22 And after that went the Lē'vītes in to do their service in the tent of meeting before Aär'ŏn, and before his sons: as Jĕ-hō'vāh had commanded Mō'sĕs concerning the Lē'vītes, so did they unto them.

23 And Jĕ-hō'vāh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 24 This is that which belongeth unto the Lē'vītes: from twenty and five years old and upward they shall go in [2]to wait upon the service in the work of the tent of meeting: 25 and from the age of fifty years they shall [3]cease waiting upon the work, and shall serve no more, 26 but shall minister with their brethren in the tent of meeting, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Lē'vītes touching their charges.

9 And Jĕ-hō'vāh spake unto Mō'sĕs in the wilderness of Sĭ'nāi, in the first month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Ē'gўpt, saying, 2 Moreover let the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl keep the passover in its appointed season. 3 In the fourteenth day of this month, [4]at even, ye shall keep it in its appointed season: according to all the statutes of it, and according to all the ordinances thereof, shall ye keep it. 4 And Mō'sĕs spake unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that they should keep the passover. 5 And they kept the passover in the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month, [4]at even, in the wilderness of Sĭ'nāi: according to all that Jĕ-hō'vāh commanded Mō'sĕs, so did the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 6 And there were certain men, who were unclean by reason of the dead body of a man, so that they could not keep the passover on that day: and they came before Mō'sĕs and before Aär'ŏn on that day: 7 and those men said unto him, We are unclean by reason of the dead body of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer the oblation of Jĕ-hō'vāh in its appointed season among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? 8 And Mō'sĕs said unto them, Stay ye, that I may hear what Jĕ-hō'vāh will command concerning you.

9 And Jĕ-hō'vāh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 10 Speak unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, If any man of you or of your generations shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be on a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto Jĕ-hō'vāh. 11 In the second month on the fourteenth day [4]at even they shall keep it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs: 12 they shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break a bone thereof: according to all the statute of the passover they shall keep it. 13 But the man that is clean, and is not on a journey, and forbeareth to keep the passover, that soul shall be cut off from his people; because he offered not the oblation of Jĕ-hō'vāh in its appointed season, that man shall bear his sin. 14 And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto Jĕ-hō'vāh; according to the statute of the passover, and according to the ordinance thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one

[1] Or, *through the children of Israel coming nigh* [2] Heb. *to war the warfare in the work* [3] Heb. *return from the warfare of the work*

[4] Heb. *between the two evenings*

statute, both for the sojourner, and for him that is born in the land.

15 And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, even the tent of the testimony: and at even it was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until morning. 16 So it was alway: the cloud covered it, and the appearance of fire by night. 17 And whenever the cloud was taken up from over the Tent, then after that the children of Is'rā-ĕl journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Is'rā-ĕl encamped. 18 At the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh the children of Is'rā-ĕl journeyed, and at the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh they encamped: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they remained encamped. 19 And when the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Is'rā-ĕl kept the charge of Jĕ-hō'văh, and journeyed not. 20 And sometimes the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; then according to the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh they remained encamped, and according to the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh they journeyed. 21 And sometimes the cloud was from evening until morning; and when the cloud was taken up in the morning, they journeyed: or *if it continued* by day and by night, when the cloud was taken up, they journeyed. 22 Whether it were two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, abiding thereon, the children of Is'rā-ĕl remained encamped, and journeyed not; but when it was taken up, they journeyed. 23 At the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh they encamped, and at the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh they journeyed: they kept the charge of Jĕ-hō'văh, at the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh by Mō'sĕs.

10 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Make thee two trumpets of silver; of [1]beaten work shalt thou make them: and thou shalt use them for the calling of the congregation, and for the journeying of the camps. 3 And when they shall blow them, all the congregation shall gather themselves unto thee at the door of the tent of meeting. 4 And if they blow but one, then the princes, the heads of the thousands of Is'rā-ĕl, shall gather themselves unto thee. 5 And when ye blow an alarm, the camps that lie on the east side shall take their journey. 6 And when ye blow an alarm the second time, the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys. 7 But when the assembly is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm. 8 And the sons of Aăr'ŏn, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and they shall be to you for a statute for ever throughout your generations. 9 And when ye go to war in your land against the adversary that oppresseth you, then ye shall sound an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before Jĕ-hō'văh your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies. 10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your set feasts, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow the trumpets over your burnt-offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace-offerings; and they shall be to you for a memorial before your God: I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God.

11 And it came to pass in the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth day of the month, that the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle of the testimony. 12 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl set forward according to their journeys out of the wilderness of Sī'nāi; and the cloud abode in the wilderness of Pā'răn. 13 And they first took their journey according to the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh by Mō'sĕs. 14 And in the first *place* the standard of the camp of the children of Jū'dăh set forward according to their hosts: and

[1] Or, *turned*

over his host was Năh'shŏn the son of Ăm-mĭn'ă-dăb. 15 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Ĭs'să-chär was Nē-thăn'ĕl the son of Zū'ăr. 16 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zĕb'ū-lŭn was Ē-lī'ăb the son of Hē'lŏn.

17 And the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gĕr'shŏn and the sons of Mĕ-rā'rī, who bare the tabernacle, set forward. 18 And the standard of the camp of Reu'bĕn set forward according to their hosts: and over his host was Ē-lī'zŭr the son of Shĕd'ĕ-ŭr. 19 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn was Shĕ-lū'mĭ-ĕl the son of Zū-rĭ-shăd'dāi. 20 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad was Ē-lī'ă-săph the son of Deū'ĕl.

21 And the Kō'hăth-ītes set forward, bearing the sanctuary: and *the others* did set up the tabernacle against their coming. 22 And the standard of the camp of the children of Ē'phră-ĭm set forward according to their hosts: and over his host was Ē-lĭsh'ă-mà the son of Ăm-mī'hŭd. 23 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Măn'ăs'sĕh was Gă-mā'lĭ-ĕl the son of Pē-dăh'zŭr. 24 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn was Ăb'ĭ-dăn the son of Gĭd-ĕ-ō'nĭ.

25 And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan, which was the rearward of all the camps, set forward according to their hosts: and over his host was Ă-hĭ-ē'zĕr the son of Ăm-mĭ-shăd'dāi. 26 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Ăsh'ĕr was Pā'gĭ-ĕl the son of Ŏch'răn. 27 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Năph'tă-lī was Ă-hī'rà the son of Ē'năn. 28 Thus were the journeyings of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl according to their hosts; and they set forward.

29 And Mō'sĕs said unto Hō'băb, the son of Reu'ĕl the Mĭd'ĭ-ăn-īte, Mō'sĕs' father-in-law, We are journeying unto the place of which Jĕ-hō'văh said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken good concerning Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred. 31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou shalt be to us instead of eyes. 32 And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what good soever Jĕ-hō'văh shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee.

33 And they set forward from the mount of Jĕ-hō'văh three days' journey; and the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting-place for them. 34 And the cloud of Jĕ-hō'văh was over them by day, when they set forward from the camp.

35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Mō'sĕs said, Rise up, O Jĕ-hō'văh, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee. 36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O Jĕ-hō'văh, unto the ten thousands of the thousands of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

11 And the people were as murmurers, [1]*speaking* evil in the ears of Jĕ-hō'văh: and when Jĕ-hō'văh heard it, his anger was kindled; and the fire of Jĕ-hō'văh burnt among them, and devoured in the uttermost part of the camp. 2 And the people cried unto Mō'sĕs; and Mō'sĕs prayed unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and the fire abated. 3 And the name of that place was called [2]Tăb'ĕ-răh, because the fire of Jĕ-hō'văh burnt among them.

4 And the mixed multitude that was among them lusted exceedingly: and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? 5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Ē'gўpt for nought; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic: 6 but now our soul is dried

[1] Or, which was *evil* [2] That is, *Burning*

away; there is nothing at all save this măn'nà to look upon. 7 And the măn'nà was like coriander seed, and the [1]appearance thereof as the appearance of bdellium. 8 The people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in mortars, and boiled it in pots, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of [2]fresh oil. 9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the măn'nà fell [3]upon it.

10 And Mō'sĕs heard the people weeping throughout their families, every man at the door of his tent: and the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh was kindled greatly; and Mō'sĕs was displeased. 11 And Mō'sĕs said unto Jĕ-hō'văh, Wherefore hast thou dealt ill with thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favor in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? 12 Have I conceived all this people? have I brought them forth, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing-father carrieth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers? 13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat. 14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. 15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favor in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

16 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of ĭs'râ-ĕl, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with thee. 17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the Spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone. 18 And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow, and ye shall eat flesh; for ye have wept in the ears of Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Ĕ'gўpt: therefore Jĕ-hō'văh will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. 19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days, 20 but a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you; because that ye have rejected Jĕ-hō'văh who is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Ĕ'gўpt? 21 And Mō'sĕs said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month. 22 Shall flocks and herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them? 23 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Is Jĕ-hō'văh's hand waxed short? now shalt thou see whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

24 And Mō'sĕs went out, and told the people the words of Jĕ-hō'văh: and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the Tent. 25 And Jĕ-hō'văh came down in the cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and put it upon the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, but they did so no more.

26 But there remained two men in the camp, the name of the one was ĕl'dăd, and the name of the other Mē'dăd: and the Spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but had not gone out unto the Tent; and they prophesied in the camp. 27 And there ran a young man, and told Mō'sĕs, and said, ĕl'dăd and Mē'dăd do prophesy in the camp. 28 And Jŏsh'ū-à the son of Nūn,

[1] Heb. *eye*
[2] Or, *cakes baked with oil*
[3] Or, *with*

the minister of Mō'sĕs, [1]one of his chosen men, answered and said, My lord Mō'sēs, forbid them. 29 And Mō'sĕs said unto him, Art thou jealous for my sake? would that all Jĕ-hō'văh's people were prophets, that Jĕ-hō'văh would put his Spirit upon them! 30 And Mō'sĕs gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Ĭs'-rā-ĕl.

31 And there went forth a wind from Jĕ-hō'văh, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall [2]by the camp, about a day's journey on this side, and a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and about two cubits above the face of the earth. 32 And the people rose up all that day, and all the night, and all the next day, and gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten hō'-mērs: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp. 33 While the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh was kindled against the people, and Jĕ-hō'văh smote the people with a very great plague. 34 And the name of that place was called [3]Kĭb'rŏth-hăt-tā'ā-văh, because there they buried the people that lusted. 35 From Kĭb'rŏth-hăt-tā'-ā-văh the people journeyed unto Hă-zē'rŏth; and they abode at Hă-zē'rŏth.

12 And Mĭr'ĭ-ăm and Aâr'ŏn spake against Mō'sĕs because of the Cŭsh'ite woman whom he had married; for he had married a Cŭsh'ite woman. 2 And they said, Hath Jĕ-hō'văh indeed spoken only [4]with Mō'sēs? hath he not spoken also [4]with us? And Jĕ-hō'văh heard it. 3 Now the man Mō'sĕs was very meek, above all the men that were upon the face of the earth.

4 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake suddenly unto Mō'sĕs, and unto Aâr'ŏn, and unto Mĭr'ĭ-ăm, Come out ye three unto the tent of meeting. And they three came out.

5 And Jĕ-hō'văh came down in a pillar of cloud, and stood at the door of the Tent, and called Aâr'ŏn and Mĭr'ĭ-ăm; and they both came forth. 6 And he said, Hear now my words: if there be a prophet among you, I Jĕ-hō'văh will make myself known unto him in a vision, I will speak with him in a dream. 7 My servant Mō'sĕs is not so; he is faithful in all my house: 8 with him will I speak mouth to mouth, even manifestly, and not in dark speeches; and the form of Jĕ-hō'văh shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant, against Mō'sĕs?

9 And the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh was kindled against them; and he departed. 10 And the cloud removed from over the Tent; and, behold, Mĭr'ĭ-ăm was leprous, as *white as* snow: and Aâr'ŏn looked upon Mĭr'ĭ-ăm, and, behold, she was leprous. 11 And Aâr'ŏn said unto Mō'sĕs, Oh, my lord, lay not, I pray thee, sin upon us, for that we have done foolishly, and for that we have sinned. 12 Let her not, I pray, be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb. 13 And Mō'sĕs cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, Heal her, O God, I beseech thee. 14 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut up without the camp seven days, and after that she shall be brought in again. 15 And Mĭr'ĭ-ăm was shut up without the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Mĭr'ĭ-ăm was brought in again.

16 And afterward the people journeyed from Hă-zē'rŏth, and encamped in the wilderness of Pā'rān.

13 1 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Send thou men, that they may spy out the land of Cā'năan, which I give unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a prince among them. 3 And Mō'sĕs sent them

[1] Or, *from his youth*
[2] Or, *over*
[3] That is, *The graves of lust*
[4] Or, *by*

from the wilderness of Pā'răn according to the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh: all of them men who were heads of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 4 And these were their names: Of the tribe of Reu'bĕn, Shăm-mū'a the son of Zăc'cŭr. 5 Of the tribe of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn, Shā'phăt the son of Hō'rī. 6 Of the tribe of Jū'dăh, Cā'lĕb the son of Jĕ-phŭn'nĕh. 7 Of the tribe of ĭs'să-chär, ī'găl the son of Joseph. 8 Of the tribe of Ē'phrā-ĭm, Hō-shē'a the son of Nūn. 9 Of the tribe of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, Păl'tī the son of Rā'phū. 10 Of the tribe of Zĕb'ū-lŭn, Găd'dĭ-ĕl the son of Sō'dī. 11 Of the tribe of Joseph, *namely*, of the tribe of Mā-nás'sĕh, Găd'dī the son of Sū'sī. 12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ăm'mĭ-ĕl the son of Gĕ-măl'lī. 13 Of the tribe of Ăsh'ĕr, Sē'thŭr the son of Mī'chă-ĕl. 14 Of the tribe of Năph'tă-lī, Năh'bī the son of Vŏph'sī. 15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geū'ĕl the son of Mā'chī. 16 These are the names of the men that Mō'sĕs sent to spy out the land. And Mō'sĕs called Hō-shē'a the son of Nūn Jŏsh'ū-a.

17 And Mō'sĕs sent them to spy out the land of Cā'năan, and said unto them, Get you up this way [1]by the South, and go up into the hill-country: 18 and see the land, what it is; and the people that dwell therein, whether they are strong or weak, whether they are few or many; 19 and what the land is that they dwell in, whether it is good or bad; and what cities they are that they dwell in, whether in camps, or in strongholds; 20 and what the land is, whether it is fat or lean, whether there is wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first-ripe grapes.

21 So they went up, and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zĭn unto Rē'hŏb, to the entrance of Hā'măth. 22 And they went up [1]by the South, and came unto Hē'brŏn; and Ă-hĭ'măn, Shē'shāi, and Tăl'māi, the children of Ā'năk, were there. (Now Hē'brŏn was built seven years before Zō'ăn in Ē'gўpt.) 23 And they came unto the valley of Ĕsh'cŏl, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it upon a staff between two; *they brought* also of the pomegranates, and of the figs. 24 That place was called the valley of [2]Ĕsh'cŏl, because of the cluster which the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl cut down from thence.

25 And they returned from spying out the land at the end of forty days. 26 And they went and came to Mō'sĕs, and to Aär'ŏn, and to all the congregation of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, unto the wilderness of Pā'răn, to Kā'dĕsh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. 27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us; and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. 28 Howbeit the people that dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified, *and* very great: and moreover we saw the children of Ā'năk there. 29 Ăm'ă-lĕk dwelleth in the land of the South: and the Hĭt'tīte, and the Jĕb'ū-sīte, and the Ăm'ôr-īte, dwell in the hill-country; and the Cā'năan-īte dwelleth by the sea, and along by the side of the Jordan.

30 And Cā'lĕb stilled the people before Mō'sĕs, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. 31 But the men that went up with him said, We are not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. 32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had spied out unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature. 33 And

[1] Or, *into*

[2] That is, *a cluster*

there we saw the [1]Nĕph'ĭ-lĭm, the sons of Ā'năk, who come of the Nĕph'ĭ-lĭm: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

14 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. 2 And all the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl murmured against Mō'sĕs and against Aär'ŏn: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would that we had died in the land of Ē'gўpt! or would that we had died in this wilderness! 3 And wherefore doth Jĕ-hō'văh bring us unto this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will be a prey: were it not better for us to return into Ē'gўpt?

4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Ē'gўpt. 5 Then Mō'sĕs and Aär'ŏn fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 6 And Jŏsh'ū-ä the son of Nŭn and Cā'lĕb the son of Jĕ-phŭn'nĕh, who were of them that spied out the land, rent their clothes: 7 and they spake unto all the congregation of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceeding good land. 8 If Jĕ-hō'văh delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it unto us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. 9 Only rebel not against Jĕ-hō'văh, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their [2]defence is removed from over them, and Jĕ-hō'văh is with us: fear them not. 10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh appeared in the tent of meeting unto all the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

11 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, How long will this people despise me? and how long will they not believe in me, for all the signs which I have wrought among them? 12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a nation greater and mightier than they.

13 And Mō'sĕs said unto Jĕ-hō'văh, Then the Ē-gўp'tiăns will hear it; for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them; 14 and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that thou Jĕ-hō'văh art in the midst of this people; for thou Jĕ-hō'văh art seen [3]face to face, and thy cloud standeth over them, and thou goest before them, in a pillar of cloud by day, and in a pillar of fire by night. 15 Now if thou shalt kill this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying, 16 Because Jĕ-hō'văh was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness. 17 And now, I pray thee, let the power of the Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying, 18 Jĕ-hō'văh is slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; and that will by no means clear *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation. 19 Pardon, I pray thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy lovingkindness, and according as thou hast forgiven this people, from Ē'gўpt even until now.

20 And Jĕ-hō'văh said, I have pardoned according to thy word: 21 but in very deed, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh; 22 because all those men that have seen my glory, and my signs, which I wrought in Ē'gўpt and in the wilderness, yet have tempted me these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; 23 surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that despised me see it: 24 but my servant Cā'lĕb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully,

[1] Or, *giants* [2] Heb. *shadow.* [3] Heb. *eye to eye*

him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it. 25 Now the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes and the Că'năan-ītes dwell in the valley: to-morrow turn ye, and get you into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea.

26 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs and unto Aăr'ŏn, saying, 27 How long *shall I bear* with this evil congregation, that murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, which they murmur against me. 28 Say unto them, As I live, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, surely as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: 29 your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, that have murmured against me, 30 surely ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I [1]sware that I would make you dwell therein, save Că'lĕb the son of Jĕ-phŭn'nĕh, and Jŏsh'ū-ă the son of Nŭn. 31 But your little ones, that ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have rejected. 32 But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness. 33 And your children shall be [2]wanderers in the wilderness forty years, and shall bear your whoredoms, until your dead bodies be consumed in the wilderness. 34 After the number of the days in which ye spied out the land, even forty days, for every day a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know [3]my alienation. 35 I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have spoken, surely this will I do unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

36 And the men, whom Mō'sĕs sent to spy out the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up an evil report against the land, 37 even those men that did bring up an evil report of the land, died by the plague before Jĕ-hō'văh. 38 But Jŏsh'ū-ă the son of Nŭn, and Că'lĕb the son of Jĕ-phŭn'nĕh, remained alive of those men that went to spy out the land.

39 And Mō'sĕs told these words unto all the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl: and the people mourned greatly. 40 And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up to the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we are here, and will go up unto the place which Jĕ-hō'văh hath promised: for we have sinned. 41 And Mō'sĕs said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh, seeing it shall not prosper? 42 Go not up, for Jĕ-hō'văh is not among you; that ye be not smitten down before your enemies. 43 For there the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes and the Că'năan-ītes are before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned back from following Jĕ-hō'văh, therefore Jĕ-hō'văh will not be with you. 44 But they presumed to go up to the top of the mountain: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh, and Mō'sĕs, departed not out of the camp. 45 Then the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes came down, and the Că'năan-ītes who dwelt in that mountain, and smote them and beat them down, even unto Hôr'măh.

15 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, When ye are come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you, 3 and will make an offering by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh, a burnt-offering, or a sacrifice, [4]to accomplish a vow, or as a freewill-offering, or in your set feasts, to make a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh, of the herd, or of the flock; 4 then shall he that offereth his oblation offer unto Jĕ-hō'văh a meal-offering of a tenth part *of an e'phah* of fine flour mingled with the fourth part of a hin of oil: 5 and

[1] Heb. *lifted up my hand* [2] Heb. *shepherds*
[3] Or, *the revoking of my promise*
[4] Or, *in making a special vow*

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wine for the drink-offering, the fourth part of a hin, shalt thou prepare with the burnt-offering, or for the sacrifice, for each lamb. 6 Or for a ram, thou shalt prepare for a meal-offering two tenth parts *of an e'phah* of fine flour mingled with the third part of a hin of oil: 7 and for the drink-offering thou shalt offer the third part of a hin of wine, of a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 8 And when thou preparest a bullock for a burnt-offering, or for a sacrifice, [1]to accomplish a vow, or for peace-offerings unto Jĕ-hō'văh; 9 then shall he offer with the bullock a meal-offering of three tenth parts *of an e'phah* of fine flour mingled with half a hin of oil: 10 and thou shalt offer for the drink-offering half a hin of wine, for an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

11 Thus shall it be done for each bullock, or for each ram, or for each of the he-lambs, or of the kids. 12 According to the number that ye shall prepare, so shall ye do to every one according to their number. 13 All that are home-born shall do these things after this manner, in offering an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 14 And if a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever may be among you throughout your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh; as ye do, so he shall do. 15 For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth *with you*, a statute for ever throughout your generations: as ye are, so shall the sojourner be before Jĕ-hō'văh. 16 One law and one ordinance shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

17 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 18 Speak unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, When ye come into the land whither I bring you, 19 then it shall be, that, when ye eat of the bread of the land, ye shall offer up a heave-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 20 Of the first of your [2]dough ye shall offer up a cake for a heave-offering: as the heave-offering of the threshing-floor so, shall ye heave it. 21 Of the first of your dough ye shall give unto Jĕ-hō'văh a heave-offering throughout your generations.

22 And when ye shall err, and not observe all these commandments, which Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken unto Mō'sĕs, 23 even all that Jĕ-hō'văh hath commanded you by Mō'sĕs, from the day that Jĕ-hō'văh gave commandment, and onward throughout your generations; 24 then it shall be, if it be done [3]unwittingly, without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt-offering, for a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh, with the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof, according to the ordinance, and one he-goat for a sin-offering. 25 And the priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and they shall be forgiven; for it was an error, and they have brought their oblation, an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and their sin-offering before Jĕ-hō'văh for their error: 26 and all the congregation of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall be forgiven, and the stranger that sojourneth among them; for in respect of all the people it was done unwittingly.

27 And if one person sin unwittingly, then he shall offer a she-goat a year old for a sin-offering. 28 And the priest shall make atonement for the soul that erreth, when he sinneth unwittingly, before Jĕ-hō'văh, to make atonement for him; and he shall be forgiven. 29 Ye shall have one law for him that doeth aught unwittingly, for him that is home-born among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them. 30 But the soul that doeth aught with a high hand, whether

[1] Or, *in making a special vow*

[2] Or, *coarse meal*

[3] Or, *in error*

he be home-born or a sojourner, the same blasphemeth Jĕ-hō'văh; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 31 Because he hath despised the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him.

32 And while the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks upon the sabbath day. 33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Mō'sĕs and Aär'ŏn, and unto all the congregation. 34 And they put him in ward, because it had not been declared what should be done to him. 35 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, The man shall surely be put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp. 36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him to death with stones; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

37 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 38 Speak unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and bid them that they make them [1]fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of each border a cord of blue: 39 and it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of Jĕ-hō'văh, and do them; and that ye [2]follow not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to play the harlot; 40 that ye may remember and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God. 41 I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God, who brought you out of the land of Ē'gўpt, to be your God: I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God.

16 Now Kō'răh, the son of Ĭz'hăr, the son of Kō'hăth, the son of Lē'vī, with Dā'thăn and Ă-bī'răm, the sons of Ē-lī'ăb, and On, the son of Pĕ'lĕth, sons of Reu'bĕn, took *men:* 2 and they rose up before Mō'sĕs, with certain of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, two hundred and fifty princes of the congregation, called to the assembly, men of renown; 3 and they assembled themselves together against Mō'sĕs and against Aär'ŏn, and said unto them, [3]Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and Jĕ-hō'văh is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the assembly of Jĕ-hō'văh?

4 And when Mō'sĕs heard it, he fell upon his face: 5 and he spake unto Kō'răh and unto all his company, saying, In the morning Jĕ-hō'văh will show who are his, and who is holy, and [4]will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he shall choose will he cause to come near unto him. 6 This do: take you censers, Kō'răh, and all his company; 7 and put fire in them, and put incense upon them before Jĕ-hō'văh to-morrow: and it shall be that the man whom Jĕ-hō'văh doth choose, he *shall be* holy: ye take too much upon you, ye sons of Lē'vī. 8 And Mō'sĕs said unto Kō'răh, Hear now, ye sons of Lē'vī: 9 *seemeth it but* a small thing unto you, that the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl hath separated you from the congregation of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, to bring you near to himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of Jĕ-hō'văh, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them; 10 and that he hath brought thee near, and all thy brethren the sons of Lē'vī with thee? and seek ye the priesthood also? 11 Therefore thou and all thy company are gathered together against Jĕ-hō'văh: and Aär'ŏn, what is he that ye murmur against him?

12 And Mō'sĕs sent to call Dā'thăn and Ă-bī'răm, the sons of Ē-lī'ăb; and they said, We will not come up: 13 is it a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, but thou must needs make thyself also a prince over us? 14 Moreover

[1] Or, *tassels in the corners* [2] Heb. *spy not out* [3] Heb. *It is enough for you* [4] Or, *whom he will cause to come near*

thou hast not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou [1]put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.

15 And Mō'sĕs was very wroth, and said unto Jĕ-hō'văh, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them. 16 And Mō'sĕs said unto Kō'răh, Be thou and all thy company before Jĕ-hō'văh, thou, and they, and Aär'ŏn, to-morrow: 17 and take ye every man his censer, and put incense upon them, and bring ye before Jĕ-hō'văh every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aär'ŏn, each his censer. 18 And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood at the door of the tent of meeting with Mō'sĕs and Aär'ŏn. 19 And Kō'răh assembled all the congregation against them unto the door of the tent of meeting: and the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh appeared unto all the congregation.

20 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs and unto Aär'ŏn, saying, 21 Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment. 22 And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation? 23 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Kō'răh, Dā'thăn, and Ă-bī'răm.

25 And Mō'sĕs rose up and went unto Dā'thăn and Ă-bī'răm; and the elders of ĭs'rā-ĕl followed him. 26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins. 27 So they gat them up from the tabernacle of Kō'răh, Dā'thăn, and Ă-bī'răm, on every side: and Dā'thăn and Ă-bī'răm came out, and stood at the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little ones. 28 And Mō'sĕs said, Hereby ye shall know that Jĕ-hō'văh hath sent me to do all these works; for *I have* not *done them* of mine own mind. 29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then Jĕ-hō'văh hath not sent me. 30 But if Jĕ-hō'văh [2]make a new thing, and the ground open its mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down alive into Shē'ōl; then ye shall understand that these men have despised Jĕ-hō'văh.

31 And it came to pass, as he made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them; 32 and the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men that appertained unto Kō'răh, and all their goods. 33 So they, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into Shē'ōl: and the earth closed upon them, and they perished from among the assembly. 34 And all ĭs'rā-ĕl that were round about them fled at the cry of them; for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up. 35 And fire came forth from Jĕ-hō'văh, and devoured the two hundred and fifty men that offered the incense.

*36 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 37 Speak unto Ē-lĕ-ā'zär the son of Aär'ŏn the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for they are holy, 38 even the censers of [3]these sinners against their own [4]lives; and let them be made beaten plates for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before Jĕ-hō'văh; therefore they are holy; and they shall be a sign unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 39 And Ē-lĕ-ā'zär the priest took the brazen censers, which they that were burnt had

[1] Heb. *bore out*

*[Ch. 17. 1 in Heb.]

[2] Heb. *create a creation.* [3] Or, *these men who have sinned at the cost of their lives* [4] Or, *souls*

offered; and they beat them out for a covering of the altar, 40 to be a memorial unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl, to the end that no stranger, that is not of the seed of Aār'ŏn, come near to burn incense before Jĕ-hō'văh; that he be not as Kō'răh, and as his company: as Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto him by Mō'sĕs.

41 But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Is'rā-ĕl murmured against Mō'sĕs and against Aār'ŏn, saying, Ye have killed the people of Jĕ-hō'văh. 42 And it came to pass, when the congregation was assembled against Mō'sĕs and against Aār'ŏn, that they looked toward the tent of meeting: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh appeared. 43 And Mō'sĕs and Aār'ŏn came to the front of the tent of meeting. 44 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 45 Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment. And they fell upon their faces. 46 And Mō'sĕs said unto Aār'ŏn, Take thy censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and lay incense thereon, and carry it quickly unto the congregation, and make atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from Jĕ-hō'văh; the plague is begun. 47 And Aār'ŏn took as Mō'sĕs spake, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on the incense, and made atonement for the people. 48 And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. 49 Now they that died by the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides them that died about the matter of Kō'răh. 50 And Aār'ŏn returned unto Mō'sĕs unto the door of the tent of meeting: and the plague was stayed.

*17 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and take of them rods, one for each fathers' house, of all their princes according to their fathers' houses, twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod. 3 And thou shalt write Aār'ŏn's name upon the rod of Lē'vi; for there shall be one rod for each head of their fathers' houses. 4 And thou shalt lay them up in the tent of meeting before the testimony, where I meet with you. 5 And it shall come to pass, that the rod of the man whom I shall choose shall bud: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, which they murmur against you. 6 And Mō'sĕs spake unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl; and all their princes gave him rods, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aār'ŏn was among their rods. 7 And Mō'sĕs laid up the rods before Jĕ-hō'văh in the tent of the testimony.

8 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Mō'sĕs went into the tent of the testimony; and, behold, the rod of Aār'ŏn for the house of Lē'vī was budded, and put forth buds, and produced blossoms, and bare ripe almonds. 9 And Mō'sĕs brought out all the rods from before Jĕ-hō'văh unto all the children of Is'rā-ĕl: and they looked, and took every man his rod. 10 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Put back the rod of Aār'ŏn before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the children of rebellion; that thou mayest make an end of their murmurings against me, that they die not. 11 Thus did Mō'sĕs: as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded him, so did he.

12 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, Behold, we perish, we are undone, we are all undone. 13 Every one that cometh near, that cometh near unto the tabernacle of Jĕ-hō'văh, [1]dieth: shall we perish all of us?

18 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Aār'ŏn, Thou and thy sons and thy fathers' house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary; and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your

*[Ch. 17.16 in Heb.] [1] Or, *shall die*

priesthood. 2 And thy brethren also, the tribe of Lē'vī, the tribe of thy father, bring thou near with thee, that they may be joined unto thee, and minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with thee shall be before the tent of the testimony. 3 And they shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all the Tent: only they shall not come nigh unto the vessels of the sanctuary and unto the altar, that they die not, neither they, nor ye. 4 And they shall be joined unto thee, and keep the charge of the tent of meeting, for all the service of the Tent: and a stranger shall not come nigh unto you. 5 And ye shall keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the altar; that there be wrath no more upon the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 6 And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Lē'vites from among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: to you they are a gift, given unto Jĕ-hō'văh, to do the service of the tent of meeting. 7 And thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priesthood for every thing of the altar, and for that within the veil; and ye shall serve: I give you the priesthood as a service of gift: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

8 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Aâr'ŏn, And I, behold, I have given thee the charge of my heave-offerings, even all the hallowed things of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; unto thee have I given them [1]by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons, as a portion for ever. 9 This shall be thine of the most holy things, *reserved* from the fire: every oblation of theirs, even every meal-offering of theirs, and every sin-offering of theirs, and every trespass-offering of theirs, which they shall render unto me, shall be most holy for thee and for thy sons. 10 As the most holy things shalt thou eat thereof; every male shall eat thereof: it shall be holy unto thee. 11 And this is thine: the heave-offering of their gift, even all the wave-offerings of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; I have given them unto thee, and to thy sons and to thy daughters with thee, as a portion for ever; every one that is clean in thy thouse shall eat thereof. 12 All the [2]best of the oil, and all the [2]best of the vintage, and of the grain, the first-fruits of them which they give unto Jĕ-hō'-văh, to thee have I given them. 13 The first-ripe fruits of all that is in their land, which they bring unto Jĕ-hō'văh, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thy house shall eat thereof. 14 Everything devoted in Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall be thine. 15 Everything that openeth the womb, of all flesh which they offer unto Jĕ-hō'văh, both of man and beast, shall be thine: nevertheless the first-born of man shalt thou surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem. 16 [3]And those that are to be redeemed of them from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to thine estimation, for the money of five shĕk'ĕls, after the shĕk'ĕl of the sanctuary (the same is twenty gē'răhs). 17 But the firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, thou shalt not redeem; they are holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 18 And the flesh of them shall be thine, as the wave-breast and as the right thigh, it shall be thine. 19 All the heave-offerings of the holy things, which the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl offer unto Jĕ-hō'văh, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, as a portion for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever before Jĕ-hō'văh unto thee and to thy seed with thee. 20 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Aâr'ŏn, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any portion among them: I am thy portion and thine inheritance among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

[1] Or, *for a portion*

[2] Heb. *fat*

[3] Or, *And as to their redemption money, from a month old shalt thou redeem them*

21 And unto the children of Lē'vī, behold, I have given all the tithe in Ĭs'rā-ĕl for an inheritance, in return for their service which they serve, even the service of the tent of meeting. 22 And henceforth the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall not come nigh the tent of meeting, lest they bear sin, and die. 23 But the Lē'vītes shall do the service of the tent of meeting, and they shall bear their iniquity: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations; and among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl they shall have no inheritance. 24 For the tithe of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, which they offer as a heave-offering unto Jĕ-hō'vāh, I have given to the Lē'vītes for an inheritance: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl they shall have no inheritance.

25 And Jĕ-hō'vāh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 26 Moreover thou shalt speak unto the Lē'vītes, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl the tithe which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up a heave-offering of it for Jĕ-hō'vāh, a tithe of the tithe. 27 And your heave-offering shall be reckoned unto you, as though it were the grain of the threshing-floor, and as the fulness of the winepress. 28 Thus ye also shall offer a heave-offering unto Jĕ-hō'vāh of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and thereof ye shall give Jĕ-hō'vāh's heave-offering to Aâr'ŏn the priest. 29 Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave-offering of Jĕ-hō'vāh, of all the [1]best thereof, even the hallowed part thereof out of it. 30 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye heave the [1]best thereof from it, then it shall be reckoned unto the Lē'vītes as the increase of the threshing-floor, and as the increase of the winepress. 31 And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your households: for it is your reward in return for your service in the tent of meeting. 32 And ye shall bear no sin by reason of it, when ye have heaved from it the [1]best thereof: and ye shall not profane the holy things of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, [2]that ye die not.

19 And Jĕ-hō'vāh spake unto Mō'sĕs and unto Aâr'ŏn, saying, 2 This is the statute of the law which Jĕ-hō'vāh hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that they bring thee a red heifer [3]without spot, wherein is no blemish, *and* upon which never came yoke. 3 And ye shall give her unto Ē-lē-ā'zär the priest, and he shall bring her forth without the camp, and one shall slay her before his face: 4 and Ē-lē-ā'zär the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times. 5 And one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn: 6 and the priest shall take cedar-wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer. 7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even. 8 And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even. 9 And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place; and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl for a water for impurity: it is a sin-offering. 10 And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.

11 He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean

[1] Heb. *fat*
[2] Or, *neither shall ye die* [3] Or, *perfect*

seven days: 12 the same shall purify himself therewith on the third day, [1]and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, [2]then the seventh day he shall not be clean. 13 Whosoever toucheth a dead person, the body of a man that hath died, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of Jĕ-hō'văh; and that soul shall be cut off from ĭs'rā-ĕl: because the water for impurity was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him.

14 This is the law when a man dieth in a tent: every one that cometh into the tent, and every one that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days. 15 And every open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, is unclean. 16 And whosoever in the open field toucheth one that is slain with a sword, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days. 17 And for the unclean they shall take of the ashes of the burning of the sin-offering; and [3]running water shall be put thereto in a vessel: 18 and a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched the bone, or the slain, or the dead, or the grave: 19 and the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify him; and he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even.

20 But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from the midst of the assembly, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of Jĕ-hō'văh: the water for impurity hath not been sprinkled upon him; he is unclean. 21 And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them: and he that sprinkleth the water for impurity shall wash his clothes; and he that toucheth the water for impurity shall be unclean until even. 22 And whatsoever the unclean person toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth it shall be unclean until even.

20 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, even the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zĭn in the first month: and the people abode in Kā'dĕsh; and Mĭr'ĭ-ăm died there, and was buried there.

2 And there was no water for the congregation: and they assembled themselves together against Mō'sĕs and against Aâr'ŏn. 3 And the people strove with Mō'sĕs, and spake, saying, Would that we had died when our brethren died before Jĕ-hō'văh! 4 And why have ye brought the assembly of Jĕ-hō'văh into this wilderness, that we should die there, we and our beasts? 5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Ē'gŭpt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink. 6 And Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tent of meeting, and fell upon their faces: and the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh appeared unto them. 7 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 8 Take the rod, and assemble the congregation, thou, and Aâr'ŏn thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes, that it give forth its water; and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock; so thou shalt give the congregation and their cattle drink. 9 And Mō'sĕs took the rod from before Jĕ-hō'văh, as he commanded him.

10 And Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; shall we bring you forth water out of this rock? 11 And Mō'sĕs lifted up his hand, and smote the rock with his rod twice: and water came forth abundantly, and the congre-

[1] Or, *and on the seventh day*, so *shall he be clean* [2] Or, *and* [3] Heb. *living*

gation drank, and their cattle.
12 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'-sĕs and Aâr'ŏn, Because ye believed not in me, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, therefore ye shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them. 13 These are the waters of [1]Mĕr'ĭ-băh; because the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl strove with Jĕ-hō'văh, and he [2]was sanctified in them.

14 And Mō'sĕs sent messengers from Kā'dĕsh unto the king of Ē'dŏm, Thus saith thy brother Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Thou knowest all the travail that hath befallen us: 15 how our fathers went down into Ē'gĭ̆pt, and we dwelt in Ē'gĭ̆pt a long time; and the Ē-gĭ̆p'tiăns dealt ill with us, and our fathers: 16 and when we cried unto Jĕ-hō'-văh, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and brought us forth out of Ē'gĭ̆pt: and, behold, we are in Kā'dĕsh, a city in the uttermost of thy border. 17 Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy land: we will not pass through field or through vineyard, neither will we drink of the water of the wells; we will go along the king's highway; we will not turn aside to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed thy border. 18 And Ē'dŏm said unto him, Thou shalt not pass through me, lest I come out with the sword against thee. 19 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl said unto him, We will go up by the highway; and if we drink of thy water, I and my cattle, then will I give the price thereof: let me only, without *doing* anything *else*, pass through on my feet. 20 And he said, Thou shalt not pass through. And Ē'dŏm came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand. 21 Thus Ē'dŏm refused to give Ĭs'rā-ĕl passage through his border: wherefore Ĭs'rā-ĕl turned away from him.

22 And they journeyed from Kā'dĕsh: and the children of Ĭs'-rā-ĕl, even the whole congregation, came unto mount Hôr.
23 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn in mount Hôr, by the border of the land of Ē'dŏm, saying, 24 Aâr'ŏn shall be gathered unto his people; for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, because ye rebelled against my word at the waters of Mĕr'ĭ-băh. 25 Take Aâr'ŏn and Ē-lē-ā'zär his son, and bring them up unto mount Hôr; 26 and strip Aâr'ŏn of his garments, and put them upon Ē-lē-ā'zär his son: and Aâr'ŏn shall be gathered *unto his people*, and shall die there. 27 And Mō'-sĕs did as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded: and they went up into mount Hôr in the sight of all the congregation. 28 And Mō'sĕs stripped Aâr'ŏn of his garments, and put them upon Ē-lē-ā'zär his son; and Aâr'ŏn died there on the top of the mount: and Mō'sĕs and Ē-lē-ā'zär came down from the mount. 29 And when all the congregation saw that Aâr'ŏn was dead, they wept for Aâr'ŏn thirty days, even all the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

21 And the Cā'năan-īte, the king of Ā'răd, who dwelt in the South, heard tell that Ĭs'rā-ĕl came by the way [3]of Ăth'ă-rĭm; and he fought against Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and took some of them captive. 2 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl vowed a vow unto Jĕ-hō'-văh, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will [4]utterly destroy their cities. 3 And Jĕ-hō'văh hearkened to the voice of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and delivered up the Cā'năan-ītes; and they [5]utterly destroyed them and their cities: and the name of the place was called [6]Hôr'măh.

4 And they journeyed from mount Hôr by the way to the Red Sea, to compass the land of Ē'dŏm: and the soul of the people [7]was much discouraged [8]because of the way. 5 And the people spake against God, and against Mō'sĕs, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Ē'gĭ̆pt to die in the wilder-

[1] That is, *Strife* [2] Or, *showed himself holy* [3] Or, *of the spies* [4] Heb. *devote* [5] Heb. *devoted* [6] From the same root as *herem*, a devoted thing [7] Or, *was impatient* Heb. *was shortened* [8] Or, *in*

ness? for there is no bread, and there is no water; and our soul loatheth this [1]light bread. 6 And Jĕ-hō'văh sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Ĭs'rā-ĕl died. 7 And the people came to Mō'sĕs, and said, We have sinned, because we have spoken against Jĕ-hō'văh, and against thee; pray unto Jĕ-hō'văh, that he take away the serpents from us. And Mō'sĕs prayed for the people. 8 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a standard: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he seeth it, shall live. 9 And Mō'sĕs made a serpent of brass, and set it upon the standard: and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked unto the serpent of brass, he lived.

10 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl journeyed, and encamped in Ō'bŏth. 11 And they journeyed from Ō'bŏth, and encamped at Ĭ'yĕ-ăb'ă-rĭm, in the wilderness which is before Mō'ăb, toward the sunrising. 12 From thence they journeyed, and encamped in the valley of Zĕ'rĕd. 13 From thence they journeyed, and encamped on the other side of the Ăr'nŏn, which is in the wilderness, that cometh out of the border of the Ăm'ôr-ītes: for the Ăr'nŏn is the border of Mō'ăb, between Mō'ăb and the Ăm'ôr-ītes. 14 Wherefore it is said in the book of the Wars of Jĕ-hō'văh,

Vā'hĕb [2]in Sū'phăh,
And the valleys of the Ăr'nŏn,
15 And the slope of the valleys
That inclineth toward the dwelling of Ăr,
And leaneth upon the border of Mō'ăb.

16 And from thence *they journeyed* to [3]Bĕ'ĕr: that is the well whereof Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

17 Then sang Ĭs'rā-ĕl this song:

Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it:
18 The well, which the princes digged,
Which the nobles of the people delved,
[4]With the sceptre, *and* with their staves.

And from the wilderness *they journeyed* to Măt'tă-năh; 19 and from Măt'tă-năh to Nā-hā'lĭ-ĕl; and from Nā-hā'lĭ-ĕl to Bā'mŏth; 20 and from Bā'mŏth to the valley that is in the field of Mō'ăb, to the top of Pĭs'găh, which looketh down upon [5]the desert.

21 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl sent messengers unto Sī-hŏn king of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, saying, 22 Let me pass through thy land: we will not turn aside into field, or into vineyard; we will not drink of the water of the wells: we will go by the king's highway, until we have passed thy border. 23 And Sī'hŏn would not suffer Ĭs'rā-ĕl to pass through his border: but Sī'hŏn gathered all his people together, and went out against Ĭs'rā-ĕl into the wilderness, and came to Jā'hăz; and he fought against Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 24 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from the Ăr'nŏn unto the Jăb'bŏk, even unto the children of Ăm'mŏn; for the border of the children of Ăm'mŏn was strong. 25 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl took all these cities: and Ĭs'rā-ĕl dwelt in all the cities of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, in Hĕsh'bŏn, and in all the [6]towns thereof. 26 For Hĕsh'bŏn was the city of Sī'hŏn the king of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, who had fought against the former king of Mō'ăb, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto the Ăr'nŏn. 27 Wherefore they that speak in proverbs say,

Come ye to Hĕsh'bŏn;
Let the city of Sī'hŏn be built and established:
28 For a fire is gone out of Hĕsh'bŏn,
A flame from the city of Sī'hŏn:
It hath devoured Ăr of Mō'ăb,

[1] Or, *vile* [2] Or, *in storm* [3] That is, *A well* [4] Or, *By order of the law-giver Jeshimon* [5] Or, [6] Heb. *daughters*

The lords of [1]the high places of
the Ăr'nŏn.
29 Woe to thee, Mō'ăb!
Thou art undone, O people of
Chē'mōsh:
He hath given his sons as fugi-
tives,
And his daughters into captiv-
ity,
Unto Sī'hŏn king of the Ăm'-
ôr-ītes.
30 We have shot at them; Hĕsh'-
bŏn is perished even unto
Dī'bŏn,
And we have laid waste even
unto Nō'phăh,
Which *reacheth* unto Mĕd'ĕ-bā.
31 Thus ĭs'rā-ĕl dwelt in the land
of the Ăm'ôr-ītes. 32 And Mō'sĕs
sent to spy out Jā'zēr; and they
took the towns thereof, and drove
out the Ăm'ôr-ītes that were there.

33 And they turned and went
up by the way of Bā'shăn: and Ōg
the king of Bā'shăn went out
against them, he and all his peo-
ple, to battle at Ĕd'rĕ-ī. 34 And
Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Fear
him not: for I have delivered him
into thy hand, and all his people,
and his land; and thou shalt do to
him as thou didst unto Sī'hŏn king
of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, who dwelt at
Hĕsh'bŏn. 35 So they smote him,
and his sons and all his people,
until there was none left him re-
maining: and they possessed his
22 land. 1 And the children of
ĭs'rā-ĕl journeyed, and en-
camped in the plains of Mō'ăb
beyond the Jordan at Jĕr'ĭ-chō.

2 And Bā'lăk the son of Zĭp'pôr
saw all that ĭs'rā-ĕl had done to
the Ăm'ôr-ītes. 3 And Mō'ăb
was sore afraid of the people, be-
cause they were many: and Mō'ăb
was distressed because of the
children of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 4 And Mō'-
ăb said unto the elders of Mĭd'-
ĭ-ăn, Now will [2]this multitude lick
up all that is round about us, as
the ox licketh up the grass of the
field. And Bā'lăk the son of Zĭp'-
pôr was king of Mō'ăb at that
time. 5 And he sent messengers
unto Bā'lăam the son of Bē'ôr, to
Pē'thôr, which is by the River, to
the land of the children of his peo-
ple, to call him, saying, Behold,
there is a people come out from
Ē'gўpt: behold, they cover the
[3]face of the earth, and they abide
over against me. 6 Come now
therefore, I pray thee, curse me
this people; for they are too
mighty for me: peradventure I
shall prevail, that we may smite
them, and that I may drive them
out of the land; for I know that
he whom thou blessest is blessed,
and he whom thou cursest is
cursed.

7 And the elders of Mō'ăb and
the elders of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn departed
with the rewards of divination in
their hand; and they came unto
Bā'lăam, and spake unto him the
words of Bā'lăk. 8 And he said
unto them, Lodge here this night,
and I will bring you word again, as
Jĕ-hō'văh shall speak unto me:
and the princes of Mō'ăb abode
with Bā'lăam. 9 And God came
unto Bā'lăam, and said, What men
are these with thee? 10 And Bā'-
lăam said unto God, Bā'lăk the son
of Zĭp'pôr, king of Mō'ăb, hath
sent unto me, *saying*, 11 Behold,
the people that is come out of
Ē'gўpt, it covereth the [3]face of the
earth: now, come curse me them;
peradventure I shall be able to
fight against them, and shall drive
them out. 12 And God said unto
Bā'lăam, Thou shalt not go with
them; thou shalt not curse the
people; for they are blessed.
13 And Bā'lăam rose up in the
morning, and said unto the princes
of Bā'lăk, Get you into your land;
for Jĕ-hō'văh refuseth to give me
leave to go with you. 14 And the
princes of Mō'ăb rose up, and they
went unto Bā'lăk, and said, Bā'-
lăam refuseth to come with us.

15 And Bā'lăk sent yet again
princes, more, and more honorable
than they. 16 And they came to
Bā'lăam, and said to him, Thus
saith Bā'lăk the son of Zĭp'pôr,
Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder
thee from coming unto me: 17 for

[1] Or, *Bamoth* [2] Heb. *the assembly* [3] Heb. *eye*

I will promote thee unto very great honor, and whatsoever thou sayest unto me I will do: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people. 18 And Bā'lăam answered and said unto the servants of Bā'lăk, If Bā'lăk would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of Jĕ-hō'văh my God, to do less or more. 19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what Jĕ-hō'văh will speak unto me more. 20 And God came unto Bā'lăam at night, and said unto him, If the men are come to call thee, rise up, go with them; but only the word which I speak unto thee, that shalt thou do.

21 And Bā'lăam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Mō'ăb. 22 And God's anger was kindled because he went; and the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh placed himself in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him. 23 And the ass saw the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Bā'lăam smote the ass, to turn her into the way. 24 Then the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side. 25 And the ass saw the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh, and she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Bā'lăam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again. 26 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. 27 And the ass saw the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh, and she lay down under Bā'lăam: and Bā'lăam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with his staff. 28 And Jĕ-hō'văh opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Bā'lăam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times? 29 And Bā'lăam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in my hand, for now I had killed thee. 30 And the ass said unto Bā'lăam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden all thy life long unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.

31 Then Jĕ-hō'văh opened the eyes of Bā'lăam, and he saw the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed his head, and fell on his face. 32 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I am come forth for an adversary, because thy way is [1]perverse before me: 33 and the ass saw me, and turned aside before me these three times: unless she had turned aside from me, surely now I had even slain thee, and saved her alive. 34 And Bā'lăam said unto the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again. 35 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Bā'lăam, Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Bā'lăam went with the princes of Bā'lăk.

36 And when Bā'lăk heard that Bā'lăam was come, he went out to meet him unto the City of Mō'ăb, which is on the border of the Ăr'nŏn, which is in the utmost part of the border. 37 And Bā'lăk said unto Bā'lăam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honor? 38 And Bā'lăam said unto Bā'lăk, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to speak anything? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak. 39 And Bā'lăam went with Bā'lăk, and they came unto Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-hū'zŏth. 40 And Bā'lăk sacrificed oxen and sheep,

[1] Heb. *headlong*

and sent to Bā'lăam, and to the princes that were with him.

41 And it came to pass in the morning, that Bā'lăk took Bā'lăam, and brought him up into [1]the high places of Bā'ăl; and he saw from thence the utmost part of the
23 people. 1 And Bā'lăam said unto Bā'lăk, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams. 2 And Bā'lăk did as Bā'lăam had spoken; and Bā'lăk and Bā'lăam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram. 3 And Bā'lăam said unto Bā'lăk, Stand by thy burnt-offering, and I will go: peradventure Jĕ-hō'văh will come to meet me; and whatsoever he showeth me I will tell thee. And he went to a bare height. 4 And God met Bā'lăam: and he said unto him, I have prepared the seven altars, and I have offered up a bullock and a ram on every altar. 5 And Jĕ-hō'văh put a word in Bā'lăam's mouth, and said, Return unto Bā'lăk, and thus thou shalt speak. 6 And he returned unto him, and, lo, he was standing by his burnt-offering, he, and all the princes of Mō'ăb. 7 And he took up his parable, and said,

From Ā'răm hath Bā'lăk brought me,
The king of Mō'ăb from the mountains of the East:
Come, curse me Jacob,
And come, [2]defy Ĭs'rā-ĕl.
8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed?
And how shall I defy, whom Jĕ-hō'văh hath not defied?
9 For from the top of the rocks I see him,
And from the hills I behold him:
Lo, it is a people that dwelleth alone,
And shall not be reckoned among the nations.
10 Who can count the dust of Jacob,
[3]Or number the fourth part of Ĭs'rā-ĕl?
Let [4]me die the death of the righteous,
And let my last end be like his!
11 And Bā'lăk said unto Bā'lăam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether. 12 And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which Jĕ-hō'văh putteth in my mouth?

13 And Bā'lăk said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them; thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence. 14 And he took him into the field of Zō'phĭm, to the top of Pĭs'găh, and built seven altars, and offered up a bullock and a ram on every altar. 15 And he said unto Bā'lăk, Stand here by thy burnt-offering, while I meet *Je-ho'vah* yonder. 16 And Jĕ-hō'văh met Bā'lăam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Return unto Bā'lăk, and thus thou shalt speak. 17 And he came to him, and, lo, he was standing by his burnt-offering, and the princes of Mō'ăb with him. And Bā'lăk said unto him, What hath Jĕ-hō'văh spoken? 18 And he took up his parable, and said,

Rise up, Bā'lăk, and hear;
Hearken unto me, thou son of Zĭp'pôr:
19 God is not a man, that he should lie,
Neither the son of man, that he should repent:
Hath he said, and will he not do it?
Or hath he spoken, and will he not make it good?
20 Behold, I have received *commandment* to bless:
And he hath blessed, and I cannot reverse it.
21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob;
Neither hath he seen [5]perverseness in Ĭs'rā-ĕl:
Jĕ-hō'văh his God is with him,

[1] Or, *Bamoth-baal* [2] Heb. *be wroth against*
[3] Heb. *Or, by number, the &c.*
[4] Heb. *my soul*
[5] Or, *trouble*

And the shout of a king is among them.
22 God bringeth them forth out of Ē'gўpt;
He hath as it were the [1]strength of the [2]wild-ox.
23 Surely there is no enchantment [3]with Jacob;
Neither is there any divination [3]with Ĭs'rā-ĕl:
[4]Now shall it be [5]said of Jacob and of Ĭs'rā-ĕl,
What hath God wrought!
24 Behold, the people riseth up as a lioness,
And as a lion doth he lift himself up:
He shall not lie down until he eat of the prey,
And drink the blood of the slain.

25 And Bā'lăk said unto Bā'lăam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all. 26 But Bā'lăam answered and said unto Bā'lăk, Told not I thee, saying, All that Jĕ-hō'văh speaketh, that I must do?

27 And Bā'lăk said unto Bā'lăam, Come now, I will take thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me them from thence. 28 And Bā'lăk took Bā'lăam unto the top of Pē'ôr, that looketh down upon [6]the desert. 29 And Bā'lăam said unto Bā'lăk, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams. 30 And Bā'lăk did as Bā'lăam had said, and offered up a bullock and a ram on every altar.

24 1 And when Bā'lăam saw that it pleased Jĕ-hō'văh to bless Ĭs'rā-ĕl, he went not, as at the other times, to meet with enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness. 2 And Bā'lăam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Ĭs'rā-ĕl dwelling according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon him. 3 And he took up his parable, and said,

Bā'lăam the son of Bē'ôr saith,
And the man whose eye [7]was closed saith;
4 He saith, who heareth the words of God,
Who seeth the vision of the Almighty,
Falling down, and having his eyes open:
5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob,
Thy tabernacles, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl!
6 As valleys are they spread forth,
As gardens by the river-side,
As lign-aloes which Jĕ-hō'văh hath planted,
As cedar-trees beside the waters.
7 Water shall flow from his buckets,
And his seed shall be in many waters,
And his king shall be higher than Ā'găg,
And his kingdom shall be exalted.
8 God bringeth him forth out of Ē'gўpt;
He hath as it were the strength of the wild-ox:
He shall eat up the nations his adversaries,
And shall break their bones in pieces,
And smite *them* through with his arrows.
9 He couched, he lay down as a lion,
And as a lioness; who shall rouse him up?
Blessed be every one that blesseth thee,
And cursed be every one that curseth thee.

10 And Bā'lăk's anger was kindled against Bā'lăam, and he smote his hands together; and Bā'lăk said unto Bā'lăam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times. 11 Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honor; but, lo, Jĕ-hō'văh hath kept thee back from honor. 12 And Bā'lăam said unto Bā'lăk, Spake

[1] Or, *horns* [2] Or, *ox-antelope* Heb. *reem*
[3] Or, *against* [4] Or, *At the due season* [5] Or, *told to . . . what God hath wrought*
[6] Or, *Jeshimon*
[7] Or, *is opened*

I not also to thy messengers that
thou sentest unto me, saying,
13 If Bā'lāk would give me his
house full of silver and gold, I can-
not go beyond the word of Jĕ-hō'-
văh, to do either good or bad of
mine own mind; what Jĕ-hō'văh
speaketh, that will I speak? 14 And
now, behold, I go unto my people:
come, *and* I will advertise thee
what this people shall do to thy
people in the latter days. 15 And
he took up his parable, and said,
Bā'lăam the son of Bĕ'ôr saith,
And the man whose eye [1]was
closed saith;
16 He saith, who heareth the
words of God,
And knoweth the knowledge of
the Most High,
Who seeth the vision of the
Almighty,
Falling down, and having his
eyes open:
17 I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not nigh:
There shall come forth a star
out of Jacob,
And a sceptre shall rise out of
Ĭs'rā-ĕl,
And shall smite through the
corners of Mō'ăb,
And break down all the sons
[2]of tumult.
18 And Ē'dŏm shall be a posses-
sion,
Sē'ĭr also shall be a possession,
who were his enemies;
While Ĭs'rā-ĕl doeth valiantly.
19 And out of Jacob shall one
have dominion,
And shall destroy the remnant
from the city.
20 And he looked on Ăm'ă-lĕk,
and took up his parable, and said,
Ăm'ă-lĕk was the first of the
nations;
But his latter end shall come
to destruction.
21 And he looked on the Kĕn'īte,
and took up his parable, and said,
Strong is thy dwelling-place,
And thy nest is set in the rock.
22 Nevertheless [3]Kā'ĭn shall be
wasted,
[4]Until Ăssh'ŭr shall carry thee
away captive.
23 And he took up his parable,
and said,
Alas, who shall live when God
[5]doeth this?
24 But ships *shall come* from the
coast of Kĭt'tĭm,
And they shall afflict Ăssh'ŭr,
and shall afflict Ē'bēr;
And he also shall come to de-
struction.
25 And Bā'lăam rose up, and went
and returned to his place; and
Bā'lăk also went his way.

25 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl abode in Shĭt'-
tĭm; and the people began to
play the harlot with the daughters
of Mō'ăb: 2 for they called the peo-
ple unto the sacrifices of their gods;
and the people did eat, and bowed
down to their gods. 3 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl
[6]joined himself unto [7]Bā'ăl-pē'ôr:
and the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh was
kindled against Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 4 And
Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Take
all the chiefs of the people, and
hang them up unto Jĕ-hō'văh be-
fore the sun, that the fierce anger
of Jĕ-hō'văh may turn away from
Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 5 And Mō'sĕs said unto
the judges of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Slay ye
every one his men that have
joined themselves unto Bā'ăl-
pē'ôr.

6 And, behold, one of the chil-
dren of Ĭs'rā-ĕl came and brought
unto his brethren a Mĭd'ĭ-ăn-ĭ-
tĭsh woman in the sight of Mō'sĕs,
and in the sight of all the congre-
gation of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl,
while they were weeping at the
door of the tent of meeting. 7 And
when Phĭn'ĕ-hās, the son of Ē-lē-
ā'zär, the son of Aâr'ŏn the priest,
saw it, he rose up from the midst
of the congregation, and took a
spear in his hand; 8 and he went
after the man of Ĭs'rā-ĕl into the
[8]pavilion, and thrust both of them
through, the man of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and
the woman through her body. So
the plague was stayed from the
children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 9 And those

[1] Or, *is opened* [2] Or, *of Sheth*
[3] Or, *the Kenites*
[4] Or, *How long? Asshur &c.* [5] Or,
establisheth him [6] Or, *yoked*
[7] Or, *the Baal of Peor* See ch. 23. 28
[8] Or, *alcove*

that died by the plague were twenty and four thousand.

10 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 11 Phĭn'ĕ-hăs, the son of Ē-lĕ-ā'zär, the son of Aär'ŏn the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, in that he was jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I consumed not the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl in my jealousy. 12 Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: 13 and it shall be unto him, and to his seed after him, the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was jealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

14 Now the name of the man of Ĭs'rā-ĕl that was slain, who was slain with the Mĭd'ĭ-ăn-ĭ-tĭsh woman, was Zĭm'rī, the son of Sā'lū, a prince of a fathers' house among the Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn-ītes. 15 And the name of the Mĭd'ĭ-ăn-ĭ-tĭsh woman that was slain was Cŏz'bī, the daughter of Zūr; he was head of the people of a fathers' house in Mĭd'ĭ-ăn.

16 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 17 Vex the Mĭd'ĭ-ăn-ītes, and smite them; 18 for they vex you with their wiles, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Pē'ôr, and in the matter of Cŏz'bī, the daughter of the prince of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn, their sister, who was slain on the day of the plague in the matter of Pē'ôr.

26 And it came to pass after the plague, that Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs and unto Ē-lĕ-ā'zär the son of Aär'ŏn the priest, saying, 2 Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers' houses, all that are able to go forth to war in Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 3 And Mō'sĕs and Ē-lĕ-ā'zär the priest spake with them in the plains of Mō'ăb by the Jordan at Jĕr'ĭ-chō, saying, 4 *Take the sum of the people,* from twenty years old and upward; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that came forth out of the land of Ē'gўpt.

5 Reu'bĕn, the first-born of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; the sons of Reu'bĕn: *of* Hā'nŏch, the family of the Hā'nŏch-ītes; of Păl'lū, the family of the Păl'lū-ītes; 6 of Hĕz'rŏn, the family of the Hĕz'rŏn-ītes; of Căr'mī, the family of the Căr'mītes. 7 These are the families of the Reu'bĕn-ītes; and they that were numbered of them were forty and three thousand and seven hundred and thirty. 8 And the sons of Păl'lū: Ē-lī'ăb. 9 And the sons of Ē-lī'ăb: Nĕm'ū-ĕl, and Dā'thăn, and Ă-bī'răm. These are that Dā'thăn and Ă-bī'răm, who were called of the congregation, who strove against Mō'sĕs and against Aär'ŏn in the company of Kō'răh, when they strove against Jĕ-hō'văh, 10 and the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up together with Kō-răh, when that company died; what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men, and they became a sign. 11 Notwithstanding, the sons of Kō'răh died not.

12 The sons of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn after their families: of [1]Nĕm'ū-ĕl, the family of the Nĕm'ū-ĕl-ītes; of Jā'mĭn, the family of the Jā'mĭn-ītes; of [2]Jā'chĭn, the family of the Jā'chĭn-ītes; 13 of [3]Zē'răh, the family of the Zē'răh-ītes; of Shā'ŭl, the family of the Shā'ŭl-ītes. 14 These are the families of the Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn-ītes, twenty and two thousand and two hundred.

15 The sons of Gad after their families: of [4]Zē'phŏn, the family of the Zē-phŏn-ītes; of Hăg'gī, the family of the Hăg'gītes; of Shu'nī, the family of the Shu'nītes; 16 of [5]Ŏz'nī, the family of the Ŏz'nītes; of Ē'rī, the family of the Ē'rītes; 17 of [6]Ă'rŏd, the family of the Ă'rŏd-ītes; of Ă-rē'lī, the family of the Ă-rē'lītes. 18 These are the families of the sons of Gad according to those that were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred.

19 The sons of Jū'dăh: Ēr and

[1] In Gen. 46. 10, Ex. 6. 15, *Jemuel* [2] In 1 Chr. 4. 24, *Jarib* [3] In Gen. 46. 10, *Zohar* [4] In Gen. 46. 16, *Ziphion* [5] In Gen. 46. 16, *Ezbon* [6] In Gen. 46. 16, *Arodi*

Ō'năn; and Ēr and Ō'năn died in the land of Că'năan. 20 And the sons of Jū'dăh after their families were: of Shē'lăh, the family of the Shē'lăn-ītes; of Pē'rĕz, the family of the Pĕr'ĕ-zītes; of Zĕ'răh, the family of the Zē'răh-ītes. 21 And the sons of Pē'rĕz were: of Hĕz'rŏn, the family of the Hĕz'rŏn-ītes; of Hā'mūl, the family of the Hā'mūl-ītes. 22 These are the families of Jū'dăh according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and sixteen thousand and five hundred.

23 The sons of Ĭs'să-chär after their families: *of* Tō'lă, the family of the Tō'lă-ītes; of Pū'văh, the family of the Pū'nītes; 24 of [1]Jăsh'ŭb, the family of the Jăsh'ŭb-ītes; of Shĭm'rŏn, the family of the Shĭm'rŏn-ītes. 25 These are the families of Ĭs'să-chär according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and four thousand and three hundred.

26 The sons of Zĕb'ū-lŭn after their families: of Sē'rĕd, the family of the Sē'rĕd-ītes; of Ē'lŏn, the family of the Ē'lŏn-ītes; of Jăh'lē-ĕl, the family of the Jăh'lē-ĕl-ītes. 27 These are the families of the Zĕb'ū-lŭn-ītes according to those that were numbered of them, threescore thousand and five hundred.

28 The sons of Joseph after their families: Măn-năs'sĕh and Ē'phrā-ĭm. 29 The sons of Măn-năs'sĕh: of Mā'chĭr, the family of the Mā'chĭr-ītes; and Mā'chĭr begat Gĭl'ĕ-ăd: of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, the family of the Gĭl'ĕ-ăd-ītes. 30 These are the sons of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd: *of* [2]Ī'ēzĕr, the family of the Ī'ēzĕr-ītes; of Hĕ'lĕk, the family of the Hĕ'lĕk-ītes; 31 and *of* Ăs'rĭ-ĕl, the family of the Ăs'rĭ-ĕl-ītes; and *of* Shĕ'chĕm, the family of the Shĕ'chĕm-ītes; 32 and *of* Shĕ-mī'dă, the family of the Shĕ-mī'dă-ītes; and *of* Hē'phĕr, the family of the Hē'phĕr-ites. 33 And Zĕ-lō'phē-hăd the son of Hē'phĕr had no sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zĕ-lō'phē-hăd were Măh'lăh, and Noah, Hŏg'lăh, Mĭl'căh, and Tĭr'zăh. 34 These are the families of Măn-năs'sĕh; and they that were numbered of them were fifty and two thousand and seven hundred.

35 These are the sons of Ē'phrā-ĭm after their families: of Shu'thĕ-lăh, the family of the Shu'thĕl-a'hītes; of [3]Bĕ'chĕr, the family of the Bē'chĕr-ītes; of Tā'hăn, the family of the Tā'hăn-ītes. 36 And these are the sons of Shu'thĕ-lăh: of Ē'răn, the family of the Ē'răn-ītes. 37 These are the families of the sons of Ē'phrā-ĭm according to those that were numbered of them, thirty and two thousand and five hundred. These are the sons of Joseph after their families.

38 The sons of Bĕn'jă-mĭn after their families: of Bē'lă, the family of the Bē'lă-ītes; of Ăsh'bĕl, the family of the Ăsh'bĕl-ītes; of [4]Ă-hī'răm, the family of the Ă-hī'răm-ītes; 39 of [5]Shē-phū'phăm, the family of the Shu'phăm-ītes; of Hū'phăm, the family of the Hū'phăm-ītes. 40 And the sons of Bē'lă were [6]Ărd and Nā'ă-măn: *of Ard*, the family of the Ărd'ītes; of Nā'ă-măn, the family of the Nā'ă-mītes. 41 These are the sons of Bĕn'jă-mĭn after their families; and they that were numbered of them were forty and five thousand and six hundred.

42 These are the sons of Dan after their families: of [7]Shu'hăm, the family of the Shu'hăm-ītes. These are the families of Dan after their families. 43 All the families of the Shu'hăm-ītes, according to those that were numbered of them, were threescore and four thousand and four hundred.

44 The sons of Ăsh'ĕr after their families: of Ĭm'năh, the family of the Ĭm'nītes; of Ĭsh'vī, the family of the Ĭsh'vītes; of Bĕ-rī'ăh, the family of the Bĕ-rī'ītes. 45 Of the sons of Bĕ-rī'ăh: of Hē'bĕr, the family of the Hē'bĕr-ītes;

[1] In Gen. 46. 13, *Iob* [2] In Josh. 17. 2, *Abiezer*. See Judg. 6. 11, 24, 34 [3] In 1 Chr. 7. 20, *Bered* [4] In Gen. 46. 21 *Ehi*; in 1 Chr. 8. 1, *Aharah* [5] In Gen. 46. 21, *Muppim, and Huppim* [6] In 1 Chr. 8. 3, *Addar* [7] In Gen. 46. 23, *Hushim*

of Măl'chĭ-ĕl, the family of the Măl'chĭ-ĕl-ītes. 46 And the name of the daughter of Ăsh'ĕr was Sē'răh. 47 These are the families of the sons of Ăsh'ĕr according to those that were numbered of them, fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

48 The sons of Năph'tă-lī after their families: of Jäh'zē-ĕl, the family of the Jäh'zē-ĕl-ītes; of Gū'nī, the family of the Gū'nītes; 49 of Jē'zĕr, the family of the Jē'zĕr-ītes; of Shĭl'lĕm, the family of the Shĭl'lĕm-ītes. 50 These are the families of Năph'tă-lī according to their families; and they that were numbered of them were forty and five thousand and four hundred.

51 These are they that were numbered of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, six hundred thousand and a thousand seven hundred and thirty.

52 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 53 Unto these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names. 54 To the more thou shalt give the more inheritance, and to the fewer thou shalt give the less inheritance: to every one according to those that were numbered of him shall his inheritance be given. 55 Notwithstanding, the land shall be divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit. 56 According to the lot shall their inheritance be divided between the more and the fewer.

57 And these are they that were numbered of the Lē-vītes after their families: of Gĕr'shŏn, the family of the Gĕr'shŏn-ītes; of Kō'hăth, the family of the Kō'hăth-ītes; of Mĕ-rā'rī, the family of the Mĕ-rā'rītes. 58 These are the families of Lē'vī: the family of the Lĭb'nītes, the family of the Hē'brŏn-ītes, the family of the Măh'lītes, the family of the Mū'shītes, the family of the Kō'răh-ītes. And Kō'hăth begat Ăm'răm. 59 And the name of Ăm'răm's wife was Jŏch'ĕ-bĕd, the daughter of Lē'vī, who was born to Lē'vī in Ē'gўpt: and she bare unto Ăm'răm Aär'ŏn and Mō'sĕs and Mĭr'ĭ-ăm their sister. 60 And unto Aär'ŏn were born Nā'dăb and Ă-bī'hū, Ē-lē-ā'zär and Ĭth'ă-mär. 61 And Nā'dăb and Ă-bī'hū died, when they offered strange fire before Jĕ-hō'văh. 62 And they that were numbered of them were twenty and three thousand, every male from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

63 These are they that were numbered by Mō'sĕs and Ē-lē-ā'zär the priest, who numbered the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl in the plains of Mō'ăb by the Jordan at Jĕr'ĭ-chō. 64 But among these there was no a man of them that were numbered by Mō'sĕs and Aär'ŏn the priest who numbered the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl in the wilderness of Sĭ'nāi. 65 For Jĕ-hō'văh had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, save Cā'lĕb the son of Jĕ-phŭn'nĕh, and Jŏsh'ū-ă the son of Nūn.

27 Then drew near the daughters of Zĕ-lō'phē-hăd, the son of Hē'phēr, the son of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, the son of Mā'chĭr, the son of Mănăs'sĕh, of the families of Mănăs'sĕh the son of Joseph; and these are the names of his daughters: Măh'lăh, Noah, and Hōg'lăh, and Mĭl'căh, and Tĭr'zăh. 2 And they stood before Mō'sĕs, and before Ē-lē-ā'zär the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, at the door of the tent of meeting, saying, 3 Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not among the company of them that gathered themselves together against Jĕ-hō'văh in the company of Kō'răh: but he died in his own sin; and he had no sons. 4 Why should the name of our father be taken away from among his family because he had no son? Give unto us a possession among the

brethren of our father. 5 And Mō'sĕs brought their cause before Jĕ-hō'văh.

6 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 7 The daughters of Zē-lō'phĕ-hăd speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them. 8 And thou shalt speak unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter. 9 And if he have no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren. 10 And if he have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his father's brethren. 11 And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl a [1]statute *and* ordinance, as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

12 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Get thee up into this mountain of Ăb'ă-rĭm, and behold the land which I have given unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 13 And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aär'ŏn thy brother was gathered; 14 because ye rebelled against my word in the wilderness of Zĭn, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the waters before their eyes. (These are the waters of Mĕr'ĭ-băh of Kā'dĕsh in the wilderness of Zĭn).

15 And Mō'sĕs spake unto Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, 16 Let Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation, 17 who may go out before them, and who may come in before them, and who may lead them out, and who may bring them in; that the congregation of Jĕ-hō'văh be not as sheep which have no shepherd. 18 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Take thee Jŏsh'ū-ä the son of Nŭn, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay thy hand upon him; 19 and set him before Ĕ-lĕ-ā'zär the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. 20 And thou shalt put of thine honor upon him, that all the congregation of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl may obey. 21 And he shall stand before Ĕ-lĕ-ā'zär the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Ū'rĭm before Jĕ-hō'văh: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl with him, even all the congregation. 22 And Mō'sĕs did as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded him; and he took Jŏsh'ū-ä, and set him before Ĕ-lĕ-ā'zär the priest, and before all the congregation: 23 and he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as Jĕ-hō'văh spake by Mō'sĕs.

28 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 2 Command the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, My oblation, my [2]food for my offerings made by fire, of a sweet savor unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season. 3 And thou shalt say unto them, This is the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto Jĕ-hō'văh: he-lambs a year old without blemish, two day by day, for a continual burnt-offering. 4 The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb shalt thou offer [3]at even; 5 and the tenth part of an ē'phăh of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with the fourth part of a hĭn of beaten oil. 6 It is a continual burnt-offering, which was ordained in mount Sī'năi for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 7 And the drink-offering thereof shall be the fourth part of a hĭn for the one lamb: in the holy place shalt thou pour out a drink-offering of strong drink unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 8 And the other lamb shalt thou offer at even: as the meal-offering of the morning, and as the drink-offering thereof, thou shalt offer it, an offering made by

[1] Heb. *statute of judgment*

[2] Heb. *bread* [3] Heb. *between the two evenings*

fire, of a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'-văh.

9 And on the sabbath day two he-lambs a year old without blemish, and two tenth parts *of an e'phah* of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, and the drink-offering thereof: 10 this is the burnt-offering of every sabbath, besides the continual burnt-offering, and the drink-offering thereof.

11 And in the beginnings of your months ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh: two young bullocks, and one ram, seven he-lambs a year old without blemish; 12 and three tenth parts *of an e'phah* of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, for each bullock; and two tenth parts of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, for the one ram; 13 and a tenth part of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering unto every lamb; for a burnt-offering of a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 14 And their drink-offerings shall be half a hin of wine for a bullock, and the third part of a hin for the ram, and the fourth part of a hin for a lamb: this is the burnt-offering of every month throughout the months of the year. 15 And one he-goat for a sin-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh; it shall be offered besides the continual burnt-offering, and the drink-offering thereof.

16 And in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, is Jĕ-hō'văh's passover. 17 And on the fifteenth day of this month shall be a feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten. 18 In the first day shall be a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work; 19 but ye shall offer an offering made by fire, a burnt-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh: two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven he-lambs a year old; they shall be unto you without blemish; 20 and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil: three tenth parts shall ye offer for a bullock, and two tenth parts for the ram; 21 a tenth part shalt thou offer for every lamb of the seven lambs; 22 and one he-goat for a sin-offering, to make atonement for you. 23 Ye shall offer these besides the burnt-offering of the morning, which is for a continual burnt-offering. 24 After this manner ye shall offer daily, for seven days, the [1]food of the offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh: it shall be offered besides the continual burnt-offering, and the drink-offering thereof. 25 And on the seventh day ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

26 Also in the day of the first-fruits, when ye offer a new meal-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh in your *feast of* weeks, ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work; 27 but ye shall offer a burnt-offering for a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh: two young bullocks, one ram, seven he-lambs a year old; 28 and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for each bullock, two tenth parts for the one ram, 29 a tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; 30 one he-goat, to make atonement for you. 31 Besides the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, ye shall offer them (they shall be unto you without blemish), and their drink-offerings.

29 And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing of trumpets unto you. 2 And ye shall offer a burnt-offering for a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh: one young bullock, one ram, seven he-lambs a year old without blemish; 3 and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for the bullock, two tenth parts for the ram, 4 and one tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; 5 and one he-goat for a sin-offering, to make atonement for you; 6 besides the burnt-offering of the new

[1] Heb. *bread*

moon, and the meal-offering thereof, and the continual burnt-offering and the meal-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings, according unto their ordinance, for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

7 And on the tenth day of this seventh month ye shall have a holy convocation; and ye shall afflict your souls: ye shall do no manner of work; 8 but ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh for a sweet savor: one young bullock, one ram, seven he-lambs a year old; they shall be unto you without blemish; 9 and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for the bullock, two tenth parts for the one ram, 10 a tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs: 11 one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the sin-offering of atonement, and the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings.

12 And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto Jĕ-hō'văh seven days: 13 and ye shall offer a burnt-offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old; they shall be without blemish; 14 and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth parts for each ram of the two rams, 15 and a tenth part for every lamb of the fourteen lambs; 16 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.

17 And on the second day *ye shall offer* twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 18 and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 19 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings.

20 And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 21 and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 22 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.

23 And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 24 their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 25 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.

26 And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 27 and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 28 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.

29 And on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 30 and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 31 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offerings thereof.

32 And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 33 and their meal-offer-

ing and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 34 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.

35 On the eighth day ye shall have a solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work; 36 but ye shall offer a burnt-offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jĕ-hō'văh: one bullock, one ram, seven he-lambs a year old without blemish; 37 their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the ordinance: 38 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.

39 These ye shall offer unto Jĕ-hō'văh in your set feasts, besides your vows, and your free-will-offerings, for your burnt-offerings, and for your meal-offerings, and for your drink-offerings, and for your peace-offerings. *40 And Mō'sĕs told the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl according to all that Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

30 And Mō'sĕs spake unto the heads of the tribes of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, This is the thing which Jĕ-hō'văh hath commanded. 2 When a man voweth a vow unto Jĕ-hō'văh, or sweareth an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not [1]break his word; he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth. 3 Also when a woman voweth a vow unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and bindeth herself by a bond, being in her father's house, in her youth, 4 and her father heareth her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father holdeth his peace at her; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand. 5 But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth, none of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and Jĕ-hō'văh will forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

6 And if she be *married* to a husband, while her vows are upon her, or the rash utterance of her lips, wherewith she hath bound her soul, 7 and her husband hear it, and hold his peace at her in the day that he heareth it; then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand. 8 But if her husband disallow her in the day that he heareth it, then he shall make void her vow which is upon her, and the rash utterance of her lips, wherewith she hath bound her soul: and Jĕ-hō'văh will forgive her.

9 But the vow of a widow, or of her that is divorced, *even* every thing wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand against her. 10 And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath, 11 and her husband heard it, and held his peace at her, and disallowed her not; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul shall stand. 12 But if her husband made them null and void in the day that he heard them, then whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void; and Jĕ-hō'văh will forgive her.

13 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void. 14 But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day, then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which are upon her: he hath established them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard them. 15 But if he shall make them null and void after that he hath heard them, then he shall bear her iniquity. 16 These are the stat-

*[Ch. 30.1 in Heb.]

[1] Heb. *profane*

utes, which Jĕ-hō′văh commanded Mō′sĕs, between a man and his wife, between a father and his daughter, being in her youth, in her father's house.

31 And Jĕ-hō′văh spake unto Mō′sĕs, saying, 2 Avenge the children of ĭs′rā-ĕl of the Mĭd′ĭ-ăn-ītes: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people. 3 And Mō′sĕs spake unto the people, saying, Arm ye men from among you for the war, that they may go against Mĭd′ĭ-ăn, to execute Jĕ-hō′văh's vengeance on Mĭd′ĭ-ăn. 4 Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of ĭs′rā-ĕl, shall ye send to the war. 5 So there were delivered, out of the thousands of ĭs′rā-ĕl, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war. 6 And Mō′sĕs sent them, a thousand of every tribe, to the war, them and Phĭn′-ĕ-hăs the son of Ē-lē-ā′zăr the priest, to the war, with the vessels of the sanctuary and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand. 7 And they warred against Mĭd′ĭ-ăn, as Jĕ-hō′văh commanded Mō′sĕs; and they slew every male. 8 And they slew the kings of Mĭd′ĭ-ăn with the rest of their slain: Ē′vĭ, and Rē′kĕm, and Zûr, and Hûr, and Rē′bà, the five kings of Mĭd′ĭ-ăn: Bā′lăam also the son of Bē′ŏr they slew with the sword. 9 And the children of ĭs′rā-ĕl took captive the women of Mĭd′ĭ-ăn and their little ones; and all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods, they took for a prey. 10 And all their cities in the places wherein they dwelt, and all their encampments, they burnt with fire. 11 And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of man and of beast. 12 And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, unto Mō′sĕs, and unto Ē-lē-ā′zăr the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of ĭs′-rā-ĕl, unto the camp at the plains of Mō′ăb, which are by the Jordan at Jĕr′ĭ-chō.

13 And Mō′sĕs, and Ē-lē-ā′zăr the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp. 14 And Mō′sĕs was wroth with the officers of the host, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, who came from the service of the war. 15 And Mō′sĕs said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive? 16 Behold, these caused the children of ĭs′-rā-ĕl, through the counsel of Bā′-lăam, to commit trespass against Jĕ-hō′văh in the matter of Pē′ŏr, and so the plague was among the congregation of Jĕ-hō′văh. 17 Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him. 18 But all the women-children, that have not known man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves. 19 And encamp ye without the camp seven days: whosoever hath killed any person, and whosoever hath touched any slain, purify yourselves on the third day and on the seventh day, ye and your captives. 20 And as to every garment, and all that is made of skin, and all work of goats' *hair*, and all things made of wood, ye shall purify yourselves.

21 And Ē-lē-ā′zăr the priest said unto the men of war that went to the battle, This is the statute of the law which Jĕ-hō′văh hath commanded Mō′sĕs: 22 howbeit the gold, and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead, 23 everything that may abide the fire, ye shall make to go through the fire, and it shall be clean; nevertheless it shall be purified with the water for impurity: and all that abideth not the fire ye shall make to go through the water. 24 And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean; and afterward ye shall come into the camp.

25 And Jĕ-hō′văh spake unto Mō′sĕs, saying, 26 Take the sum of the prey that was taken, both of man and of beast, thou, and Ē-lē-ā′zăr the priest, and the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the congregation; 27 and divide the prey in-

to two parts: between the men skilled in war, that went out to battle, and all the congregation. 28 And levy a tribute unto Jĕ-hō'văh of the men of war that went out to battle: one soul of five hundred, *both* of the persons, and of the oxen, and of the asses, and of the flocks: 29 take it of their half, and give it unto Ĕ-lĕ-ā'zär the priest, for Jĕ-hō'văh's heave-offering. 30 And of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl's half, thou shalt take one drawn out of every fifty, of the persons, of the oxen, of the asses, and of the flocks, *even* of all the cattle, and give them unto the Lē'vītes, that keep the charge of the tabernacle of Jĕ-hō'văh. 31 And Mō'sĕs and Ĕ-lĕ-ā'zär the priest did as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

32 Now the prey, over and above the booty which the men of war took, was six hundred thousand and seventy thousand and five thousand sheep, 33 and threescore and twelve thousand oxen, 34 and threescore and one thousand asses, 35 and thirty and two thousand persons in all, of the women that had not known man by lying with him. 36 And the half, which was the portion of them that went out to war, was in number three hundred thousand and thirty thousand and seven thousand and five hundred sheep: 37 and Jĕ-hō'văh's tribute of the sheep was six hundred and threescore and fifteen. 38 And the oxen were thirty and six thousand; of which Jĕ-hō'văh's tribute was threescore and twelve. 39 And the asses were thirty thousand and five hundred; of which Jĕ-hō'văh's tribute was threescore and one. 40 And the persons were sixteen thousand; of whom Jĕ-hō'văh's tribute was thirty and two persons. 41 And Mō'sĕs gave the tribute, which was Jĕ-hō'văh's heave-offering, unto Ĕ-lĕ-ā'zär the priest, as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

42 And of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl's half, which Mō'sĕs divided off from the men that warred 43 (now the congregation's half was three hundred thousand and thirty thousand, seven thousand and five hundred sheep, 44 and thirty and six thousand oxen, 45 and thirty thousand and five hundred asses, 46 and sixteen thousand persons), 47 even of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl's half, Mō'sĕs took one drawn out of every fifty, both of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Lē'vītes, that kept the charge of the tabernacle of Jĕ-hō'văh; as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

48 And the officers that were over the thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and the captains of hundreds, came near unto Mō'sĕs; 49 and they said unto Mō'sĕs, Thy servants have taken the sum of the men of war that are under our charge, and there lacketh not one man of us. 50 And we have brought Jĕ-hō'văh's oblation, what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, ankle-chains, and bracelets, signet-rings, ear-rings, and armlets, to make atonement for our souls before Jĕ-hō'văh. 51 And Mō'sĕs and Ĕ-lĕ-ā'zär the priest took the gold of them, even all wrought jewels. 52 And all the gold of the heave-offering that they offered up to Jĕ-hō'văh, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shĕk'ĕls. 53 (*For* the men of war had taken booty, every man for himself.) 54 And Mō'sĕs and Ĕ-lĕ-ā'zär the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tent of meeting, for a memorial for the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl before Jĕ-hō'văh.

32 Now the children of Reu'bĕn and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jā'zĕr, and the land of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle; 2 the children of Gad and the children of

[1] Or, *necklaces*

Reu'bĕn came and spake unto Mō'sĕs, and to Ĕ-lē-ā'zär the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying, 3 Ăt'ă-rŏth, and Dī'bŏn, and Jā'zĕr, and [1]Nĭm'rāh, and Hĕsh'bŏn, and Ĕ-lē-ā'lĕh, and [2]Sē'băm, and Nē'bō, and [3]Bē'ŏn, 4 the land which Jĕ-hō'văh smote before the congregation of ĭs'rā-ĕl, is a land for cattle; and thy servants have cattle. 5 And they said, If we have found favor in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession; bring us not over the Jordan.

6 And Mō'sĕs said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reu'bĕn, Shall your brethren go to the war, and shall ye sit here? 7 And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl from going over into the land which Jĕ-hō'văh hath given them? 8 Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kā'dĕsh-bär'nĕ-ā to see the land. 9 For when they went up unto the valley of Ĕsh'cŏl, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, that they should not go into the land which Jĕ-hō'văh had given them. 10 And Jĕ-hō'văh's anger was kindled in that day, and he sware, saying, 11 Surely none of the men that came up out of Ē'gўpt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Ī'săac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me: 12 save Cā'lĕb the son of Jĕ-phŭn'nĕh the Kĕn'ĭz-zīte, and Jŏsh'ū-ā the son of Nūn; because they have wholly followed Jĕ-hō'văh. 13 And Jĕ-hō'văh's anger was kindled against ĭs'rā-ĕl, and he made them wander to and fro in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, was consumed. 14 And, behold, ye are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of Jĕ-hō'văh toward ĭs'rā-ĕl. 15 For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and ye will destroy all this people.

16 And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones: 17 but we ourselves will be ready armed to go before the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land. 18 We will not return unto our houses, until the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl have inherited every man his inheritance. 19 For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan, and forward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side of the Jordan eastward.

20 And Mō'sĕs said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will arm yourselves to go before Jĕ-hō'văh to the war, 21 and every armed man of you will pass over the Jordan before Jĕ-hō'văh, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him, 22 and the land is subdued before Jĕ-hō'văh; then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless towards Jĕ-hō'văh, and towards ĭs'rā-ĕl; and this land shall be unto you for a possession before Jĕ-hō'văh. 23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against Jĕ-hō'văh; and be sure your sin will find you out. 24 Build you cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth. 25 And the children of Gad and the children of Reu'bĕn spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth. 26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gĭl'ē-ăd; 27 but thy servants will pass over, every man that is armed for war, before Jĕ-hō'văh to battle, as my lord saith.

28 So Mō'sĕs gave charge concerning them to Ĕ-lē-ā'zär the

[1] In ver. 36, *Beth-nimrah* [2] In ver. 38, *Sibmah* [3] In ver. 38, *Baal-meon*

priest, and to Jŏsh'ū-à the son of Nŭn, and to the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the tribes of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 29 And Mō'sĕs said unto them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reu'bĕn will pass with you over the Jordan, every man that is armed to battle, before Jĕ-hō'vāh, and the land shall be subdued before you; then ye shall give them the land of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd for a possession: 30 but if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Că'nāan. 31 And the children of Gad and the children of Reu'bĕn answered, saying, As Jĕ-hō'vāh hath said unto thy servants, so will we do. 32 We will pass over armed before Jĕ-hō'vāh into the land of Că'nāan, and the possession of our inheritance *shall remain* with us beyond the Jordan.

33 And Mō'sĕs gave unto them, even to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reu'bĕn, and unto the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sī'hŏn king of the Ām'ŏr-ītes, and the kingdom of ŏg king of Bā'shăn, the land, according to the cities thereof with *their* borders, even the cities of the land round about. 34 And the children of Gad built Dī'bŏn, and Āt'ă-rŏth, and Ăr'ŏ-ēr, 35 and Āt'rŏth-shō'phăn, and Jā'zēr, and Jŏg'bē-hăh, 36 and Bĕth-nim'rāh, and Bĕth-hā'răn: fortified cities, and folds for sheep. 37 And the children of Reu'bĕn built Hĕsh'bŏn, and Ē-lē-ā'lĕh, and Kĭr-ĭ-ă-thā'ĭm, 38 and Nē'bŏ, and Bā'ăl-mē'ŏn, (their names being changed), and Sĭb'māh: and they gave other names unto the cities which they builded. 39 And the children of Mā'chĭr the son of Mă-năs'sĕh went to Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, and took it, and dispossessed the Ām'ŏr-ītes that were therein. 40 And Mō'sĕs gave Gĭl'ĕ-ăd unto Mā'chĭr the son of Mă-năs'sĕh; and he dwelt therein. 41 And Jā'ĭr the son of Mă-năs'sĕh went and took the towns thereof, and called them [1]Hāv'vŏth-jā'ĭr. 42 And Nō'băh went and took Kē'năth, and the [2]villages thereof, and called it Nō'băh, after his own name.

33 These are the [3]journeys of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, [4]when they went forth out of the land of Ē'gўpt by their hosts under the hand of Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn. 2 And Mō'sĕs wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of Jĕ-hō'vāh: and these are their journeys according to their goings out. 3 And they journeyed from Răm'ĕ-sēs in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl went out with a high hand in the sight of all the Ē-gўp'tiăns, 4 while the Ē-gўp'tiăns were burying all their firstborn, whom Jĕ-hō'vāh had smitten among them: upon their gods also Jĕ-hō'vāh executed judgments.

5 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl journeyed from Răm'ĕ-sēs, and encamped in Sŭc'cŏth. 6 And they journeyed from Sŭc'cŏth, and encamped in Ē'thăm, which is in the edge of the wilderness. 7 And they journeyed from Ē'thăm, and turned back unto Pī-hă-hī'rŏth, which is before Bā'ăl-zē'phŏn: and they encamped before Mĭg'dŏl. 8 And they journeyed from before Hă-hī'rŏth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness: and they went three days' journey in the wilderness of Ē'thăm, and encamped in Mā'răh. 9 And they journeyed from Mā'răh, and came unto Ē'lĭm: and in Ē'lĭm were twelve springs of water, and threescore and ten palm-trees; and they encamped there. 10 And they journeyed from Ē'lĭm, and encamped by the Red Sea. 11 And they journeyed from the Red Sea, and encamped in the wilderness of Sĭn. 12 And they journeyed from the wilderness of Sĭn, and encamped in Dŏph'kăh. 13 And they jour-

[1] That is, *The towns of Jair* [2] Heb. *daughters* [3] Or, *stages* [4] Or, *by which*

neyed from Dŏph'kăh, and encamped in Ā'lŭsh. 14 And they journeyed from Ā'lŭsh, and encamped in Rĕph'ī-dĭm, where was no water for the people to drink. 15 And they journeyed from Rĕph'ī-dĭm, and encamped in the wilderness of Sī'nāi. 16 And they journeyed from the wilderness of Sī'nāi, and encamped in Kĭb'-rŏth-hăt-tā'ă-văh. 17 And they journeyed from Kĭb'rŏth-hăt-tā'-ă-văh, and encamped in Hă-zē'-rŏth. 18 And they journeyed from Hă-zē'rŏth, and encamped in Rĭth'măh. 19 And they journeyed from Rĭth'măh, and encamped in Rĭm'mŏn-pē'rēz. 20 And they journeyed from Rĭm'-mŏn-pē'rēz, and encamped in Lĭb'năh. 21 And they journeyed from Lĭb'năh, and encamped in Rĭs'săh. 22 And they journeyed from Rĭs'săh, and encamped in Kĕ-hĕl'ă-thăh. 23 And they journeyed from Kĕ-hĕl'ă-thăh, and encamped in mount Shē'phĕr. 24 And they journeyed from mount Shē'phĕr, and encamped in Hăr'-ă-dăh. 25 And they journeyed from Hăr'ă-dăh, and encamped in Măk-hē'lŏth. 26 And they journeyed from Măk-hē'lŏth, and encamped in Tā'hăth. 27 And they journeyed from Tā'hăth, and encamped in Tē'răh. 28 And they journeyed from Tē'răh, and encamped in Mĭth'kăh. 29 And they journeyed from Mĭth'kăh, and encamped in Hăsh-mō'năh. 30 And they journeyed from Hăsh-mō'năh, and encamped in Mō-sē'-rŏth. 31 And they journeyed from Mō-sē'rŏth, and encamped in Bĕn'ē-jā'ă-kăn. 32 And they journeyed from Bĕn'ē-jā'ă-kăn, and encamped in Hôr-hăg-gĭd'-găd. 33 And they journeyed from Hôr-hăg-gĭd'găd, and encamped in Jŏt'bă-thăh. 34 And they journeyed from Jŏt'bă-thăh, and encamped in Ā-brō'năh. 35 And they journeyed from Ā-brō'năh, and encamped in Ē'zī-ŏn-gē'bĕr. 36 And they journeyed from Ē'zī-ŏn-gē'bĕr, and encamped in the wilderness of Zĭn (the same is Kā'dĕsh). 37 And they journeyed from Kā'dĕsh, and encamped in mount Hôr, in the edge of the land of Ē'dŏm.

38 And Aâr'ŏn the priest went up into mount Hôr at the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl were come out of the land of Ē'gўpt, in the fifth month, on the first day of the month. 39 And Aâr'ŏn was a hundred and twenty and three years old when he died in mount Hôr.

40 And the Cā'năan-īte, the king of Ā'răd, who dwelt in the South in the land of Cā'năan, heard of the coming of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

41 And they journeyed from mount Hôr, and encamped in Zăl-mō'năh. 42 And they journeyed from Zăl-mō'năh, and encamped in Pū'nŏn. 43 And they journeyed from Pū'nŏn, and encamped in Ō'bŏth. 44 And they journeyed from Ō'bŏth, and encamped in Ĭ'yē-ăb'ă-rĭm, in the border of Mō'ăb. 45 And they journeyed from Ĭ'yĭm, and encamped in Dī'bŏn-găd. 46 And they journeyed from Dī'bŏn găd, and encamped in Ăl'mŏn-dĭb-là-thā'ĭm. 47 And they journeyed from Ăl'-mŏn-dĭb-lă-thā'ĭm, and encamped in the mountains of Ăb'ă-rĭm, before Nē'bō. 48 And they journeyed from the mountains of Ăb'-ă-rĭm, and encamped in the plains of Mō'ăb by the Jordan at Jĕr'ĭ-chō. 49 And they encamped by the Jordan, from Bĕth-jēsh'ĭ-mōth even unto Ā'bĕl-shĭt'tĭm in the plains of Mō'ăb.

50 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sēs in the plains of Mō'ăb by the Jordan at Jĕr'ĭ-chō, saying, 51 Speak unto the children of Ĭs'-rā-ĕl, and say unto them, When ye pass over the Jordan into the land of Cā'năan, 52 then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their figured *stones*, and destroy all their molten images, and demolish all their high places: 53 and

ye shall take possession of the land, and dwell therein; for unto you have I given the land to possess it. 54 And ye shall inherit the land by lot according to your families; to the more ye shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer thou shalt give the less inheritance: wheresoever the lot falleth to any man, that shall be his; according to the tribes of your fathers shall ye inherit. 55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then shall those that ye let remain of them be as pricks in your eyes, and as thorns in your sides, and they shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell. 56 And it shall come to pass, that, as I thought to do unto them, so will I do unto you.

34 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sēs, saying, 2 Command the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, When ye come into the land of Cā'năan (this is the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, even the land of Cā'năan according to the borders thereof), 3 then your south quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zĭn along by the side of Ē'dŏm, and your south border shall be from the end of the Salt Sea eastward; 4 and your border shall turn about southward of the ascent of Ăk-răb'bĭm, and pass along to Zĭn; and the goings out thereof shall be southward of Kā'dĕsh-bär'nĕ-ä; and it shall go forth to Hā'zär-ăd'där, and pass along to Ăz'mŏn; 5 and the border shall turn about from Ăz'mŏn unto the brook of Ē'gŷpt, and the goings out thereof shall be at the sea.

6 And for the western border, ye shall have the great sea [1]and the border *thereof*: this shall be your west border.

7 And this shall be your north border: from the great sea ye shall mark out for you mount Hôr; 8 from mount Hôr ye shall mark out unto the entrance of Hā'măth; and the goings out of the border shall be at Zē'dăd; 9 and the border shall go forth to Zĭph'rŏn, and the goings out thereof shall be at Hā'zär-ē'năn: this shall be your north border.

10 And ye shall mark out your east border from Hā'zär-ē'năn to Shē'phăm; 11 and the border shall go down from Shē'phăm to Rĭb'lăh, on the east side of Ā'ĭn; and the border shall go down, and shall reach unto the [2]side of the sea of Chĭn'nĕ-rĕth eastward; 12 and the border shall go down to the Jordan, and the goings out thereof shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land according to the borders thereof round about.

13 And Mō'sēs commanded the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, This is the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which Jĕ-hō'văh hath commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half-tribe: 14 for the tribe of the children of Reu'bĕn according to their fathers' houses, and the tribe of the children of Gad according to their fathers' houses, have received, and the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh have received, their inheritance: 15 the two tribes and the half-tribe have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan at Jĕr'ĭ-chō eastward, toward the sunrising.

16 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sēs, saying, 17 These are the names of the men that shall divide the land unto you for inheritance: Ē-lē-ä'zär the priest, and Jŏsh'ū-ä the son of Nŭn. 18 And ye shall take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land for inheritance. 19 And these are the names of the men: Of the tribe of Jū'dăh, Cā'lĕb the son of Jĕ-phŭn'nĕh. 20 And of the tribe of the children of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn, Shĕm'ū-ĕl the son of Ăm-mī'hŭd. 21 Of the tribe of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, Ē-lī'dăd the son of Chĭs'lŏn. 22 And of the tribe of the children of Dan a prince, Bŭk'kī the son of Jŏg'lī. 23 Of the children of Joseph: of the tribe of the children of Mă-năs'-

[1] Or, *for a border*

[2] Heb. *shoulder*

sĕh a prince, Hăn'nĭ-ĕl the son of Ē'phŏd. 24 And of the tribe of the children of Ē'phrā-ĭm a prince, Kĕm'ū-ĕl the son of Shĭph'tăn. 25 And of the tribe of the children of Zĕb'ū-lŭn a prince, Ē-lĭz'ă-phăn the son of Pär'năch. 26 And of the tribe of the children of Ĭs'sā-chär a prince, Păl'tĭ-ĕl the son of Ăz'zăn. 27 And of the tribe of the children of Ăsh'ĕr a prince, Ă-hĭ'hŭd the son of Shĕl'ŏ-mi. 28 And of the tribe of the children of Năph'tă-lī a prince, Pĕd'ă-hĕl the son of Ăm-mī'hŭd. 29 These are they whom Jĕ-hō'văh commanded to divide the inheritance unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl in the land of Cā'năan.

35 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs in the plains of Mō'ăb by the Jordan at Jĕr'ĭ-chō, saying, 2 Command the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that they give unto the Lē'vītes of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and [1]suburbs for the cities round about them shall ye give unto the Lē'vītes. 3 And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and their suburbs shall be for their cattle, and for their substance, and for all their beasts. 4 And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Lē'vītes, shall be from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about. 5 And ye shall measure without the city for the east side two thousand cubits, and for the south side two thousand cubits, and for the west side two thousand cubits, and for the north side two thousand cubits, the city being in the midst. This shall be to them the suburbs of the cities. 6 And the cities which ye shall give unto the Lē'vītes, they shall be the six cities of refuge, which ye shall give for the manslayer to flee unto: and besides them ye shall give forty and two cities. 7 All the cities which ye shall give to the Lē'vītes shall be forty and eight cities; them *shall ye give* with their suburbs. 8 And concerning the cities which ye shall give of the possession of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, from the many ye shall take many; and from the few ye shall take few: every one according to his inheritance which he inheriteth shall give of his cities unto the Lē'vītes.

9 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs, saying, 10 Speak unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, When ye pass over the Jordan into the land of Cā'năan, 11 then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the manslayer that killeth any person [2]unwittingly may flee thither. 12 And the cities shall be unto you for refuge from the avenger, that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation for judgment. 13 And the cities which ye shall give shall be for you six cities of refuge. 14 Ye shall give three cities beyond the Jordan, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Cā'năan; they shall be cities of refuge. 15 For the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and for the stranger and for the sojourner among them, shall these six cities be for refuge; that every one that killeth any person [2]unwittingly may flee thither.

16 But if he smote him with an instrument of iron, so that he died, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. 17 And if he smote him with a stone in the hand, whereby a man may die, and he died, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. 18 Or if he smote him with a weapon of wood in the hand, whereby a man may die, and he died, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. 19 The avenger of blood shall himself put the murderer to death: when he meeteth him, he shall put him to death. 20 And if he thrust him of hatred, or hurled at him, lying in wait, so that he died, 21 or in enmity smote him with his hand, so that he died; he that smote him shall

[1] Or, *pasture lands*

[2] Or, *through error*

surely be put to death; he is a murderer: the avenger of blood shall put the murderer to death, when he meeteth him.

22 But if he thrust him suddenly without enmity, or hurled upon him anything without lying in wait, 23 or with any stone, whereby a man may die, seeing him not, and cast it upon him, so that he died, and he was not his enemy, neither sought his harm; 24 then the congregation shall judge between the smiter and the avenger of blood according to these ordinances; 25 and the congregation shall deliver the manslayer out of the hand of the avenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to his city of refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall dwell therein until the death of the high priest, who was anointed with the holy oil. 26 But if the manslayer shall at any time go beyond the border of his city of refuge, whither he fleeth, 27 and the avenger of blood find him without the border of his city of refuge, and the avenger of blood slay the manslayer; [1]he shall not be guilty of blood, 28 because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest the manslayer shall return into the land of his possession.

29 And these things shall be for a [2]statute *and* ordinance unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 30 Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be slain at the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person that he die. 31 Moreover ye shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer, that is guilty of death; but he shall surely be put to death. 32 And ye shall take no ransom for him that is fled to his city of refuge, that he may come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest. 33 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood, it polluteth the land; and no expiation can be made for the land for the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it. 34 And thou shalt not defile the land which ye inhabit, in the midst of which I dwell: for I, Jĕ-hō'văh, dwell in the midst of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl.

36 And the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the family of the children of Gĭl'ē-ăd, the son of Mā'chĭr, the son of Mă-năs'sĕh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near, and spake before Mō'sĕs, and before the princes, the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl: 2 and they said, Jĕ-hō'văh commanded my lord to give the land for inheritance by lot to the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl: and my lord was commanded by Jĕ-hō'văh to give the inheritance of Zĕ-lō'phĕ-hăd our brother unto his daughters. 3 And if they be married to any of the sons of the *other* tribes of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, then will their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of our fathers, and will be added to the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they shall belong: so will it be taken away from the lot of our inheritance. 4 And when the jū'bĭ-lēe of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl shall be, then will their inheritance be added unto the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they shall belong: so will their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

5 And Mō'sĕs commanded the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph speaketh right. 6 This is the thing which Jĕ-hō'văh doth command concerning the daughters of Zĕ-lō'phĕ-hăd, saying, Let them be married to whom they think best; only into the family of the tribe of their father shall they be married. 7 So shall no inheritance of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl remove from tribe to tribe; for the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl shall cleave every one to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers. 8 And every daughter,

[1] Or, *there shall be no blood-guiltiness for him*
[2] Heb. *statute of judgment*

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that possesseth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Is'ra-el, shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Is'ra-el may possess every man the inheritance of his fathers. 9 So shall no inheritance remove from one tribe to another tribe; for the tribes of the children of Is'ra-el shall cleave every one to his own inheritance.

10 Even as Je-ho'vah commanded Mo'ses, so did the daughters of Ze-lo'phe-had: 11 for Mah'lah, Tir'zah, and Hog'lah, and Mil'cah, and Noah, the daughters of Ze-lo'phe-had, were married unto their father's brothers' sons. 12 They were married into the families of the sons of Ma-nas'seh the son of Joseph; and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.

13 These are the commandments and the ordinances which Je-ho'vah commanded by Mo'ses unto the children of Is'ra-el in the plains of Mo'ab by the Jordan at Jer'i-cho.

THE FIFTH BOOK OF MOSES,

COMMONLY CALLED

DEUTERONOMY

Moses recounts the Departure from Horeb

1 These are the words which Mo'ses spake unto all Is'ra-el beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the [1]Ar'a-bah over against Suph, between Pa'ran, and To'phel, and La'ban, and Ha-ze'roth, and Di'-za-hab. 2 It is eleven days' *journey* from Ho'reb by the way of mount Se'ir unto Ka'desh-bar'ne-a. 3 And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Mo'ses spake unto the children of Is'ra-el, according unto all that Je-ho'vah had given him in commandment unto them; 4 after he had smitten Si'hon the king of the Am'or-ites, who dwelt in Hesh'bon, and Og the king of Bash'tan-a-roth, at Ed're-i. 5 Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Mo'ab, began Mo'ses to declare this law, saying, 6 Je-ho'vah our God spake unto us in Ho'reb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mountain: 7 turn you, and take your journey, and go to the hill-country of the Am'or-ites, and unto all *the places* nigh thereunto, in the Ar'a-bah, in the hill-country, and in the lowland, and in the South, and by the sea-shore, the land of the Ca'naan-ites, and Leb'a-non, as far as the great river, the river Eu-phra'tes. 8 Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which Je-ho'vah sware unto your fathers, to Abraham, to I'saac, and to Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

9 And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone: 10 Je-ho'vah your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude. 11 Je-ho'vah, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times

[1] That is, the deep valley running north and south of the Dead Sea

as many as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you! 12 How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife? 13 Take you wise men, and understanding, and known, according to your tribes, and I will make them heads over you. 14 And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken is good *for us* to do. 15 So I took the heads of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, and captains of fifties, and captains of tens, and officers, according to your tribes. 16 And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear *the causes* between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother, and the sojourner that is with him. 17 Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; ye shall hear the small and the great alike; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you ye shall bring unto me, and I will hear it. 18 And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do.

19 And we journeyed from Hō'rĕb, and went through all that great and terrible wilderness which ye saw, by the way to the hill-country of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, as Jĕ-hō'văh our God commanded us; and we came to Kā'dĕsh-băr'nĕ-ā. 20 And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the hill-country of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, which Jĕ-hō'văh our God giveth unto us. 21 Behold, Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath set the land before thee: go up, take possession, as Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of thy fathers, hath spoken unto thee; fear not, neither be dismayed. 22 And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, Let us send men before us, that they may search the land for us, and bring us word again of the way by which we must go up, and the cities unto which we shall come. 23 And the thing pleased me well; and I took twelve men of you, one man for every tribe: 24 and they turned and went up into the hill-country, and came unto the valley of Ĕsh'cŏl, and spied it out. 25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, It is a good land which Jĕ-hō'văh our God giveth unto us.

26 Yet ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh your God: 27 and ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because Jĕ-hō'văh hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Ē'gўpt, to deliver us into the hand of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, to destroy us. 28 Whither are we going up? our brethren have made our heart to melt, saying, The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fortified up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Ăn'ă-kĭm there. 29 Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them. 30 Jĕ-hō'văh your God who goeth before you, he will fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Ē'gўpt before your eyes, 31 and in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that Jĕ-hō'văh thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came unto this place. 32 Yet [1]in this thing ye did not believe Jĕ-hō'văh your God, 33 who went before you in the way, to seek you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to show you by what way ye should go, and in the cloud by day.

34 And Jĕ-hō'văh heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying, 35 Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see the good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers, 36 save Cā'lĕb the son of Jĕ-phŭn'nĕh; he shall see it; and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath

[1] Or, *for* all *this thing*

wholly followed Jĕ-hō'văh. 37 Also Jĕ-hō'văh was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither: 38 Jŏsh'ū-ă the son of Nūn, who standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage thou him; for he shall cause Ĭs'rā-ĕl to inherit it. 39 Moreover your little ones, that ye said should be a prey, and your children, that this day have no knowledge of good or evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it. 40 But as for you, turn you, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea.

41 Then ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against Jĕ-hō'văh, we will go up and fight, according to all that Jĕ-hō'văh our God commanded us. And ye girded on every man his weapons of war, and [1]were forward to go up into the hill-country. 42 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight; for I am not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies. 43 So I spake unto you, and ye hearkened not; but ye rebelled against the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh, and were presumptuous, and went up into the hill-country. 44 And the Ăm'ŏr-ītes, that dwelt in that hill-country, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and beat you down in Sē'ĭr, even unto Hôr'măh. 45 And ye returned and wept before Jĕ-hō'văh; but Jĕ-hō'văh hearkened not to your voice, nor gave ear unto you. 46 So ye abode in Kā'dĕsh many days, according unto the days that ye abode *there*.

2 Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea, as Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto me; and we compassed mount Sē'ĭr many days. 2 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto me, saying, 3 Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward. 4 And command thou the people, saying, Ye are to pass through the border of your brethren the children of Ē'sau, that dwell in Sē'ĭr; and they will be afraid of you. Take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore; 5 contend not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as for the sole of the foot to tread on; because I have given mount Sē'ĭr unto Ē'sau for a possession. 6 Ye shall purchase food of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink. 7 For Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath blessed thee in all the work of thy hand; he hath known thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing. 8 So we passed by from our brethren the children of Ē'sau, that dwell in Sē'ĭr, from the way of the Ăr'ă-băh from Ē'lăth and from Ē'zĭ-ŏn-gē'bĕr.

And we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Mō'ăb. 9 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Vex not Mō'ăb, neither contend with them in battle; for I will not give thee of his land for a possession; because I have given Ăr unto the children of Lot for a possession. 10 (The Ē'mĭm dwelt therein aforetime, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Ăn'ă-kĭm: 11 these also are accounted Rĕph'ă-ĭm, as the Ăn'ă-kĭm; but the Mō'ăb-ites call them Ē'mĭm. 12 The Hō'rītes also dwelt in Sē'ĭr aforetime, but the children of Ē'sau succeeded them; and they destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Ĭs'rā-ĕl did unto the land of his possession, which Jĕ-hō'văh gave unto them.) 13 Now rise up, and get you over the brook Zĕ'rĕd. And we went over the brook Zĕ'rĕd. 14 And the days in which we came from Kā'dĕsh-băr'nĕ-ă, until we were come over the brook Zĕ'rĕd, were thirty and eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were consumed from the midst of the camp, as Jĕ-hō'văh sware

[1] Or, *deemed it a light thing*

unto them. 15 Moreover the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh was against them, to destroy them from the midst of the camp, until they were consumed.

16 So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people, 17 that Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto me, saying, 18 Thou art this day to pass over Ar, the border of Mō'ăb: 19 and when thou comest nigh over against the children of Am'-mŏn, vex them not, nor contend with them; for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Am'-mŏn for a possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession. 20 (That also is accounted a land of Rĕph'-ă-ĭm: Rĕph'ă-ĭm dwelt therein aforetime; but the Am'mŏn-ītes call them Zăm-zŭm'mĭm, 21 a people great, and many, and tall, as the An'ă-kĭm; but Jĕ-hō'văh destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead; 22 as he did for the children of Ē'sau, that dwell in Sē'ĭr, when he destroyed the Hō'-rītes from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day. 23 And the Av'vĭm, that dwelt in villages as far as Gā'zā, the Căph'tŏ-rĭm, that came forth out of Căph'tôr, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead). 24 Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the valley of the Ar'nŏn: behold, I have given into thy hand Sī'hŏn the Am'ôr-ite, king of Hĕsh'bŏn, and his land; begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle. 25 This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the peoples that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee.

26 And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kĕd'ĕ-mŏth unto Sī'hŏn king of Hĕsh'bŏn with words of peace, saying, 27 Let me pass through thy land: I will go [1]along by the highway, I will turn neither unto the right hand nor to the left. 28 Thou shalt sell me food for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: only let me pass through on my feet; 29 as the children of Ē'sau that dwell in Sē'ĭr, and the Mō'ăb-ītes that dwell in Ar, did unto me; until I shall pass over the Jordan into the land which Jĕ-hō'văh our God giveth us. 30 But Sī'hŏn king of Hĕsh'-bŏn would not let us pass by him; for Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart [2]obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as at this day. 31 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Behold, I have begun to deliver up Sī'hŏn and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land. 32 Then Sī'-hŏn came out against us, he and all his people, unto battle at Jā'-hăz. 33 And Jĕ-hō'văh our God delivered him up before us; and we smote him, and his [3]sons, and all his people. 34 And we took all his cities at that time, and [4]utterly destroyed every [5]inhabited city, with the women and the little ones; we left none remaining: 35 only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves, with the spoil of the cities which we had taken. 36 From Ar'ŏ-ēr, which is on the edge of the valley of the Ar'nŏn, and *from* the city that is in the valley, even unto Gĭl'ē-ăd, there was not a city too high for us; Jĕ-hō'-văh our God delivered up all before us: 37 only to the land of the children of Am'mŏn thou camest not near; all the side of the river Jăb'bŏk, and the cities of the hill-country, and wheresoever Jĕ-hō'-văh our God forbade us.

3 Then we turned, and went up the way to Bā'shăn: and Ōg the king of Bā'shăn came out against us, he and all his people, unto battle at Ĕd'rĕ-ī. 2 And Jĕ-hō'-văh said unto me, Fear him not; for I have delivered him, and all his people, and his land, into thy

[1] Heb. *by the way, by the way*
[2] Heb. *strong*
[3] Or, *son*
[4] Heb. *devoted*
[5] Heb. *city of men*

hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sī'hŏn king of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, who dwelt at Hĕsh'bŏn. 3 So Jĕ-hō'văh our God delivered into our hand Ōg also, the king of Bā'shăn, and all his people: and we smote him until none was left to him remaining. 4 And we took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we took not from them; threescore cities, all the region of Ăr'gŏb, the kingdom of Ōg in Bā'shăn. 5 All these were cities fortified with high walls, gates, and bars; besides the [1]unwalled towns a great many. 6 And we [2]utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sī'hŏn king of Hĕsh'bŏn, utterly destroying every [3]inhabited city, with the women and the little ones. 7 But all the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey unto ourselves. 8 And we took the land at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Ăm'ôr-ītes that were beyond the Jordan, from the valley of the Ăr'nŏn unto mount Hĕr'mŏn 9 (*which* Hĕr'mŏn the Sī-dō'nĭ-ăns call Sĭr'ĭ-ŏn, and the Ăm'ôr-ītes call it Sē'nĭr); 10 all the cities of the [4]plain, and all Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, and all Bā'shăn, unto Săl'ĕ-căh and Ĕd'rĕ-ī, cities of the kingdom of Ōg in Bā'shăn. 11 (For only Ōg king of Bā'shăn remained of the remnant of the Rĕph'ā-ĭm; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Răb'băh of the children of Ăm'mŏn? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man).

12 And this land we took in possession at that time: from Ăr'ŏ-ēr, which is by the valley of the Ăr'nŏn, and half the hill-country of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reu'bĕn-ītes and to the Găd'ītes: 13 and the rest of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, and all Bā'shăn, the kingdom of Ōg, gave I unto the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh; [5]all the region of Ăr'gŏb, to even all Bā'shăn. (The same is called the land of Rĕph'ā-ĭm. 14 Jā'ĭr the son of Mă-năs'sĕh took all the region of Ăr'gŏb, unto the border of the Gĕsh'ū-rītes and the Mā-ăc'ă-thītes, and called them, even Bā'shăn, after his own name, Hāv'vŏth-jā'ĭr, unto this day). 15 And I gave Gĭl'ĕ-ăd unto Mā'chĭr. 16 And unto the Reu'bĕn-ītes and unto the Găd'ītes I gave from Gĭl'ĕ-ăd even unto the valley of the Ăr'nŏn, the middle of the valley, [7]and the border *thereof*, even unto the river Jăb'bŏk, which is the border of the children of Ăm'mŏn; 17 the Ăr'ă-băh also, and the Jordan [7]and the border *thereof*, from Chĭn'nĕ-rĕth even unto the sea of the Ăr'ă-băh, the Salt Sea, under the [8]slopes of Pĭs'găh eastward.

18 And I commanded you at that time, saying, Jĕ-hō'văh your God hath given you this land to possess it: ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, all the men of valor. 19 But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle (I know that ye have much cattle), shall abide in your cities which I have given you, 20 until Jĕ-hō'văh give rest unto your brethren, as unto you, and they also possess the land which Jĕ-hō'văh your God giveth them beyond the Jordan: then shall ye return every man unto his possession, which I have given you. 21 And I commanded Jŏsh'ū-ă at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that Jĕ-hō'văh your God hath done unto these two kings: so shall Jĕ-hō'văh do unto all the kingdoms whither thou goest over. 22 Ye shall not fear them; for Jĕ-hō'văh your God, he it is that fighteth for you.

23 And I besought Jĕ-hō'văh at that time, saying, 24 O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, thou hast begun to show thy servant thy greatness, and thy strong hand: for what god is there in heaven or in earth, that can do

[1] Or, *country towns* [2] Heb. *devoted* [3] Heb. *city of men* [4] Or, *table-land* [5] Or, *all the region of Argob (All that Bashan is called &c.* [6] Or, *with* [7] Or, *for a border* [8] Or, *springs*

according to thy works, and according to thy mighty acts? 25 Let me go over, I pray thee, and see the good land that is beyond the Jordan, that goodly [1]mountain, and Lĕb'ă-nŏn. 26 But Jĕ-hō'văh was wroth with me for your sakes, and hearkened not unto me; and Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter. 27 Get thee up unto the top of Pĭs'găh, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan. 28 But charge Jŏsh'ū-a, and encourage him, and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see. 29 So we abode in the valley over against Bĕth-pē'ôr.

4 And now, O ĭs'rā-ĕl, hearken unto the statutes and unto the ordinances, which I teach you, to do them; that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of your fathers, giveth you. 2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish from it, that ye may keep the commandments of Jĕ-hō'văh your God which I command you. 3 Your eyes have seen what Jĕ-hō'văh did because of Bā'ăl-pē'ôr; for all the men that followed Bā'ăl-pē'ôr, Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath destroyed them from the midst of thee. 4 But ye that did cleave unto Jĕ-hō'văh your God are alive every one of you this day. 5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and ordinances, even as Jĕ-hō'văh my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the midst of the land whither ye go in to possess it. 6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, that shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. 7 For what great nation is there, that hath [2]a god so nigh unto them, as Jĕ-hō'văh our God is whensoever we call upon him? 8 And what great nation is there, that hath statutes and ordinances so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes saw, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but make them known unto thy children and thy children's children; 10 the day that thou stoodest before Jĕ-hō'văh thy God in Hō'rĕb, when Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Assemble me the people, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children. 11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the heart of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. 12 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of words, but ye saw no form; only *ye heard* a voice. 13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even the ten [3]commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone. 14 And Jĕ-hō'văh commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and ordinances, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

15 Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of form on the day that Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto you in Hō'rĕb out of the midst of the fire; 16 lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, 17 the likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flieth in the heavens, 18 the likeness of anything that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the

[1] Or, *hill-country*
[2] Or, *God*
[3] Heb. *words*

earth; 19 and lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun and the moon and the stars, even all the host of heaven, thou be drawn away and worship them, and serve them, which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath allotted unto all the peoples under the whole heaven. 20 But Jĕ-hō'văh hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, out of Ĕ'gўpt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as at this day. 21 Furthermore Jĕ-hō'văh was angry with me for your sakes, and sware that I should not go over the Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee for an inheritance: 22 but I must die in this land, I must not go over the Jordan; but ye shall go over, and possess that good land. 23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image in the form of anything which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath forbidden thee. 24 For Jĕ-hō'văh thy God is a devouring fire, a jealous God.

25 When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have been long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image in the form of anything, and shall do that which is evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, to provoke him to anger; 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over the Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. 27 And Jĕ-hō'văh will scatter you among the peoples, and ye shall be left few in number among the nations, whither Jĕ-hō'văh shall lead you away. 28 And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. 29 But from thence ye shall seek Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, and thou shalt find him, when thou searchest after him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. 30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, [1]in the latter days thou shalt return to Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, and hearken unto his voice: 31 for Jĕ-hō'văh thy God is a merciful God; he will not fail thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

32 For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and from the one end of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been *any such thing* as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it? 33 Did ever a people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live? 34 Or hath God assayed to go and take him a nation from the midst of *another* nation, by trials, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that Jĕ-hō'văh your God did for you in Ĕ'gўpt before your eyes? 35 Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that Jĕ-hō'văh he is God; there is none else besides him. 36 Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he made thee to see his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire. 37 And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out with his presence, with his great power, out of Ĕ'gўpt; 38 to drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as at this day. 39 Know therefore this day, and lay it to thy heart, that Jĕ-hō'văh he is God in heaven above and upon the earth beneath; there is none else. 40 And thou shalt keep

[1] Or, *if in the latter days thou return*

his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days in the land, which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee, for ever.

41 Then Mō'sĕs set apart three cities beyond the Jordan toward the sunrising; 42 that the manslayer might flee thither, that slayeth his neighbor unawares, and hated him not in time past; and that fleeing unto one of these cities he might live: 43 *namely*, Bē'zēr in the wilderness, in the [1]plain country, for the Reu'bĕn-ītes; and Rā'mŏth in Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, for the Găd'ītes; and Gō'lăn in Bā'shăn, for the Mă-năs'sītes.

44 And this is the law which Mō'sĕs set before the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: 45 these are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which Mō'sĕs spake unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, when they came forth out of Ē'gўpt, 46 beyond the Jordan, in the valley over against Bĕth-pē'ôr, in the land of Sī'hŏn king of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, who dwelt at Hĕsh'bŏn, whom Mō'sĕs and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl smote, when they came forth out of Ē'gўpt. 47 And they took his land in possession, and the land of Ōg king of Bā'shăn, the two kings of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, who were beyond the Jordan toward the sunrising; 48 from Ar'ō-ēr, which is on the edge of the valley of the Ăr'nŏn, even unto mount Sī'ŏn (the same is Hēr'mŏn), 49 and all the Ăr'ă-băh beyond the Jordan eastward, even unto the sea of the Ăr'ăbăh, under the [2]slopes of Pĭs'găh.

5 And Mō'sĕs called unto all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and said unto them, Hear, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl, the statutes and the ordinances which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and observe to do them. 2 Jĕ-hō'văh our God made a covenant with us in Hō'rĕb. 3 Jĕ-hō'văh made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day. 4 Jĕ-hō'văh spake with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire 5 (I stood between Jĕ-hō'văh and you at that time, to show you the word of Jĕ-hō'văh: for ye were afraid because of the fire, and went not up into the mount), saying,

6 I am Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Ē'gўpt, out of the house of [3]bondage.

7 Thou shalt have no other gods [4]before me.

8 Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, *nor* any likeness *of anything* that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 9 thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them; for I, Jĕ-hō'văh, thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate me; 10 and showing lovingkindness unto [5]thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

11 Thou shalt not take the name of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God [6]in vain: for Jĕ-hō'văh will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name [6]in vain.

12 Observe the sabbath day, to keep it holy, as Jĕ-hō'văh thy God commanded thee. 13 Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; 14 but the seventh day is a sabbath unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy man-servant and thy maid-servant may rest as well as thou. 15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Ē'gўpt, and Jĕ-hō'văh thy God brought thee out thence by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm: therefore Jĕ-hō'văh thy God

[1] Or, *table-land* [2] Or, *springs*
[3] Heb. *bondmen* [4] Or, *besides me* [5] Or, *a thousand generations* [6] Or, *for vanity* (or, *falsehood*)

commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

16 Honor thy father and thy mother, as Jĕ-hō'văh thy God commanded thee; that thy days may be long, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee.

17 Thou shalt not kill.

18 Neither shalt thou commit adultery.

19 Neither shalt thou steal.

20 Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbor.

*21 Neither shalt thou covet thy neighbor's wife; neither shalt thou desire thy neighbor's house, his field, or his man-servant, or his maid-servant, his ox, or his ass, or anything that is thy neighbor's.

22 These words Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them upon two tables of stone, and gave them unto me. 23 And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; 24 and ye said, Behold, Jĕ-hō'văh our God hath showed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth speak with man, and he liveth. 25 Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh our God any more, then we shall die. 26 For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? 27 Go thou near, and hear all that Jĕ-hō'văh our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that Jĕ-hō'văh our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it.

28 And Jĕ-hō'văh heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken. 29 [1]Oh that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever! 30 Go say to them, Return ye to your tents. 31 But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandment, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it. 32 Ye shall observe to do therefore as Jĕ-hō'văh your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 33 Ye shall walk in all the way which Jĕ-hō'văh your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

6 Now this is the commandment, the statutes, and the ordinances, which Jĕ-hō'văh your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it; 2 that thou mightest fear Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. 3 Hear therefore, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of thy fathers, hath promised unto thee, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

4 Hear, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl: [2]Jĕ-hō'văh our God is one Jĕ-hō'văh: 5 and thou shalt love Jĕ-hō'văh thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6 And

* [Ver. 18 in Heb.]

[1] Or, *Oh that they had such a heart as this alway, to fear me, and keep all my commandments, that &c.* [2] Or, *Jehovah our God, Jehovah is one* Or, *Jehovah is our God, Jehovah is one* Or, *Jehovah is our God, Jehovah alone*

these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart; 7 and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. 9 And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thy house, and upon thy gates.

10 And it shall be, when Jĕ-hō'-văh thy God shall bring thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to I'săac, and to Jacob, to give thee, great and goodly cities, which thou buildest not, 11 and houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and cisterns hewn out, which thou hewedst not, vineyards and olive-trees, which thou plantedst not, and thou shalt eat and be full; 12 then beware lest thou forget Jĕ-hō'văh, who brought thee forth out of the land of Ē'gўpt, out of the house of bondage. 13 Thou shalt fear Jĕ-hō'văh thy God; and him shalt thou serve, and shalt swear by his name. 14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the peoples that are round about you; 15 for Jĕ-hō'văh thy God in the midst of thee is a jealous God; lest the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God be kindled against thee, and he destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

16 Ye shall not tempt Jĕ-hō'văh your God, as ye tempted him in Măs'săh. 17 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of Jĕ-hō'văh your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee. 18 And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which Jĕ-hō'văh sware unto thy fathers, 19 to thrust out all thine enemies from before thee, as Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken.

20 When thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which Jĕ-hō'văh our God hath commanded you? 21 then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Phā'raōh's bondmen in Ē'gўpt: and Jĕ-hō'văh brought us out of Ē'gўpt with a mighty hand; 22 and Jĕ-hō'văh showed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Ē'gўpt, upon Phā'raōh, and upon all his house, before our eyes; 23 and he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers. 24 And Jĕ-hō'văh commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear Jĕ-hō'văh our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as at this day. 25 And it shall be righteousness unto us, if we observe to do all this commandment before Jĕ-hō'văh our God, as he hath commanded us.

7 When Jĕ-hō'văh thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and shall [1]cast out many nations before thee, the Hĭt'tīte, and the Gĭr'gă-shīte, and the Ăm'ôr-īte, and the Că'năan-īte, and the Pĕr'ĭz-zīte, and the Hĭ'vīte, and the Jĕb'ū-sīte, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; 2 and when Jĕ-hō'văh thy God shall deliver them up before thee, and thou shalt smite them; then thou shalt [2]utterly destroy them: thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor show mercy unto them; 3 neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. 4 For he will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh be kindled against you, and he will destroy thee quickly. 5 But thus shall ye deal with them: ye shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their [3]pillars, and hew down their Ă-shē'rĭm, and burn

[1] Heb. *pluck off* [2] Heb. *devote*
[3] Or, *obelisks*

their graven images with fire.
6 For thou art a holy people unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God: Jĕ-hō'-văh thy God hath chosen thee to be a people for his own possession, [1]above all peoples that are upon the face of the earth. 7 Jĕ-hō'văh did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all peoples: 8 but because Jĕ-hō'văh loveth you, and because he would keep the oath which he sware unto your fathers, hath Jĕ-hō'văh brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, from the hand of Phā'-raōh king of Ē'gўpt. 9 Know therefore that Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, he is God, the faithful God, who keepeth covenant and lovingkindness with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations, 10 and repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face. 11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandment, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which I command thee this day, to do them.

12 And it shall come to pass, because ye hearken to these ordinances, and keep and do them, that Jĕ-hō'văh thy God will keep with thee the covenant and the lovingkindness which he sware unto thy fathers: 13 and he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee; he will also bless the fruit of thy body and the fruit of thy ground, thy grain and thy new wine and thine oil, the increase of thy cattle and the young of thy flock, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee. 14 Thou shalt be blessed above all peoples: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. 15 And Jĕ-hō'văh will take away from thee all sickness; and none of the evil diseases of Ē'gўpt, which thou knowest, will he put upon thee, but will lay them upon all them that hate thee. 16 And thou shalt consume all the peoples that Jĕ-hō'văh thy God shall deliver unto thee; thine eye shall not pity them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee.

17 If thou shalt say in thy heart, These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them? 18 thou shalt not be afraid of them: thou shalt well remember what Jĕ-hō'-văh thy God did unto Phā'raōh, and unto all Ē'gўpt; 19 the great trials which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, whereby Jĕ-hō'văh thy God brought thee out: so shall Jĕ-hō'văh thy God do unto all the peoples of whom thou art afraid. 20 Moreover Jĕ-hō'văh thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and [2]hide themselves, perish from before thee. 21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them; for Jĕ-hō'văh thy God is in the midst of thee, a great God and a terrible. 22 And Jĕ-hō'văh thy God will cast out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them [3]at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee. 23 But Jĕ-hō'văh thy God will deliver them up before thee, and will discomfit them with a great discomfiture, until they be destroyed. 24 And he will deliver their kings into thy hand, and thou shalt make their name to perish from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them. 25 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein; for it is an abomination to Jĕ-hō'văh thy God. 26 And thou shalt not bring an abomination into thy house, and become a devoted thing like unto it: thou shalt utterly detest it, and

[1] Or, *out of*
[2] Or, *hide themselves from thee, perish. Thou*
[3] Or, *quickly*

thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a devoted thing.

8 All the commandment which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which Jĕ-hō'văh sware unto your fathers. 2 And thou shalt remember all the way which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath led thee these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble thee, to prove thee, to know what was in thy heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or not. 3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with măn'nā, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by everything that proceedeth out of the mouth of Jĕ-hō'văh doth man live. 4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years. 5 And thou shalt consider in thy heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so Jĕ-hō'văh thy God chasteneth thee. 6 And thou shalt keep the commandments of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. 7 For Jĕ-hō'văh thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig-trees and pomegranates; a land of olive-trees and honey; 9 a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig copper. 10 And thou shalt eat and be full, and thou shalt bless Jĕ-hō'văh thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

11 Beware lest thou forget Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his ordinances, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: 12 lest, when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; 13 and when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; 14 then thy heart be lifted up, and thou forget Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, who brought thee forth out of the land of Ē'gўpt, out of the house of bondage; 15 who led thee through the great and terrible wilderness, *wherein were* fiery serpents and scorpions, and thirsty ground where was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; 16 who fed thee in the wilderness with măn'nā, which thy fathers knew not; that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end: 17 and *lest* thou say in thy heart, My power and the might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth. 18 But thou shalt remember Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth; that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as at this day. 19 And it shall be, if thou shalt forget Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. 20 As the nations that Jĕ-hō'văh maketh to perish before you, so shall ye perish; because ye would not hearken unto the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh your God.

9 Hear, O ĭs'rā-ĕl: thou art to pass over the Jordan this day, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fortified up to heaven, 2 a people great and tall, the sons of the Ăn'ă-kĭm, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the sons of Ā'năk? 3 Know therefore this day, that Jĕ-hō'văh thy God is he who goeth over before thee as a devouring fire; he will destroy them, and he will bring them down before thee: so shalt thou drive them out, and make them to perish quickly, as Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken unto thee.

4 Speak not thou in thy heart, after that Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath thrust them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness Jĕ-hō'văh hath brought me in to possess this land; whereas for the wickedness of these nations Jĕ-hō'văh doth drive them out from before thee. 5 Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thy heart, dost thou go in to possess their land; but for the wickedness of these nations Jĕ-hō'văh thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may establish the word which Jĕ-hō'văh sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Ĭ'săac, and to Jacob.

6 Know therefore, that Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou art a stiffnecked people. 7 Remember, forget thou not, how thou provokedst Jĕ-hō'văh thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou wentest forth out of the land of Ĕ'gўpt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against Jĕ-hō'văh. 8 Also in Hō'rĕb ye provoked Jĕ-hō'văh to wrath, and Jĕ-hō'văh was angry with you to destroy you. 9 When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which Jĕ-hō'văh made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights; I did neither eat bread nor drink water. 10 And Jĕ-hō'văh delivered unto me the two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them *was written* according to all the words, which Jĕ-hō'văh spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. 11 And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, that Jĕ-hō'văh gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant. 12 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people that thou hast brought forth out of Ĕ-gўpt have corrupted themselves; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image. 13 Furthermore Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: 14 let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they. 15 So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount was burning with fire: and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands. 16 And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against Jĕ-hō'văh your God; ye had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which Jĕ-hō'văh had commanded you. 17 And I took hold of the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes. 18 And I fell down before Jĕ-hō'văh, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I did neither eat bread nor drink water; because of all your sin which ye sinned, in doing that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, to provoke him to anger. 19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith Jĕ-hō'văh was wroth against you to destroy you. But Jĕ-hō'văh hearkened unto me that time also. 20 And Jĕ-hō'văh was very angry with Aăr'ŏn to destroy him: and I prayed for Aăr'ŏn also at the same time. 21 And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, grinding it very small, until it was as fine as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

22 And at Tăb'ĕ-răh, and at Măs'săh, and at Kĭb'rŏth-hăt-tā'ă-văh, ye provoked Jĕ-hō'văh to wrath. 23 And when Jĕ-hō'văh sent you from Kā'dĕsh-băr'nē-ā, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh your God, and ye believed him not, nor heark-

ened to his voice. 24 Ye have been rebellious against Jĕ-hō'văh from the day that I knew you.

25 So I fell down before Jĕ-hō'văh the forty days and forty nights that I fell down, because Jĕ-hō'văh had said he would destroy you. 26 And I prayed unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, that thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, that thou hast brought forth out of Ĕ'gўpt with a mighty hand. 27 Remember thy servants, Abraham, Ĭ'săac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin, 28 lest the land whence thou broughtest us out say, Because Jĕ-hō'văh was not able to bring them into the land which he promised unto them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness. 29 Yet they are thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy great power and by thine outstretched arm.

10 At that time Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood. 2 And I will write on the tables the words that were on the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark. 3 So I made an ark of acacia wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in my hand. 4 And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten [1]commandments, which Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and Jĕ-hō'văh gave them unto me. 5 And I turned and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they are as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded me. 6 (And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl journeyed from [2]Bĕ-ē'röth Bĕn'ĕ-jā'ă-kăn to Mō-sē'răh. There Aâr'ŏn died, and there he was buried; and Ĕ-lĕ-ā'zär his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead. 7 From thence they journeyed unto Gŭd'gŏ-dăh; and from Gŭd'gŏ-dăh to Jŏt'bă-thăh, a land of brooks of water. 8 At that time Jĕ-hō'văh set apart the tribe of Lē'vī, to bear the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh, to stand before Jĕ-hō'văh to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day. 9 Wherefore Lē'vī hath no portion nor inheritance with his brethren; Jĕ-hō'văh is his inheritance, according as Jĕ-hō'văh thy God spake unto him). 10 And I stayed in the mount, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights: and Jĕ-hō'văh hearkened unto me that time also; Jĕ-hō'văh would not destroy thee. 11 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Arise, take thy journey before the people; and they shall go in and possess the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give unto them.

12 And now, Ĭs'rā-ĕl, what doth Jĕ-hō'văh thy God require of thee, but to fear Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve Jĕ-hō'văh thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, 13 to keep the commandments of Jĕ-hō'văh, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? 14 Behold, unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God belongeth heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth, with all that is therein. 15 Only Jĕ-hō'văh had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you [3]above all peoples, as at this day. 16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked. 17 For Jĕ-hō'văh your God, he is God of gods, and Lord of lords, the great God, the mighty, and the terrible, who regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward. 18 He doth execute justice for the father-

[1] Heb. *words*

[2] Or, *the wells of the children of Jaakan*

[3] Or, *out of*

less and widow, and loveth the sojourner, in giving him food and raiment. 19 Love ye therefore the sojourner; for ye were sojourners in the land of Ĕ'gўpt. 20 Thou shalt fear Jĕ-hō'văh thy God; him shalt thou serve; and to him shalt thou cleave, and by his name shalt thou swear. 21 He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen. 22 Thy fathers went down into Ĕ'gўpt with threescore and ten persons; and now Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11 Therefore thou shalt love Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his ordinances, and his commandments, alway. 2 And know ye this day: for *I speak* not with your children that have not known, and that have not seen the [1]chastisement of Jĕ-hō'văh your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his outstretched arm, 3 and his signs, and his works, which he did in the midst of Ĕ'gўpt unto Phā'raōh the king of Ĕ'gўpt, and unto all his land; 4 and what he did unto the army of Ĕ'gўpt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the Red Sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and how Jĕ-hō'văh hath destroyed them unto this day; 5 and what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came unto this place; 6 and what he did unto Dā'thăn and Ă-bī'răm, the sons of Ĕ-lī'ăb, the son of Reu'bĕn; how the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and every living thing that followed them, in the midst of all ĭs'rā-ĕl: 7 but your eyes have seen all the great work of Jĕ-hō'văh which he did.

8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandment which I command thee this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go over to possess it; 9 and that ye may prolong your days in the land, which Jĕ-hō'văh sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Ĕ'gўpt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs; 11 but the land, whither ye go over to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, *and* drinketh water of the rain of heaven, 12 a land which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God [2]careth for: the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love Jĕ-hō'văh your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, 14 that I will give the rain of your land in its season, the former rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy grain, and thy new wine, and thine oil. 15 And I will give grass in thy fields for thy cattle, and thou shalt eat and be full. 16 Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; 17 and the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh be kindled against you, and he shut up the heavens, so that there shall be no rain, and the land shall not yield its fruit; and ye perish quickly from off the good land which Jĕ-hō'văh giveth you.

18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul; and ye shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes. 19 And ye shall teach them your children, talking of them, when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest

[1] Or, *instruction*

[2] Heb. *seeketh after*

up. 20 And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thy house, and upon thy gates; 21 that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which Jĕ-hō′văh sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens above the earth. 22 For if ye shall diligently keep all this commandment which I command you, to do it, to love Jĕ-hō′văh your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; 23 then will Jĕ-hō′văh drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourselves. 24 Every place whereon the sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness, and Lĕb′ă-nŏn, from the river, the river Eū-phrā′tēs, even unto the [1]hinder sea shall be your border. 25 There shall no man be able to stand before you: Jĕ-hō′văh your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath spoken unto you.

26 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse: 27 the blessing, if ye shall hearken unto the commandments of Jĕ-hō′văh your God, which I command you this day; 28 and the curse, if ye shall not hearken unto the commandments of Jĕ-hō′văh your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known. 29 And it shall come to pass, when Jĕ-hō′văh thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt set the blessing upon mount Gĕr′ĭ-zĭm, and the curse upon mount Ē′băl. 30 Are they not beyond the Jordan, behind the way of the going down of the sun, in the land of the Cā′năan-ites that dwell in the Ar′ă-băh, over against Gĭl′găl, beside the [2]oaks of Mō′rĕh? 31 For ye are to pass over the Jordan to go in to possess the land which Jĕ-hō′văh your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein. 32 And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and the ordinances which I set before you this day.

12 These are the statutes and the ordinances which ye shall observe to do in the land which Jĕ-hō′văh, the God of thy fathers, hath given thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth. 2 Ye shall surely destroy all the places wherein the nations that ye shall dispossess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree: 3 and ye shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their [3]pillars, and burn their A-shē′rim with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods; and ye shall destroy their name out of that place. 4 Ye shall not do so unto Jĕ-hō′văh your God. 5 But unto the place which Jĕ-hō′văh your God shall choose out of all your tribes, to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come; 6 and thither ye shall bring your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and the heave-offering of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill-offerings, and the firstlings of your herd and of your flock: 7 and there ye shall eat before Jĕ-hō′văh your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein Jĕ-hō′văh thy God hath blessed thee. 8 Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes; 9 for ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which Jĕ-hō′văh thy God giveth thee. 10 But when ye go over the Jordan, and dwell in the land which Jĕ-hō′văh your God causeth you to inherit, and he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety; 11 then it shall come to pass that to the place which Jĕ-hō′văh your

[1] That is, *western*
[2] Or, *terebinths*
[3] Or, *obelisks*

God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there, thither shall ye bring all that I command you: your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave-offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 12 And ye shall rejoice before Jĕ-hō'văh your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your men-servants, and your maid-servants, and the Lē'vite that is within your gates, forasmuch as he hath no portion nor inheritance with you. 13 Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt-offerings in every place that thou seest; 14 but in the place which Jĕ-hō'văh shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.

15 Notwithstanding, thou mayest kill and eat flesh within all thy gates, after all the desire of thy soul, according to the blessing of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God which he hath given thee: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the gazelle, and as of the hart. 16 Only ye shall not eat the blood; thou shalt pour it out upon the earth as water. 17 Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy grain, or of thy new wine, or of thine oil, or the firstlings of thy herd or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy freewill-offerings, nor the heave-offering of thy hand; 18 but thou shalt eat them before Jĕ-hō'văh thy God in the place which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God shall choose, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Lē'vite that is within thy gates: and thou shalt rejoice before Jĕ-hō'văh thy God in all that thou puttest thy hand unto. 19 Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Lē'vite as long as thou livest in thy land.

20 When Jĕ-hō'văh thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul desireth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, after all the desire of thy soul. 21 If the place which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God shall choose, to put his name there, be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which Jĕ-hō'văh hath given thee, as I have commanded thee; and thou mayest eat within thy gates, after all the desire of thy soul. 22 Even as the gazelle and as the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat thereof: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof alike. 23 Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou shalt not eat the life with the flesh. 24 Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it out upon the earth as water. 25 Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do that which is right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh. 26 Only thy holy things which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which Jĕ-hō'văh shall choose; 27 and thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God; and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God; and thou shalt eat the flesh. 28 Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God.

29 When Jĕ-hō'văh thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest in to dispossess them, and thou dispossessest them, and dwellest in their land; 30 take heed to thyself that thou be not ensnared [1]to follow them, after that they are destroyed from before thee; and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying, How do these nations serve their gods? [2]even so will I do likewise. 31 Thou shalt

[1] Heb. *after them*
[2] Or, *that I also may do likewise*

not do so unto Jĕ-hō′văh thy God: for every abomination to Jĕ-hō′văh, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters do they burn in the fire to their gods.

*32 What thing soever I command you, that shall ye observe to do: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

13 If there arise in the midst of thee a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and he give thee a sign or a wonder, 2 and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; 3 thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or unto that dreamer of dreams: for Jĕ-hō′văh your God proveth you, to know whether ye love Jĕ-hō′văh your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 Ye shall walk after Jĕ-hō′văh your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. 5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death, because he hath spoken [1]rebellion against Jĕ-hō′văh your God, who brought you out of the land of Ē′gўpt, and redeemed thee out of the house of bondage, to draw thee aside out of the way which Jĕ-hō′văh thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee.

6 If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, that is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; 7 of the gods of the peoples that are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; 8 thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: 9 but thou shalt surely kill him; thy hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. 10 And thou shalt stone him to death with stones, because he hath sought to draw thee away from Jĕ-hō′văh thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Ē′gўpt, out of the house of bondage. 11 And all Ĭs′rā-ĕl shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is in the midst of thee.

12 If thou shalt hear tell [2]concerning one of thy cities, which Jĕ-hō′văh thy God giveth thee to dwell there, saying, 13 Certain [3]base fellows are gone out from the midst of thee, and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known; 14 then shalt thou inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in the midst of thee, 15 thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, [4]destroying it utterly, and all that is therein and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword. 16 And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof [5]every whit, unto Jĕ-hō′văh thy God: and it shall be a [6]heap for ever; it shall not be built again. 17 And there shall cleave nought of the devoted thing to thy hand; that Jĕ-hō′văh may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and show thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers; 18 when thou shalt hearken to the voice of Jĕ-hō′văh thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do

[Ch. xiii, 1 in Heb.] [1] Heb. *turning aside* [2] Or, *in* [3] Heb. *sons of worthlessness* [4] Heb. *devoting it* [5] Or, *as a whole burnt-offering* [6] Or, *mound* Heb. *tel*

that which is right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God.

14 Ye are the children of Jĕ-hō'văh your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. 2 For thou art a holy people unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, and Jĕ-hō'văh hath chosen thee to be a people for his own possession, [1]above all peoples that are upon the face of the earth.

3 Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing. 4 These are the beasts which ye may eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat, 5 the hart, and the gazelle, and the roebuck, and the wild goat, and the pygarg, and the antelope, and the chamois. 6 And every beast that parteth the hoof, and hath the hoof cloven in two, *and* [2]cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that may ye eat. 7 Nevertheless these ye shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that have the hoof cloven: The camel, and the hare, and the coney, because they chew the cud but part not the hoof, they are unclean unto you. 8 And the swine, because he parteth the hoof but cheweth not the cud, he is unclean unto you: of their flesh ye shall not eat, and their carcasses ye shall not touch.

9 These ye may eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales may ye eat; 10 and whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye shall not eat; it is unclean unto you.

11 Of all clean birds ye may eat. 12 But these are they of which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the gier-eagle, and the ospray, 13 and the glede, and the falcon, and the kite after its kind, 14 and every raven after its kind, 15 and the ostrich, and the night-hawk, and the sea-mew, and the hawk after its kind, 16 the little owl, and the great owl, and the horned owl, 17 and the pelican, and the vulture, and the cormorant, 18 and the stork, and the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat. 19 And all winged creeping things are unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten. 20 Of all clean birds ye may eat.

21 Ye shall not eat of anything that dieth of itself: thou mayest give it unto the sojourner that is within thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto a foreigner: for thou art a holy people unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God. Thou shalt not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

22 Thou shalt surely tithe all the increase of thy seed, that which cometh forth from the field year by year. 23 And thou shalt eat before Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, in the place which he shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there, the tithe of thy grain, of thy new wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herd and of thy flock; that thou mayest learn to fear Jĕ-hō'văh thy God always. 24 And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it, because the place is too far from thee, which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God shall choose, to set his name there, when Jĕ-hō'văh thy God shall bless thee; 25 then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thy hand, and shalt go unto the place which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God shall choose: 26 and thou shalt bestow the money for whatsoever thy soul desireth, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul asketh of thee; and thou shalt eat there before Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou and thy household. 27 And the Lē'vīte that is within thy gates, thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no portion nor inheritance with thee.

28 At the end of every three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase in the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates: 29 and the Lē'vīte, because he hath no portion nor inheritance with thee, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within

[1] Or, *out of* [2] Heb. *bringeth up*

thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that Jĕ-hō'-văh thy God may bless thee in all the work of thy hand which thou doest.

15 At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. 2 And this is the manner of the release: every creditor shall release that which he hath lent unto his neighbor; he shall not exact it of his neighbor and his brother; because Jĕ-hō'văh's release hath been proclaimed. 3 Of a foreigner thou mayest exact it: but whatsoever of thine is with thy brother thy hand shall [1]release. 4 Howbeit there shall be no poor with thee (for Jĕ-hō'văh will surely bless thee in the land which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it), 5 if only thou diligently hearken unto the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, to observe to do all this commandment which I command thee this day. 6 For Jĕ-hō'văh thy God will bless thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over thee.

7 If there be with thee a poor man, one of thy brethren, within any of thy gates in thy land which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thy heart, nor shut thy hand from thy poor brother; 8 but thou shalt surely open thy hand unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need *in that* which he wanteth. 9 Beware that there be not a base thought in thy heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou give him nought; and he cry unto Jĕ-hō'văh against thee, and it be sin unto thee. 10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thy heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him; because that for this thing Jĕ-hō'văh thy God will bless thee in all thy work, and in all that thou puttest thy hand unto. 11 For the poor will never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt surely open thy hand unto thy brother, to thy needy, and to thy poor, in thy land.

12 If thy brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee. 13 And when thou lettest him go free from thee, thou shalt not let him go empty: 14 thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy threshing-floor, and out of thy winepress; as Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him. 15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of E'gўpt, and Jĕ-hō'văh thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing to-day. 16 And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go out from thee; because he loveth thee and thy house, because he is well with thee; 17 then thou shalt take an awl, and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy [2]servant for ever. And also unto thy [3]maid-servant thou shalt do likewise. 18 It shall not seem hard unto thee, when thou lettest him go free from thee; for to the double of the hire of a hireling hath he served thee six years: and Jĕ-hō'văh thy God will bless thee in all that thou doest.

19 All the firstling males that are born of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God: thou shalt do no work with the firstling of thy herd, nor shear the firstling of thy flock. 20 Thou shalt eat it before Jĕ-hō'văh thy God year by year in the place which Jĕ-hō'văh shall choose, thou and thy household. 21 And if it have any blemish, *as if it be* lame or blind, any ill blemish whatsoever, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God. 22 Thou shalt eat it within

[1] Or, *release: save when there &c.*

[2] Or, *bond-man* [3] Or, *bond-woman*

thy gates: the unclean and the clean *shall eat it* alike, as the gazelle, and as the hart. 23 Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof; thou shalt pour it out upon the ground as water.

16 Observe the month of Ā′bĭb, and keep the passover unto Jĕ-hō′văh thy God; for in the month of Ā′bĭb Jĕ-hō′văh thy God brought thee forth out of Ē′gўpt by night. 2 And thou shalt sacrifice the passover unto Jĕ-hō′văh thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which Jĕ-hō′văh shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 3 Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Ē′gўpt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Ē′gўpt all the days of thy life. 4 And there shall be no leaven seen with thee in all thy borders seven days; neither shall any of the flesh, which thou sacrificest the first day at even, remain all night until the morning. 5 Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which Jĕ-hō′văh thy God giveth thee; 6 but at the place which Jĕ-hō′văh thy God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Ē′gўpt. 7 And thou shalt [1]roast and eat it in the place which Jĕ-hō′văh thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents. 8 Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread; and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to Jĕ-hō′văh thy God; thou shalt do no work *therein*.

9 Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: from the time thou beginnest to put the sickle to the standing grain shalt thou begin to number seven weeks. 10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto Jĕ-hō′văh thy God [2]with a tribute of a freewill-offering of thy hand, which thou shalt give, according as Jĕ-hō′văh thy God blesseth thee: 11 and thou shalt rejoice before Jĕ-hō′văh thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Lē′vīte that is within thy gates, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are in the midst of thee, in the place which Jĕ-hō′văh thy God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Ē′gўpt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

13 Thou shalt keep the feast of [3]tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in from thy threshing-floor and from thy winepress: 14 and thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Lē′vīte, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates. 15 Seven days shalt thou keep a feast unto Jĕ-hō′văh thy God in the place which Jĕ-hō′văh shall choose; because Jĕ-hō′văh thy God will bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the work of thy hands, and thou shalt be altogether joyful. 16 Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before Jĕ-hō′văh thy God in the place which he shall choose: in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles; and they shall not appear before Jĕ-hō′văh empty: 17 every man [4]shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of Jĕ-hō′văh thy God which he hath given thee.

18 Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which Jĕ-hō′văh thy God giveth thee, according to thy tribes; and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. 19 Thou shalt

[1] Or, *boil*
[2] Or, *after the measure of the &c.*
[3] Heb. *booths*
[4] Heb. *according to the gift of his hand*

not wrest justice: thou shalt not respect persons; neither shalt thou take a bribe; for a bribe doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the [1]words of the righteous. 20 [2]That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee.

21 Thou shalt not plant thee an Ă-shē'răh of any kind of tree beside the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, which thou shalt make thee. 22 Neither shalt thou set thee up a [3]pillar; which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hateth.

17 Thou shalt not sacrifice unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God an ox, or a sheep, wherein is a blemish, *or* anything evil; for that is an abomination unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God.

2 If there be found in the midst of thee, within any of thy gates which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that doeth that which is evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, in transgressing his covenant, 3 and hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, or the sun, or the moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded, 4 and it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it; then shalt thou inquire diligently; and, behold, if it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Ĭs'rā-ĕl, 5 then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, who hath done this evil thing, unto thy gates, even the man or the woman; and thou shalt stone them to death with stones. 6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is to die be put to death; at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. 7 The hand of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So thou shalt put away the evil from the midst of thee.

8 If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within thy gates; then shalt thou arise, and get thee up unto the place which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God shall choose; 9 and thou shalt come unto the priests the Lē'vites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days: and thou shalt inquire; and they shall show thee the sentence of judgment. 10 And thou shalt do according to the tenor of the sentence which they shall show thee from that place which Jĕ-hō'văh shall choose; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they shall teach thee: 11 according to the tenor of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do; thou shalt not turn aside from the sentence which they shall show thee, to the right hand, nor to the left. 12 And the man that doeth presumptuously, in not hearkening unto the priest that standeth to minister there before Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil from Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 13 And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

14 When thou art come unto the land which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are round about me; 15 thou shalt surely set him king over thee, whom Jĕ-hō'văh thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee; thou mayest not put a foreigner over thee, who is not thy brother. 16 Only he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Ē'gўpt, to the end that he may multiply horses; forasmuch as Jĕ-hō'văh hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. 17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that

[1] Or, *cause* [2] Heb. *Justice, justice* [3] Or, *obelisk*

his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book, out of *that which is* before the priests the Lĕ'vītes: 19 and it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life; that he may learn to fear Jĕ-hō'văh his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them; 20 that his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children, in the midst of ĭs'rā-ĕl.

18 The priests the Lĕ'vītes, [1]*even* all the tribe of Lĕ'vī, shall have no portion nor inheritance with ĭs'rā-ĕl: they shall eat the offerings of Jĕ-hō'văh made by fire, and his inheritance. 2 And they shall have no inheritance among their brethren: Jĕ-hō'văh is their inheritance, as he hath spoken unto them. 3 And this shall be the priests' due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep, that they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw. 4 The first-fruits of thy grain, of thy new wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him. 5 For Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, him and his sons for ever.

6 And if a Lĕ'vīte come from any of thy gates out of all ĭs'rā-ĕl, where he sojourneth, and come with all the desire of his soul unto the place which Jĕ-hō'văh shall choose; 7 then he shall minister in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh his God, as all his brethren the Lĕ'vītes do, who stand there before Jĕ-hō'văh. 8 They shall have like portions to eat, besides that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony.

9 When thou art come into the land which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. 10 There shall not be found with thee any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, one that useth divination, one that practiseth augury, or an enchanter, or a sorcerer, 11 or a charmer, or a consulter with a familiar spirit, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 12 For whosoever doeth these things is an abomination unto Jĕ-hō'văh: and because of these abominations Jĕ-hō'văh thy God doth drive them out from before thee. 13 Thou shalt be perfect with Jĕ-hō'văh thy God. 14 For these nations, that thou shalt dispossess, hearken unto them that practise augury, and unto diviners; but as for thee, Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.

15 Jĕ-hō'văh thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; 16 according to all that thou desiredst of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God in Hō'rĕb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. 17 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, They have well said that which they have spoken. 18 I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. 19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

20 But the prophet, that shall speak a word presumptuously in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die. 21 And if thou say in thy heart, How shall we know the word which Jĕ-

[1] Or, and

hō'văh hath not spoken? 22 when a prophet speaketh in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which Jĕ-hō'văh hath not spoken: the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously, thou shalt not be afraid of him.

19 When Jĕ-hō'văh thy God shall cut off the nations, whose land Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses; 2 thou shalt set apart three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee to possess it. 3 Thou shalt prepare thee the way, and divide the borders of thy land, which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God causeth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every manslayer may flee thither.

4 And this is the case of the manslayer, that shall flee thither and live: whoso killeth his neighbor unawares, and hated him not in time past; 5 as when a man goeth into the forest with his neighbor to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the [1]head slippeth from [2]the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbor, so that he dieth; he shall flee unto one of these cities and live: 6 lest the avenger of blood pursue the manslayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and smite him mortally; whereas he was not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past. 7 Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt set apart three cities for thee. 8 And if Jĕ-hō'văh thy God enlarge thy border, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers; 9 if thou shalt keep all this commandment to do it, which I command thee this day, to love Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, besides these three: 10 that [3]innocent blood be not shed in the midst of thy land, which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee.

11 But if any man hate his neighbor, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally so that he dieth, and he flee into one of these cities; 12 then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die. 13 Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away [4]the innocent blood from Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that it may go well with thee.

14 Thou shalt not remove thy neighbor's landmark, which they of old time have set, in thine inheritance which thou shalt inherit, in the land that Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee to possess it.

15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall a matter be established. 16 If an unrighteous witness rise up against any man to testify against him of [5]wrongdoing, 17 then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before Jĕ-hō'văh, before the priests and the judges that shall be in those days; 18 and the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and have testified falsely against his brother; 19 then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to do unto his brother: so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee. 20 And those that remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil in the midst of thee. 21 And thine eye shall not pity; life *shall go* for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

[1] Heb. *iron* [2] Or, *the tree* [3] Or, *the blood of an innocent man* [4] Or, *the blood of the innocent* [5] Or *rebellion*
See ch. 13. 5

20 When thou goest forth to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, *and* a people more than thou, thou shalt not be afraid of them; for Jĕ-hō'văh thy God is with thee, who brought thee up out of the land of Ē'gўpt. 2 And it shall be, when ye draw nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people, 3 and shall say unto them, Hear, O ĭs'rā-ĕl, ye draw nigh this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your heart faint; fear not, nor tremble, neither be ye affrighted at them; 4 for Jĕ-hō'văh your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you. 5 And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it. 6 And what man is there that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not used the fruit thereof? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man use the fruit thereof. 7 And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her. 8 And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man is there that is fearful and faint-hearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart melt as his heart. 9 And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, that they shall appoint captains of hosts at the head of the people.

10 When thou drawest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it. 11 And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, that all the people that are found therein shall become [1]tributary unto thee, and shall serve thee. 12 And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it: 13 and when Jĕ-hō'văh thy God delivereth it into thy hand, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword: 14 but the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take for a prey unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath given thee. 15 Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities which are very far off from thee, which are not of the cities of these nations. 16 But of the cities of these peoples, that Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth; 17 but thou shalt [2]utterly destroy them: the Hĭt'tīte, and the Ăm'ôr-īte, the Că'năan-īte, and the Pĕr'ĭz-zīte, the Hī'vīte, and the Jĕb'ū-sīte; as Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath commanded thee; 18 that they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so would ye sin against Jĕ-hō'văh your God.

19 When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by wielding an axe against them; for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down; for is the tree of the field man, that it should be besieged of thee? 20 Only the trees of which thou knowest that they are not trees for food, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee, until it fall.

21 If one be found slain in the land which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, and it be not known who hath smitten him; 2 then thy elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which are round about him that is slain: 3 and it shall be, that the city which is nearest unto

[1] Or, *subject to taskwork*

[2] Heb. *devote*

the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take a heifer of the herd, which hath not been wrought with, and which hath not drawn in the yoke; 4 and the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a valley with running water, which is neither plowed nor sown, and shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley. 5 And the priests the sons of Lē'vī shall come near; for them Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh; and according to their word shall every controversy and every stroke be. 6 And all the elders of that city, who are nearest unto the slain man, shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley; 7 and they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it. 8 Forgive, O Jĕ-hō'văh, thy people ĭs'rā-ĕl, whom thou hast redeemed, and suffer not innocent blood *to remain* in the midst of thy people ĭs'rā-ĕl. And the blood shall be forgiven them. 9 So shalt thou put away the innocent blood from the midst of thee, when thou shalt do that which is right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh.

10 When thou goest forth to battle against thine enemies, and Jĕ-hō'văh thy God delivereth them into thy hands, and thou carriest them away captive, 11 and seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and thou hast a desire unto her, and wouldest take her to thee to wife; 12 then thou shalt bring her home to thy house; and she shall shave her head, and pare her nails; 13 and she shall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and shall remain in thy house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month: and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife. 14 And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but thou shalt not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not deal with her [1]as a slave, because thou hast humbled her.

15 If a man have two wives, the one beloved, and the other hated, and they have borne him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the first-born son be hers that was hated; 16 then it shall be, in the day that he causeth his sons to inherit that which he hath, that he may not make the son of the beloved the first-born [2]before the son of the hated, who is the first-born: 17 but he shall acknowledge the first-born, the son of the hated, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath; for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the first-born is his.

18 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, that will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and, though they chasten him, will not hearken unto them; 19 then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; 20 and they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard. 21 And all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones: so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee; and all ĭs'rā-ĕl shall hear, and fear.

22 And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree; 23 his body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt surely bury him the same day; for he that is hanged is [3]accursed of God; that thou defile not thy land which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

22 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely bring them again unto thy brother. 2 And if thy brother be not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt

[1] Or, *as a chattel* [2] Or, *during the lifetime of* [3] Heb. *the curse of God*

bring it home to thy house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him. 3 And so shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his garment; and so shalt thou do with every lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found: thou mayest not hide thyself. 4 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fallen down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again.

5 A woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for whosoever doeth these things is an abomination unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God.

6 If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young: 7 thou shalt surely let the dam go, but the young thou mayest take unto thyself; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days.

8 When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thy house, if any man fall from thence.

9 Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with two kinds of seed, lest the [1]whole fruit be [2]forfeited, the seed which thou hast sown, and the increase of the vineyard.

10 Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together. 11 Thou shalt not wear a mingled stuff, wool and linen together.

12 Thou shalt make thee [3]fringes upon the four borders of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest thyself.

13 If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her, 14 and lay shameful things to her charge, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came nigh to her, I found not in her the tokens of virginity; 15 then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth the tokens of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate; 16 and the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her; 17 and, lo, he hath laid shameful things *to her charge*, saying, I found not in thy daughter the tokens of virginity; and yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the garment before the elders of the city. 18 And the elders of that city shall take the man and chastise him; 19 and they shall fine him a hundred *shek'els* of silver, and give them unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days. 20 But if this thing be true, that the tokens of virginity were not found in the damsel; 21 then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she hath wrought folly in Ĭs'rā-ĕl, to play the harlot in her father's house: so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee.

22 If a man be found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both of them die, the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away the evil from Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

23 If there be a damsel that is a virgin betrothed unto a husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her; 24 then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them to death with stones; the damsel, because she cried not, being in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbor's wife: so thou shalt put away the evil from the midst of thee.

25 But if the man find the dam-

[1] Heb. *fulness* [2] Heb. *consecrated*
[3] Or, *twisted threads*

sel that is betrothed in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her; then the man only that lay with her shall die: 26 but unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; there is in the damsel no sin worthy of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbor, and slayeth him, even so is this matter; 27 for he found her in the field, the betrothed damsel cried, and there was none to save her.

28 If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, that is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found; 29 then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty *shek'els* of silver, and she shall be his wife, because he hath humbled her; he may not put her away all his days.

*30 A man shall not take his father's wife, and shall not uncover his father's skirt.

23 He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the assembly of Jĕ-hō'văh.

2 A bastard shall not enter into the assembly of Jĕ-hō'văh; even to the tenth generation shall none of his enter into the assembly of Jĕ-hō'văh.

3 An Ăm'mŏn-īte or a Mō'ăb-īte shall not enter into the assembly of Jĕ-hō'văh; even to the tenth generation shall none belonging to them enter into the assembly of Jĕ-hō'văh for ever: 4 because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Ē'gўpt, and because they hired against thee Bā'lăam the son of Bē'ŏr from Pē'thôr of [1]Mĕs-ŏ-pŏ-tā'mi-á, to curse thee. 5 Nevertheless Jĕ-hō'văh thy God would not hearken unto Bā'lăam; but Jĕ-hō'văh thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because Jĕ-hō'văh thy God loved thee. 6 Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days for ever.

7 Thou shalt not abhor an Ē'dŏm-īte; for he is thy brother: thou shalt not abhor an Ē-gўp'tiăn; because thou wast a sojourner in his land. 8 The children of the third generation that are born unto them shall enter into the assembly of Jĕ-hō'văh.

9 When thou goest forth in camp against thine enemies, then thou shalt keep thee from every evil thing. 10 If there be among you any man, that is not clean by reason of that which chanceth him by night, then shall he go abroad out of the camp, he shall not come within the camp: 11 but it shall be, when evening cometh on, he shall bathe himself in water; and when the sun is down, he shall come within the camp. 12 Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad: 13 and thou shalt have a [2]paddle among thy weapons; and it shall be, when thou sittest down abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee: 14 for Jĕ-hō'văh thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy, that he may not see [3]an unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.

15 Thou shalt not deliver unto his master a servant that is escaped from his master unto thee: 16 he shall dwell with thee, in the midst of thee, in the place which he shall choose within one of thy gates, where it pleaseth him best: thou shalt not oppress him.

17 There shall be no [4]prostitute of the daughters of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, neither shall there be a [5]sodomite of the sons of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a harlot, or the wages of a dog, into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God for any vow: for even both these are an abomination unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God.

19 Thou shalt not lend upon interest to thy brother; interest of money, interest of victuals, inter-

*[Ch. 23.1 in Heb.] [1] Heb. *Aram-naharaim*
[2] Or, *shovel* [3] Heb. *nakedness of anything*
[4] Heb. *kedeshah* See Gen. 38. 21
[5] Heb. *kadesh*

est of anything that is lent upon interest. 20 Unto a foreigner thou mayest lend upon interest; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon interest, that Jĕ-hō'văh thy God may bless thee in all that thou puttest thy hand unto, in the land whither thou goest in to possess it.

21 When thou shalt vow a vow unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, thou shalt not be slack to pay it: for Jĕ-hō'văh thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. 22 But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee. 23 That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt observe and do; according as thou hast vowed unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, a free-will-offering, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

24 When thou comest into thy neighbor's vineyard, then thou mayest eat of grapes thy fill at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put any in thy vessel. 25 When thou comest into thy neighbor's standing grain, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thy hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbor's standing grain.

24 When a man taketh a wife, and marrieth her, then it shall be, if she find no favor in his eyes, because he hath found some unseemly thing in her, that he shall write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house. 2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's *wife*. 3 And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, who took her to be his wife; 4 her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before Jĕ-hō'văh: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

5 When a man taketh a new wife, he shall not go out in the host, neither shall he be charged with any business: he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer his wife whom he hath taken.

6 No man shall take the mill or the upper millstone to pledge; for he taketh *a man's* life to pledge.

7 If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and he deal with him [1]as a slave, or sell him; then that thief shall die: so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee.

8 Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Lē'vītes shall teach you: as I commanded them, so ye shall observe to do. 9 Remember what Jĕ-hō'văh thy God did unto Mĭr'ĭ-ăm, by the way as ye came forth out of Ē'gўpt.

10 When thou dost lend thy neighbor any manner of loan, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge. 11 Thou shalt stand without, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring forth the pledge without unto thee. 12 And if he be a poor man, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge; 13 thou shalt surely restore to him the pledge when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his garment, and bless thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before Jĕ-hō'văh thy God.

14 Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy sojourners that are in thy land within thy gates: 15 in his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it (for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it); lest he cry against thee unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and it be sin unto thee.

16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 Thou shalt not wrest the

[1] Or, *as a chattel*

justice *due* to the sojourner, *or* to the fatherless, nor take the widow's raiment to pledge; 18 but thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Ĕ'ġўpt, and Jĕ-hō'văh thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

19 When thou reapest thy harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the sojourner, for the fatherless, and for the widow; that Jĕ-hō'văh thy God may bless thee in all the work of thy hands. 20 When thou beatest thine olive-tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the sojourner, for the fatherless, and for the widow. 21 When thou gatherest *the grapes of* thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it after thee: it shall be for the sojourner, for the fatherless, and for the widow. 22 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Ĕ'ġўpt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

25 If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, and *the judges* judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked. 2 And it shall be, if the wicked man be worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his wickedness, by number. 3 Forty stripes he may give him, he shall not exceed; lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.

4 Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out *the grain*.

5 If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no son, the wife of the dead shall not be married without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother unto her. 6 And it shall be, that the first-born that she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother that is dead, that his name be not blotted out of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 7 And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in ĭs'rā-ĕl; he will not perform the duty of a husband's brother unto me. 8 Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and if he stand, and say, I like not to take her; 9 then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face; and she shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto the man that doth not build up his brother's house. 10 And his name shall be called in ĭs'rā-ĕl, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed.

11 When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets; 12 then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall have no pity.

13 Thou shalt not have in thy bag diverse weights, a great and a small. 14 Thou shalt not have in thy house diverse measures, a great and a small. 15 A perfect and just weight shalt thou have; a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be long in the land which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee. 16 For all that do such things, *even* all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God.

17 Remember what Ăm'ă-lĕk did unto thee by the way as ye came forth out of Ĕ'ġўpt; 18 how he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God. 19 Therefore it shall be, when Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land

which Jĕ-hō′văh thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Ăm′ă-lĕk from under heaven; thou shalt not forget.

26 And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which Jĕ-hō′văh thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein, 2 that thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which thou shalt bring in from thy land that Jĕ-hō′văh thy God giveth thee; and thou shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which Jĕ-hō′văh thy God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 3 And thou shalt come unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto Jĕ-hō′văh thy God, that I am come unto the land which Jĕ-hō′văh sware unto our fathers to give us. 4 And the priest shall take the basket out of thy hand, and set it down before the altar of Jĕ-hō′văh thy God. 5 And thou shalt answer and say before Jĕ-hō′văh thy God, A [1]Sўr′ĭ-ăn [2]ready to perish was my father; and he went down into Ē′gўpt, and sojourned there, few in number; and he became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous. 6 And the Ē-gўp′tiăns dealt ill with us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage: 7 and we cried unto Jĕ-hō′văh, the God of our fathers, and Jĕ-hō′văh heard our voice, and saw our affliction, and our toil, and our oppression; 8 and Jĕ-hō′văh brought us forth out of Ē′gўpt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders; 9 and he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 And now, behold, I have brought the first of the fruit of the ground, which thou, O Jĕ-hō′văh, hast given me. And thou shalt set it down before Jĕ-hō′văh thy God, and worship before Jĕ-hō′văh thy God: 11 and thou shalt rejoice in all the good which Jĕ-hō′văh thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thy house, thou, and the Lē′vīte, and the sojourner that is in the midst of thee.

12 When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithe of thine increase in the third year, which is the year of tithing, then thou shalt give it unto the Lē′vīte, to the sojourner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled. 13 And thou shalt say before Jĕ-hō′văh thy God, I have put away the hallowed things out of my house, and also have given them unto the Lē′vīte, and unto the sojourner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandment which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed any of thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them: 14 I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I put away thereof, being unclean, nor given thereof for the dead: I have hearkened to the voice of Jĕ-hō′văh my God; I have done according to all that thou hast commanded me. 15 Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Ĭs′rā-ĕl, and the ground which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey.

16 This day Jĕ-hō′văh thy God commandeth thee to do these statutes and ordinances: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thy heart, and with all thy soul. 17 Thou hast avouched Jĕ-hō′văh this day to be thy God, and that thou wouldest walk in his ways, and keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his ordinances, and hearken unto his voice: 18 and Jĕ-hō′văh hath avouched thee this day to be a people for his own possession, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments; 19 and to make thee

[1] Heb. *Aramean* Or, *wandering* Or, *lost*

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high above all nations that he hath made, [1]in praise, and in name, and in honor; and that thou mayest be a holy people unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, as he hath spoken.

27 And Mō'sĕs and the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandment which I command you this day. 2 And it shall be on the day when ye shall pass over the Jordan unto the land which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaster them with plaster: 3 and thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over; that thou mayest go in unto the land which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, as Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of thy fathers, hath promised thee. 4 And it shall be, when ye are passed over the Jordan, that ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in mount Ē'băl, and thou shalt plaster them with plaster. 5 And there shalt thou build an altar unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt lift up no iron *tool* upon them. 6 Thou shalt build the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God of [2]unhewn stones; and thou shalt offer burnt-offerings thereon unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God: 7 and thou shalt sacrifice peace-offerings, and shalt eat there; and thou shalt rejoice before Jĕ-hō'văh thy God. 8 And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.

9 And Mō'sĕs and the priests the Lē'vītes spake unto all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, Keep silence, and hearken, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl: This day thou art become the people of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God. 10 Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day.

11 And Mō'sĕs charged the people the same day, saying,

[1] Or, *for a praise, and for a name, and for an honor* [2] Heb. *whole*

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12 These shall stand upon mount Gĕr'ĭ-zĭm to bless the people, when ye are passed over the Jordan: Sĭm'ē-ŏn, and Lē'vī, and Jū'dăh, and Ĭs'să-chär, and Joseph, and Bĕn'jă-mĭn. 13 And these shall stand upon mount Ē'băl for the curse: Reu'bĕn, Gad, and Ăsh'ĕr, and Zĕb'ū-lŭn, Dan, and Năph'tă-lī. 14 And the Lē'vītes shall answer, and say unto all the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl with a loud voice,

15 Cursed be the man that maketh a graven or molten image, an abomination unto Jĕ-hō'văh, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and setteth it up in secret. And all the people shall answer and say, Ā-mĕn'.

16 Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Ā-mĕn'.

17 Cursed be he that removeth his neighbor's landmark. And all the people shall say, Ā-mĕn'.

18 Cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Ā-mĕn'.

19 Cursed be he that wresteth the justice *due* to the sojourner, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Ā-mĕn'.

20 Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife, because he hath uncovered his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Ā-mĕn'.

21 Cursed be he that lieth with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Ā-mĕn'.

22 Cursed be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Ā-mĕn'.

23 Cursed be he that lieth with his mother-in-law. And all the people shall say, Ā-mĕn'.

24 Cursed be he that smiteth his neighbor in secret. And all the people shall say, Ā-mĕn'.

25 Cursed be he that taketh a bribe to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Ā-mĕn'.

26 Cursed be he that confirm-

eth not the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Ā-mĕn'.

28 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, to observe to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that Jĕ-hō'văh thy God will set thee on high above all the nations of the earth: 2 and all these blessings shall come upon thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God. 3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. 4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy beasts, the increase of thy cattle, and the young of thy flock. 5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy kneading-trough. 6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

7 Jĕ-hō'văh will cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thee: they shall come out against thee one way, and shall flee before thee seven ways. 8 Jĕ-hō'văh will command the blessing upon thee in thy barns, and in all that thou puttest thy hand unto; and he will bless thee in the land which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God giveth thee. 9 Jĕ-hō'văh will establish thee for a holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee; if thou shalt keep the commandments of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, and walk in his ways. 10 And all the peoples of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of Jĕ-hō'văh; and they shall be afraid of thee. 11 And Jĕ-hō'văh will make thee plenteous for good, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which Jĕ-hō'văh sware unto thy fathers to give thee. 12 Jĕ-hō'văh will open unto thee his good [1]treasure the heavens, to give the rain of thy land in its season, and to bless all the work of thy hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. 13 And Jĕ-hō'văh will make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if thou shalt hearken unto the commandments of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do *them*, 14 and shalt not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day, that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee. 16 Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. 17 Cursed shall be thy basket and thy kneading-trough. 18 Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, the increase of thy cattle, and the young of thy flock. 19 Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

20 Jĕ-hō'văh will send upon thee cursing, discomfiture, and rebuke, in all that thou puttest thy hand unto to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the evil of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me. 21 Jĕ-hō'văh will make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest in to possess it. 22 Jĕ-hō'văh will smite thee with consumption, and with fever, and with inflammation, and with fiery heat, and with [2]the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. 23 And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. 24 Jĕ-hō'văh will make the rain of

[1] Or, *treasury*

[2] Or, as otherwise read, *drought*

thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

25 Jĕ-hō'văh will cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies; thou shalt go out one way against them, and shalt flee seven ways before them: and thou shalt be [1]tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth. 26 And thy dead body shall be food unto all birds of the heavens, and unto the beasts of the earth; and there shall be none to frighten them away. 27 Jĕ-hō'văh will smite thee with the boil of Ē'gўpt, and with the [2]emerods, and with the scurvy, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed. 28 Jĕ-hō'văh will smite thee with madness, and with blindness, and with astonishment of heart; 29 and thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and robbed alway, and there shall be none to save thee. 30 Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build a house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not use the fruit thereof. 31 Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to save thee. 32 Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people; and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day: and there shall be nought in the power of thy hand. 33 The fruit of thy ground, and all thy labors, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed alway; 34 so that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. 35 Jĕ-hō'văh will smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore boil, whereof thou canst not be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the crown of thy head.

36 Jĕ-hō'văh will bring thee, and thy king whom thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation that thou hast not known, thou nor thy fathers; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone. 37 And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all the peoples whither Jĕ-hō'văh shall lead thee away. 38 Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather little in; for the locust shall consume it. 39 Thou shalt plant vineyards and dress them, but thou shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather *the grapes*; for the worm shall eat them. 40 Thou shalt have olive-trees throughout all thy borders, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast *its fruit*. 41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but they shall not be thine; for they shall go into captivity. 42 All thy trees and the fruit of thy ground shall the locust possess. 43 The sojourner that is in the midst of thee shall mount up above thee higher and higher; and thou shalt come down lower and lower. 44 He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail. 45 And all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee: 46 and they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.

47 Because thou servedst not Jĕ-hō'văh thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, by reason of the abundance of all things; 48 therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies that Jĕ-hō'văh shall send against thee, in

[1] Or, *a terror unto all*
[2] Or, *tumors* Or, *plague boils*

hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee. 49 Jĕ-hō'văh will bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; 50 a nation of fierce countenance, that shall not regard the person of the old, nor show favor to the young, 51 and shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy ground, until thou be destroyed; that also shall not leave thee grain, new wine, or oil, the increase of thy cattle, or the young of thy flock, until they have caused thee to perish. 52 And they shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fortified walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land; and they shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath given thee. 53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, whom Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath given thee, in the siege and in the distress wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee. 54 The man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children whom he hath remaining; 55 so that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat, because he hath nothing left him, in the siege and in the distress wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in all thy gates. 56 The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter, 57 and toward her [1]young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children whom she shall bear; for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly, in the siege and in the distress wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.

58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, JĔ-HŌ'VĂH THY GOD; 59 then Jĕ-hō'văh will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. 60 And he will bring upon thee again all the diseases of Ē'gўpt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. 61 Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will Jĕ-hō'văh bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. 62 And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou didst not hearken unto the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God. 63 And it shall come to pass, that, as Jĕ-hō'văh rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you, so Jĕ-hō'văh will rejoice over you to cause you to perish, and to destroy you; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest in to possess it. 64 And Jĕ-hō'văh will scatter thee among all peoples, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou nor thy fathers, even wood and stone. 65 And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, and there shall be no rest for the sole of thy foot: but Jĕ-hō'văh will give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and pining of soul; 66 and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear night and day, and shalt have no assurance of thy life. 67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would it were

[1] Or, *after-birth*

morning! for the fear of thy heart which thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. 68 And Jĕ-hō'văh will bring thee into Ē'gўpt again with ships, by the way whereof I said unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall sell yourselves unto your enemies for bondmen and for bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.

*29 These are the words of the covenant which Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sēs to make with the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl in the land of Mō'ăb, besides the covenant which he made with them in Hō'rĕb.

†2 And Mō'sĕs called unto all ĭs'rā-ĕl, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that Jĕ-hō'văh did before your eyes in the land of Ē'gўpt unto Phā'raōh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land; 3 the great trials which thine eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders: 4 but Jĕ-hō'văh hath not given you a heart to know, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day. 5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxed old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxed old upon thy foot. 6 Ye have not eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink; that ye may know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God. 7 And when ye came unto this place, Sī'hŏn the king of Hĕsh'bŏn, and Ōg the king of Bā'shăn, came out against us unto battle, and we smote them: 8 and we took their land, and gave it for an inheritance unto the Reu'bĕn-ītes, and to the Găd'ītes, and to the half-tribe of the Mă-năs'sītes. 9 Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may [1]prosper in all that ye do.

10 Ye stand this day all of you before Jĕ-hō'văh your God; your heads, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, even all the men of ĭs'rā-ĕl, 11 your little ones, your wives, and thy sojourner that is in the midst of thy camps, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water; 12 that thou mayest enter into the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, and into his oath, which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God maketh with thee this day; 13 that he may establish thee this day unto himself for a people, and that he may be unto thee a God, as he spake unto thee, and as he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to I'sāac, and to Jacob.

14 Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath, 15 but with him that standeth here with us this day before Jĕ-hō'văh our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day 16 (for ye know how we dwelt in the land of Ē'gўpt, and how we came through the midst of the nations through which ye passed; 17 and ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them); 18 lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from Jĕ-hō'văh our God, to go to serve the gods of those nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth [2]gall and wormwood; 19 and it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this [3]curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart, [4]to destroy the moist with the dry. 20 Jĕ-hō'văh will not pardon him, but then the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and all the curse that is written in this book shall lie upon him, and Jĕ-hō'văh will blot out his name from under heaven. 21 And Jĕ-hō'văh will set him apart unto evil out of all the tribes of ĭs'rā-ĕl, according to all the curses of the covenant that is written in this book of the law.

22 And the generation to come, your children that shall rise up

*[Ch. 28.69 in Heb.] †[Ch. 29.1 in Heb.]
[1] Or, *deal wisely*
[2] Heb. *rosh*, a poisonous herb
[3] Or, *oath* (and so ver. 20, 21)
[4] Or *to add drunkenness to thirst*

after you, and the foreigner that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses wherewith Jĕ-hō'văh hath made it sick; 23 *and that* the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, *and* a burning, *that* it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sŏd'ŏm and Gō-mōr'răh, Ăd'măh and Zĕ-boi'ĭm, which Jĕ-hō'văh overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath: 24 even all the nations shall say, Wherefore hath Jĕ-hō'văh done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger? 25 Then men shall say, Because they forsook the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Ē'gypt, 26 and went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods that they knew not, and that he had not [1]given unto them: 27 therefore the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curse that is written in this book; 28 and Jĕ-hō'văh rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as at this day. 29 The secret things belong unto Jĕ-hō'văh our God; but the things that are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

30 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath driven thee, 2 and shalt return unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul; 3 that then Jĕ-hō'văh thy God will [2]turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the peoples, whither Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath scattered thee. 4 If *any of* thine outcasts be in the uttermost parts of heaven, from thence will Jĕ-hō'văh thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee: 5 and Jĕ-hō'văh thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. 6 And Jĕ-hō'văh thy God will circumcise thy heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love Jĕ-hō'văh thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. 7 And Jĕ-hō'văh thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, that persecuted thee. 8 And thou shalt return and obey the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day. 9 And Jĕ-hō'văh thy God will make thee plenteous in all the work of thy hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, for good: for Jĕ-hō'văh will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers; 10 if thou shalt obey the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law; if thou turn unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul.

11 For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not too [3]hard for thee, neither is it far off. 12 It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, and make us to hear it, that we may do it? 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, and make us to hear it, that we may do it? 14 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

15 See, I have set before the this day life and good, and death

[1] Heb. *allotted* [2] Or, *return to* [3] Or, *wonderful*

and evil; 16 in that I command thee this day to love Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his ordinances, that thou mayest live and multiply, and that Jĕ-hō'văh thy God may bless thee in the land whither thou goest in to possess it. 17 But if thy heart turn away, and thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; 18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish; ye shall not prolong your days in the land, whither thou passest over the Jordan to go in to possess it. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before thee life and death, the blessing and the curse: therefore choose life, that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed; 20 to love Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, to obey his voice, and to cleave unto him; for [1]he is thy life, and the length of thy days; that thou mayest dwell in the land which Jĕ-hō'văh sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to I'săac, and to Jacob, to give them.

31 And Mō'sĕs went and spake these words unto all Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 2 And he said unto them, I am a hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and come in: and Jĕ-hō'văh hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jordan. 3 Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, he will go over before thee; he will destroy these nations from before thee, and thou shalt dispossess them: *and* Jŏsh'ū-ă, he shall go over before thee, as Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken. 4 And Jĕ-hō'văh will do unto them as he did to Sī'hŏn and to Ōg, the kings of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, and unto their land; whom he destroyed. 5 And Jĕ-hō'văh will deliver them up before you, and ye shall do unto them according unto all the commandment which I have commanded you. 6 Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be affrighted at them: for Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 7 And Mō'sĕs called unto Jŏsh'-ū-ă, and said unto him in the sight of all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Be strong and of good courage: for thou shalt go with this people into the land which Jĕ-hō'văh hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it. 8 And Jĕ-hō'văh, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

9 And Mō'sĕs wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Lē'vī, that bare the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh, and unto all the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 10 And Mō'sĕs commanded them, saying, At the end of *every* seven years, in the set time of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, 11 when all Ĭs'rā-ĕl is come to appear before Jĕ-hō'văh thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Ĭs'rā-ĕl in their hearing. 12 Assemble the people, the men and the women and the little ones, and thy sojourner that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear Jĕ-hō'văh your God, and observe to do all the words of this law; 13 and that their children, who have not known, may hear, and learn to fear Jĕ-hō'văh your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over the Jordan to possess it.

14 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Jŏsh'ū-ă, and present yourselves in the tent of meeting, that I may give him a charge. And Mō'sĕs and Jŏsh'-ū-ă went, and presented themselves in the tent of meeting. 15 And Jĕ-hō'văh appeared in the Tent in a pillar of cloud: and the pillar of cloud stood [2]over the door of the Tent. 16 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mō'sĕs, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and play

[1] Or, *that*

[2] Or, *by*

the harlot after the strange gods of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them. 17 Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall come upon them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us? 18 And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evil which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods. 19 Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach thou it the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 20 For when I shall have brought them into the land which I sware unto their fathers, flowing with milk and honey, and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxed fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and despise me, and break my covenant. 21 And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are come upon them, that this song shall testify before them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination which they frame this day, before I have brought them into the land which I sware. 22 So Mō'sĕs wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 23 And he gave Jŏsh'ū-ā the son of Nŭn a charge, and said, Be strong and of good courage; for thou shalt bring the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl into the land which I sware unto them: and I will be with thee.

24 And it came to pass, when Mō'sĕs had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, 25 that Mō'sĕs commanded the Lē'vītes, that bare the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, 26 Take this book of the law, and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. 27 For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against Jĕ-hō'văh; and how much more after my death? 28 Assemble unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to witness against them. 29 For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do that which is evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

30 And Mō'sĕs spake in the ears of all the assembly of Ĭs'rā-ĕl the words of this song, until they were finished.

32 Give ear, ye heavens, and I will speak;
And let the earth hear the words of my mouth.
2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain;
My speech shall distil as the dew,
As the small rain upon the tender grass,
And as the showers upon the herb.
3 For I will proclaim the name of Jĕ-hō'văh:
Ascribe ye greatness unto our God.
4 The Rock, his work is perfect;
For all his ways are justice:
A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,
Just and right is he.
5 They have [1]dealt corruptly with him, *they are* not his children, [2]*it is* their blemish;
They are a perverse and crooked generation.
6 Do ye thus requite Jĕ-hō'văh,
O foolish people and unwise?

[1] Or, *corrupted themselves*, they &c.
[2] Or, but *a blot upon them*

Is not he thy father that hath [1]bought thee?
He hath made thee, and established thee.
7 Remember the days of old,
Consider the years of many generations:
Ask thy father, and he will show thee;
Thine elders, and they will tell thee.
8 When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance,
When he separated the children of men,
He set the bounds of the peoples
According to the number of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.
9 For Jĕ-hō'vāh's portion is his people;
Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.
10 He found him in a desert land,
And in the waste howling wilderness;
He compassed him about, he cared for him,
He kept him as the apple of his eye.
11 As an eagle that stirreth up her nest,
That fluttereth over her young,
[2]He spread abroad his wings, he took them,
He bare them on his pinions.
12 Jĕ-hō'vāh alone did lead him,
And there was no foreign god with him.
13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth,
And he did eat the increase of the field;
And he made him to suck honey out of the rock,
And oil out of the flinty rock;
14 Butter of the herd, and milk of the flock,
With fat of lambs,
And rams of the breed of Bā'-shăn, and goats,
With the [3]finest of the wheat;
And of the blood of the grape thou drankest wine.

[1] Or, *possessed* Or, *gotten* [2] Or, *Spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her pinions* [3] Heb. *fat of kidneys of wheat*

15 But Jĕsh'ū-rŭn waxed fat, and kicked:
Thou art waxed fat, thou art grown thick, thou art become sleek;
Then he forsook God who made him,
And lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.
16 They moved him to jealousy with strange *gods;*
With abominations provoked they him to anger.
17 They sacrificed unto demons, *which were* no God,
To gods that they knew not,
To new *gods* that came up of late,
Which your fathers dreaded not.
18 Of the Rock that [4]begat thee thou art unmindful,
And hast forgotten God that gave thee birth.
19 And Jĕ-hō'vāh saw *it,* and abhorred *them,*
Because of the provocation of his sons and his daughters.
20 And he said, I will hide my face from them,
I will see what their end shall be:
For they are a very perverse generation,
Children in whom is no faithfulness.
21 They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God;
They have provoked me to anger with their vanities:
And I will move them to jealousy with those that are not a people;
I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.
22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger,
And burneth unto the lowest Shĕ'ōl,
And devoureth the earth with its increase,
And setteth on fire the foundations of the mountains.
23 I will heap evils upon them;
I will spend mine arrows upon them:

[4] Or, *bare*

24 *They shall be* wasted with hunger, and devoured with [1]burning heat
And bitter destruction;
And the teeth of beasts will I send upon them,
With the poison of crawling things of the dust.
25 Without shall the sword bereave,
And in the chambers terror;
It shall destroy both young man and virgin,
The suckling with the man of gray hairs.
26 I said, I would scatter them afar,
I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men;
27 Were it not that I feared the provocation of the enemy,
Lest their adversaries should judge amiss,
Lest they should say, Our hand is exalted,
And Jĕ-hō'văh hath not done all this.
28 For they are a nation void of counsel,
And there is no understanding in them.
29 Oh that they were wise, that they understood this,
That they would consider their latter end!
30 How should one chase a thousand,
And two put ten thousand to flight,
Except their Rock had sold them,
And Jĕ-hō'văh had delivered them up?
31 For their rock is not as our Rock,
Even our enemies themselves being judges.
32 For their vine is of the vine of Söd'ŏm,
And of the fields of Gō-mŏr'răh:
Their grapes are grapes of gall,
Their clusters are bitter:
33 Their wine is the poison of serpents,
And the cruel venom of asps.
34 Is not this laid up in store with me,
Sealed up [2]among my treasures?
35 Vengeance is mine, and recompense,
At the time when their foot shall slide:
For the day of their calamity is at hand,
And the things that are to come upon them shall make haste.
36 For Jĕ-hō'văh will judge his people,
And repent himself for his servants;
When he seeth that *their* power is gone,
And there is none *remaining*, shut up or left at large.
37 And he will say, Where are their gods,
The rock in which they took refuge;
38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices,
And drank the wine of their drink-offering?
Let them rise up and help you,
Let them be your protection.
39 See now that I, even I, am he,
And there is no god with me:
I kill, and I make alive;
I wound, and I heal;
And there is none that can deliver out of my hand.
40 For I lift up my hand to heaven,
And say, As I live for ever,
41 If I whet [3]my glittering sword,
And my hand take hold on judgment;
I will render vengeance to mine adversaries,
And will recompense them that hate me.
42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood,
And my sword shall devour flesh;
With the blood of the slain and the captives,

[1] Heb. *burning coals* See Hab. 3. 5.
[2] Or, *in my treasuries*
[3] Heb. *the lightning of my sword*

[1]From [2]the head of the leaders of the enemy.
43 [3]Rejoice, O [4]ye nations, *with* his people:
For he will avenge the blood of his servants,
And will render vengeance to his adversaries,
And will make expiation for his land, for his people.
44 And Mō'sĕs came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hō-shē'ȧ the son of Nŭn. 45 And Mō'sĕs made an end of speaking all these words to all ĭs'rȧ-ĕl; 46 and he said unto them, Set your heart unto all the words which I testify unto you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, *even* all the words of this law. 47 For it is no vain thing for you; because it is your life, and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land, whither ye go over the Jordan to possess it.
48 And Jĕ-hō'vȧh spake unto Mō'sĕs that selfsame day, saying, 49 Get thee up into this mountain of Ȧb'ȧ-rĭm, unto mount Nē'bō, which is in the land of Mō'ȧb, that is over against Jĕr'ĭ-chō; and behold the land of Cȧ'nȧan, which I give unto the children of ĭs'rȧ-ĕl for a possession; 50 and die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people, as Aȧr'ŏn thy brother died in mount Hôr, and was gathered unto his people: 51 because ye trespassed against me in the midst of the children of ĭs'rȧ-ĕl at the waters of Mĕr'ĭ-bȧh of Kā'dĕsh, in the wilderness of Zĭn; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of ĭs'rȧ-ĕl. 52 For thou shalt see the land before thee; but thou shalt not go thither into the land which I give the children of ĭs'rȧ-ĕl.

33 And this is the blessing, wherewith Mō'sĕs the man of God blessed the children of ĭs'rȧ-ĕl before his death. 2 And he said,
Jĕ-hō'vȧh came from Sī'nāi,
And rose from Sē'ĭr unto them;
He shined forth from mount Pā'rȧn,
And he came from the ten thousands of [5]holy ones:
At his right hand [6]was a fiery law for them.
3 Yea, he loveth the [7]people;
All [8]his saints are in thy hand:
And they sat down at thy feet;
Every one [9]shall receive of thy words.
4 Mō'sĕs commanded us a law,
An inheritance for the assembly of Jacob.
5 And [10]he was king in Jĕsh'ū-rŭn,
When the heads of the people were gathered,
All the tribes of ĭs'rȧ-ĕl together.
6 Let Reu'bĕn live, and not die;
[11]Nor let his men be few.
7 And this is *the blessing* of Jū'dȧh: and he said,
Hear, Jĕ-hō'vȧh, the voice of Jū'dȧh,
And bring him in unto his people.
[12]With his hands he contended
[13]for himself;
And thou shalt be a help against his adversaries.
8 And of Lē'vī he said,
Thy Thŭm'mĭm and thy Ū'rĭm are with [14]thy godly one,
Whom thou didst prove at Mȧs'sȧh,
With whom thou didst strive at the waters of Mĕr'ĭ-bȧh;
9 Who said of his father, and of his mother, I have not seen him;
Neither did he acknowledge his brethren,
Nor knew he his own children:
For they have observed thy word,
And keep thy covenant.

[1] Or, *From the beginning of revenges upon the enemy* [2] Or, *the hairy head of the enemy* [3] Or, *Praise his people, ye nations* [4] Or, *ye nations, his people*
[5] Heb. *holiness* [6] Or, *was fire, a law* Or, as otherwise read, *were streams for them* [7] Or, *tribes* [8] Or, *their holy ones* [9] Or, *received* [10] Or, *there was a king* [11] Or, *But* [12] Or, Let *his hands* be *sufficient for them* [13] Or, *for them* [14] Or, *him whom thou lovest*

10 They shall teach Jacob thine ordinances,
And Ĭs'rā-ĕl thy law:
They shall put incense [1]before thee,
And whole burnt-offering upon thine altar.
11 Bless, Jĕ-hō'văh, his substance,
And accept the work of his hands:
Smite through the loins of them that rise up against him,
And of them that hate him, that they rise not again.
12 Of Bĕn'jă-mĭn he said,
The beloved of Jĕ-hō'văh shall dwell in safety by him;
He covereth him all the day long,
And he dwelleth between his shoulders.
13 And of Joseph he said,
Blessed of Jĕ-hō'văh be his land,
For the precious things of heaven, for the dew,
And for the deep that coucheth beneath,
14 And for the precious things of the fruits of the sun,
And for the precious things of the growth of the [2]moons,
15 And for the chief things of the ancient mountains,
And for the precious things of the everlasting hills,
16 And for the precious things of the earth and the fulness thereof,
And the good will of him that dwelt in the bush.
Let *the blessing* come upon the head of Joseph,
And upon the crown of the head of him [3]that was separate from his brethren.
17 [4]The firstling of his herd, majesty is his;
And his horns are the horns of the wild-ox:
With them he shall [5]push the peoples all of them, *even* the ends of the earth:
And they are the ten thousands of E'phrā-ĭm,
And they are the thousands of Mă-năs'sĕh.
18 And of Zĕb'ū-lŭn he said,
Rejoice, Zĕb'ū-lŭn, in thy going out;
And, Ĭs'să-chär, in thy tents.
19 They shall call the peoples unto the mountain;
There shall they offer sacrifices of righteousness:
For they shall suck the abundance of the seas,
And the hidden treasures of the sand.
20 And of Gad he said,
Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad:
He dwelleth as a lioness,
And teareth the arm, yea, the crown of the head.
21 And he [6]provided the first part for himself,
For there was [7]the lawgiver's portion reserved;
And he came [8]*with* the heads of the people;
He executed the righteousness of Jĕ-hō'văh,
And his ordinances with Ĭs'rā-ĕl.
22 And of Dan he said,
Dan is a lion's whelp,
That leapeth forth from Bā'shăn.
23 And of Năph'tă-lī he said,
O Năph'tă-lī, satisfied with favor,
And full with the blessing of Jĕ-hō'văh,
Possess thou the [9]west and the south.
24 And of Ăsh'ĕr he said,
Blessed be Ăsh'ĕr [10]with children;
Let him be acceptable unto his brethren,
And let him dip his foot in oil.
25 Thy [11]bars shall be iron and brass;
And as thy days, so shall thy [12]strength be.
26 There is none like unto God, O Jĕsh'ū-rŭn,

[1] Heb. *in thy nostrils* [2] Or, *months* [3] Or, *that is prince among his brethren* [4] Or, *His firstling bullock* [5] Or, *gore* [6] Or, *chose* Heb. *saw* [7] Or, *a ruler's portion* [8] Or, *to* [9] Or, *sea* [10] Or, *above sons* [11] Or, *shoes* [12] Or, *rest* Or, *security*

Who rideth upon the heavens for thy help,
And in his excellency on the skies.
27 The eternal God is *thy* dwelling-place,
And underneath are the everlasting arms.
And he thrust out the enemy from before thee,
And said, Destroy.
28 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl dwelleth in safety,
The fountain of Jacob alone,
In a land of grain and new wine;
Yea, his heavens drop down dew.
29 Happy art thou, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl:
Who is like unto thee, a people saved by Jĕ-hō'văh,
The shield of thy help,
And the sword of thy excellency!
And thine enemies shall [1]submit themselves unto thee;
And thou shalt tread upon their high places.

34 And Mō'sĕs went up from the plains of Mō'ăb unto mount Nē'bō, to the top of Pĭs'găh, that is over against Jĕr'ĭ-chō. And Jĕ-hō'văh showed him all the land of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, unto Dan, 2 and all Năph'tă-lī, and the land of Ĕ'phrā-ĭm and Mă-nás'sĕh, and all the land of Jū'dăh, unto the [2]hinder sea, 3 and the South, and the Plain of the valley of Jĕr'ĭ-chō the city of palm-trees, unto Zō'ăr.

[1] Or, *yield feigned obedience*
[2] That is, *western*

4 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, This is the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Ĭ'săac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither. 5 So Mō'sĕs the servant of Jĕ-hō'văh died there in the land of Mō'ăb, according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh. 6 And [3]he buried him in the valley in the land of Mō'ăb over against Bĕth-pē'ôr: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. 7 And Mō'sĕs was a hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. 8 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl wept for Mō'sĕs in the plains of Mō'ăb thirty days: so the days of weeping in the mourning for Mō'sĕs were ended.

9 And Jŏsh'ū-ă the son of Nŭn was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Mō'sĕs had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl hearkened unto him, and did as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs. 10 And there hath not arisen a prophet since in Ĭs'rā-ĕl like unto Mō'sĕs, whom Jĕ-hō'văh knew face to face, 11 in all the signs and the wonders, which Jĕ-hō'văh sent him to do in the land of Ē'gŭpt, to Phā'raōh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, 12 and in all the mighty hand, and in all the great terror, which Mō'sĕs wrought in the sight of all Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

[3] Or, *he was buried*

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JOSHUA

Jehovah's Charge to Joshua. Joshua prepares to cross the Jordan

1 Now it came to pass after the death of Mō'sĕs the servant of Jĕ-hō'văh, that Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Jŏsh'ū-ȧ the son of Nūn, Mō'sĕs' minister, saying, 2 Mō'sĕs my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of ĭs'rȧ-ĕl. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, to you have I given it, as I spake unto Mō'sĕs. 4 From the wilderness, and this Lĕb'ă-nŏn, even unto the great river, the river Eū-phrā'tēs, all the land of the Hĭt'tītes, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border. 5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Mō'sĕs, so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 6 Be strong and of good courage; for thou shalt cause this people to inherit the land which I sware unto their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, to observe to do according to all the law, which Mō'sĕs my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest [1]have good success whithersoever thou goest. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate thereon day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt [1]have good success. 9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed: for Jĕ-hō'văh thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

10 Then Jŏsh'ū-ȧ commanded the officers of the people, saying, 11 Pass through the midst of the camp, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye are to pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which Jĕ-hō'văh your God giveth you to possess it.

12 And to the Reu'bĕn-ītes, and to the Găd'ītes, and to the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh, spake Jŏsh'-ū-ȧ, saying, 13 Remember the word which Mō'sĕs the servant of Jĕ-hō'văh commanded you, saying, Jĕ-hō'văh your God giveth you rest, and will give you this land. 14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall abide in the land which Mō'sĕs gave you beyond the Jordan; but ye shall pass over before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valor, and shall help them; 15 until Jĕ-hō'văh have given your brethren rest, as *he hath given* you, and they also have possessed the land which Jĕ-hō'văh your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and possess it, which Mō'sĕs the servant of Jĕ-hō'văh gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrising. 16 And they answered Jŏsh'ū-ȧ, saying, All that thou hast commanded us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us we will go. 17 According as we hearkened unto Mō'sĕs in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only Jĕ-hō'-văh thy God be with thee, as he was with Mō'sĕs. 18 Whosoever he be that shall rebel against thy commandment, and shall not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of good courage.

[1] Or, *deal wisely*

2 And Jŏsh'ū-à the son of Nŭn sent out of Shĭt'tim two men as spies secretly, saying, Go, view the land, and Jĕr'ĭ-chō. And they went, and came into the house of a harlot whose name was Rā'hăb, and lay there. 2 And it was told the king of Jĕr'ĭ-chō, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to-night of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl to search out the land. 3 And the king of Jĕr'ĭ-chō sent unto Rā'hăb, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, that are entered into thy house; for they are come to search out all the land. 4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them; and she said, Yea, the men came unto me, but I knew not whence they were: 5 and it came to pass about the time of the shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out; whither the men went I know not: pursue after them quickly; for ye will overtake them. 6 But she had brought them up to the roof, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof. 7 And the men pursued after them the way to the Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they that pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

8 And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof; 9 and she said unto the men, I know that Jĕ-hō'văh hath given you the land, and that the fear of you is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. 10 For we have heard how Jĕ-hō'văh dried up the water of the Red Sea before you, when ye came out of Ĕ'gўpt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Ăm'ŏr-ītes, that were beyond the Jordan, unto Sī'hŏn and to Ŏg, whom ye [1]utterly destroyed. 11 And as soon as we had heard it, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more spirit in any man, because of you: for Jĕ-hō'văh your God, he is God in heaven above, and on earth beneath. 12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by Jĕ-hō'văh, since I have dealt kindly with you, that ye also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a true token; 13 and that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and will deliver our lives from death. 14 And the men said unto her, Our life [2]for yours, if ye utter not this our business; and it shall be, when Jĕ-hō'văh giveth us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the side of the wall, and she dwelt upon the wall. 16 And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers light upon you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way. 17 And the men said unto her, We will be guiltless of this thine oath which thou hast made us to swear. 18 Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt gather unto thee into the house thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household. 19 And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we shall be guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him. 20 But if thou utter this our business, then we shall be guiltless of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear. 21 And she said, According unto your words, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

22 And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pur-

[1] Heb. *devoted*

[2] Heb. *instead of you to die*

suers sought them throughout all the way, but found them not. 23 Then the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Jŏsh'ū-ā the son of Nŭn; and they told him all that had befallen them. 24 And they said unto Jŏsh'ū-ā, Truly Jĕ-hō'văh hath delivered into our hands all the land; and moreover all the inhabitants of the land do melt away before us.

3 And Jŏsh'ū-ā rose up early in the morning; and they removed from Shĭt'tĭm, and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and they lodged there before they passed over. 2 And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the midst of the camp; 3 and they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh your God, and the priests the Lē'vītes bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. 4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go; for ye have not passed this way heretofore. 5 And Jŏsh'ū-ā said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves; for to-morrow Jĕ-hō'văh will do wonders among you. 6 And Jŏsh'ū-ā spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

7 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Jŏsh'ū-ā, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that they may know that, as I was with Mō'sĕs, so I will be with thee. 8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, ye shall stand still in the Jordan. 9 And Jŏsh'ū-ā said unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Come hither, and hear the words of Jĕ-hō'văh your God. 10 And Jŏsh'ū-ā said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Că'năan-īte, and the Hĭt'tīte, and the Hī'vīte, and the Pĕr'ĭz-zīte, and the Gĭr'gă-shīte, and the Ăm'ôr-īte, and the Jĕb'ū-sīte. 11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into the Jordan. 12 Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, for every tribe a man. 13 And it shall come to pass, when the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, even the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand in one heap.

14 And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over the Jordan, the priests that bare the ark of the covenant being before the people; 15 and when they that bare the ark were come unto the Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (for the Jordan overfloweth all its banks all the time of harvest), 16 that the waters which came down from above stood, and rose up in one heap, a great way [1]off, at Adam, the city that is beside Zăr'ĕ-thăn; and those that went down toward the sea of the Ăr'ă-băh, even the Salt Sea, were wholly cut off: and the people passed over right against Jĕr'ĭ-chō. 17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl passed over on dry ground, until all the nation were passed clean over the Jordan.

4 And it came to pass, when all the nation were clean passed over the Jordan, that Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Jŏsh'ū-ā, saying, 2 Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,

[1] Another reading is, *off from*

3 and command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of the Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and carry them over with you, and lay them down in the lodging-place, where ye shall lodge this night. 4 Then Jŏsh'ū-ā called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, out of every tribe a man: 5 and Jŏsh'ū-ā said unto them, Pass over before the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl; 6 that this may be a sign among you, that, when your children ask in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? 7 then ye shall say unto them, Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh; when it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl for ever.

8 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl did so as Jŏsh'ū-ā commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, as Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Jŏsh'ū-ā, according to the number of the tribes of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl; and they carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. 9 And Jŏsh'ū-ā set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests that bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day. 10 For the priests that bare the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan, until everything was finished that Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Jŏsh'ū-ā to speak unto the people, according to all that Mō'sĕs commanded Jŏsh'ū-ā: and the people hasted and passed over. 11 And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people. 12 And the children of Reu'bĕn, and the children of Gad, and the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh, passed over armed before the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, as Mō'sĕs spake unto them: 13 about forty thousand ready armed for war passed over before Jĕ-hō'văh unto battle, to the plains of Jĕr'ĭ-chō. 14 On that day Jĕ-hō'văh magnified Jŏsh'ū-ā in the sight of all ĭs'rā-ĕl; and they feared him, as they feared Mō'sĕs, all the days of his life.

15 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Jŏsh'ū-ā, saying, 16 Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of the Jordan. 17 Jŏsh'ū-ā therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of the Jordan. 18 And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh were come up out of the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry ground, that the waters of the Jordan returned unto their place, and went over all its banks, as aforetime.

19 And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gĭl'găl, on the east border of Jĕr'ĭ-chō. 20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, did Jŏsh'ū-ā set up in Gĭl'găl. 21 And he spake unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones? 22 then ye shall let your children know, saying, ĭs'rā-ĕl came over this Jordan on dry land. 23 For Jĕ-hō'văh your God dried up the waters of the Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as Jĕ-hō'văh your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were passed over; 24 that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh, that it is mighty; that ye may fear Jĕ-hō'văh your God for ever.

5 And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, that were beyond the Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Că'năan-ītes, that were by the sea, heard how that Jĕ-hō'văh had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, until [1]we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl.

2 At that time Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Jŏsh'ū-ā, Make thee knives of flint, and circumcise again the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl the second time. 3 And Jŏsh'ū-ā made him knives of flint, and circumcised the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl at [2]the hill of the foreskins. 4 And this is the cause why Jŏsh'ū-ā did circumcise: all the people that came forth out of Ē'gўpt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came forth out of Ē'gўpt. 5 For all the people that came out were circumcised; but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Ē'gўpt, they had not circumcised. 6 For the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the nation, even the men of war that came forth out of Ē'gўpt, were consumed, because they hearkened not unto the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh: unto whom Jĕ-hō'văh sware that he would not let them see the land which Jĕ-hō'văh sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. 7 And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them did Jŏsh'ū-ā circumcise: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way. 8 And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the nation, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole. 9 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Jŏsh'ū-ā, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Ē'gўpt from off you. Wherefore, the name of that place was called [3]Gĭl'găl, unto this day.

10 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl encamped in Gĭl'găl; and they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jĕr'ĭ-chō. 11 And they did eat of the produce of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes and parched grain, in the selfsame day. 12 And the măn'nà ceased on the morrow, after they had eaten of the produce of the land; neither had the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl măn'nà any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Că'năan that year.

13 And it came to pass, when Jŏsh'ū-ā was by Jĕr'ĭ-chō, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Jŏsh'ū-ā went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? 14 And he said, Nay; but *as* prince of the host of Jĕ-hō'văh am I now come. And Jŏsh'ū-ā fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? 15 And the prince of Jĕ-hō'văh's host said unto Jŏsh'ū-ā, Put off thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Jŏsh'ū-ā did so.

6 Now Jĕr'ĭ-chō [4]was straitly shut up because of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl: none went out, and none came in. 2 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Jŏsh'ū-ā, See, I have given into thy hand Jĕr'ĭ-chō, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valor. 3 And ye shall compass the city, all the men of war, going about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. 4 And seven priests shall bear seven [5]trumpets of rams' horns before the ark: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5 And it shall be, that, when they make a long blast

[1] Another reading is, *they*
[2] Or, *Gibeath-haaraloth*
[3] That is, *Rolling*
[4] Heb. *shut* the gates *and was shut in*
[5] Or, *jubilee trumpets*

with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down [1]flat, and the people shall go up every man straight before him. 6 And Jŏsh'ū-â the son of Nŭn called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh. 7 And [2]they said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let the armed men pass on before the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh.

8 And it was so, that, when Jŏsh'ū-â had spoken unto the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before Jĕ-hō'văh passed on, and blew the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh followed them. 9 And the armed men went before the priests that blew the trumpets, and the rearward went after the ark, *the priests* blowing the trumpets as they went. 10 And Jŏsh'ū-â commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor let your voice be heard, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout. 11 So he caused the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh to compass the city, going about it once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

12 And Jŏsh'ū-â rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh. 13 And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh went on continually, and blew the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; and the rearward came after the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh, *the priests* blowing the trumpets as they went. 14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early at the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times. 16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Jŏsh'ū-â said unto the people, Shout; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath given you the city. 17 And the city shall be devoted, even it and all that is therein, to Jĕ-hō'văh: only Rā'hăb the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. 18 But as for you, only keep yourselves from the devoted thing, lest when ye have devoted it, ye take of the devoted thing; so would ye make the camp of ĭs'rā-ĕl [3]accursed, and trouble it. 19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are holy unto Jĕ-hō'văh: they shall come into the treasury of Jĕ-hō'văh. 20 So the people shouted, and *the priests* blew the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, that the people shouted with a great shout, and the wall fell down [4]flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. 21 And they [5]utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, both young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

22 And Jŏsh'ū-â said unto the two men that had spied out the land, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her. 23 And the young men the spies went in, and brought out Rā'hăb, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; all her [6]kindred also they brought out; and they set them without the camp of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein; only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 25 But Rā'hăb the

[1] Heb. *in its place* [2] Another reading is, *he*
[3] Heb. *devoted* [4] Heb. *in its place*
[5] Heb. *families*

harlot, and her father's household, and all that she had, did Jŏsh'ū-ă save alive; and she dwelt in the midst of Ĭs'rā-ĕl unto this day, because she hid the messengers, whom Jŏsh'ū-ă sent to spy out Jĕr'ĭ-chō. 26 And Jŏsh'ū-ă charged them with an oath at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before Jĕ-hō'văh, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jĕr'ĭ-chō: with the loss of his first-born shall he lay the foundation thereof, and with the loss of his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it. 27 So Jĕ-hō'văh was with Jŏsh'ū-ă; and his fame was in all the land.

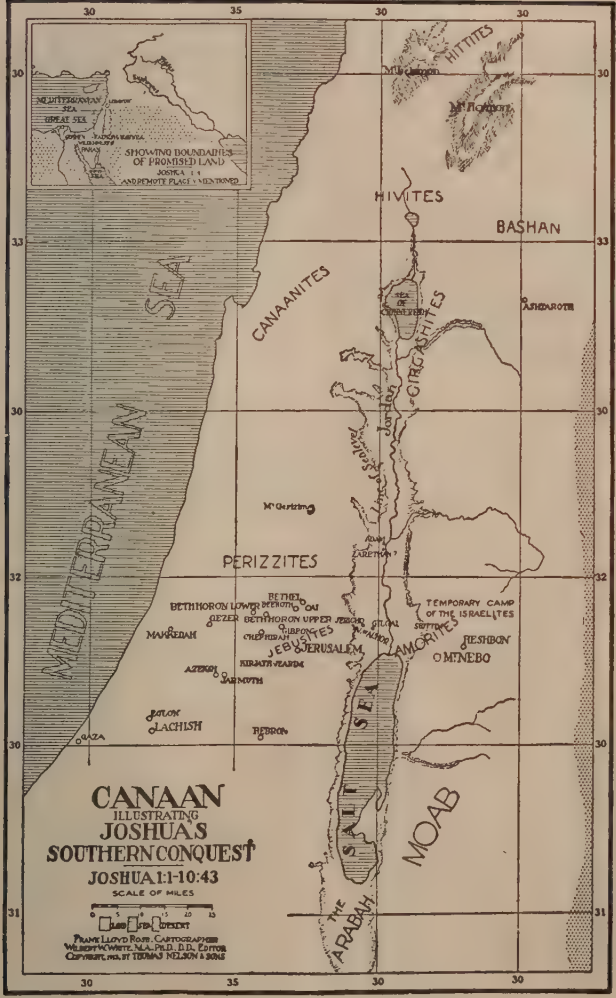
7 But the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl committed a trespass in the devoted thing; for Ā'chăn, the son of Căr'mī, the son of Zăb'dī, the son of Zĕ'răh, of the tribe of Jū'dăh, took of the devoted thing: and the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh was kindled against the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

2 And Jŏsh'ū-ă sent men from Jĕr'ĭ-chō to Ā'ĭ, which is beside Bĕth-ā'vĕn, on the east side of Bĕth'-ĕl, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and spy out the land. And the men went up and spied out Ā'ĭ. 3 And they returned to Jŏsh'ū-ă, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ā'ĭ; make not all the people to toil thither; for they are but few. 4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ā'ĭ. 5 And the men of Ā'ĭ smote of them about thirty and six men; and they chased them *from* before the gate even unto [1]Shĕb'ă-rīm, and smote them at the descent: and the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

6 And Jŏsh'ū-ă rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh until the evening, he and the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and they put dust upon their heads. 7 And Jŏsh'ū-ă said, Alas, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over the Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Ăm'ŏr-ītes, to cause us to perish? would that we had been content and dwelt beyond the Jordan! 8 Oh, Lord, what shall I say, after that Ĭs'rā-ĕl hath turned their backs before their enemies! 9 For the Cā'năan-ītes and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and will compass us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do for thy great name?

10 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Jŏsh'ū-ă, Get thee up; wherefore art thou thus fallen upon thy face? 11 Ĭs'rā-ĕl hath sinned; yea, they have even transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: yea, they have even taken of the devoted thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also; and they have even put it among their own stuff. 12 Therefore the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl cannot stand before their enemies; they turn their backs before their enemies, because they are become accursed: I will not be with you any more, except ye destroy the devoted thing from among you. 13 Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow: for thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, There is a devoted thing in the midst of thee, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl; thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the devoted thing from among you. 14 In the morning therefore ye shall be brought near by your tribes: and it shall be, that the tribe which Jĕ-hō'văh taketh shall come near by families; and the family which Jĕ-hō'văh shall take shall come near by households; and the household which Jĕ-hō'văh shall take shall come near man by man. 15 And it shall be, that he that is taken with the devoted thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath; because he hath transgressed the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh, and because he hath wrought folly in Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

[1] Or, *the quarries*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16 So Jŏsh'ū-ā rose up early in the morning, and brought ĭs'rā-ĕl near by their tribes; and the tribe of Jū'dăh was taken: 17 and he brought near the family of Jū'dăh; and he took the family of the Zĕ'răh-ītes: and he brought near the family of the Zĕ'răh-ītes man by man; and Zăb'dī was taken: 18 and he brought near his household man by man; and Ā'chăn, the son of Căr'mī, the son of Zăb'dī, the son of Zĕ'răh, of the tribe of Jū'dăh, was taken. 19 And Jŏsh'ū-ā said unto Ā'chăn, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and [1]make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me. 20 And Ā'chăn answered Jŏsh'ū-ā, and said, Of a truth I have sinned against Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and thus and thus have I done: 21 when I saw among the spoil a goodly [2]Băb-ў-lō'nĭsh mantle, and two hundred skĕk'ĕls of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shĕk'ĕls weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

22 So Jŏsh'ū-ā sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it. 23 And they took them from the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Jŏsh'ū-ā, and unto all the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl; and they laid them down before Jĕ-hō'văh. 24 And Jŏsh'ū-ā, and all ĭs'rā-ĕl with him, took Ā'chăn the son of Zĕ'răh, and the silver, and the mantle, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them up unto the valley of Ā'chôr. 25 And Jŏsh'ū-ā said, Why hast thou troubled us? Jĕ-hō'văh shall trouble thee this day. And all ĭs'rā-ĕl stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire, and stoned them with stones. 26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones, unto this day; and Jĕ-hō'văh turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of [3]Ā'chôr, unto this day.

8 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Jŏsh'ū-ā, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ā'ĭ; see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ā'ĭ, and his people, and his city, and his land; 2 and thou shalt do to Ā'ĭ and her king as thou didst unto Jĕr'ĭ-chō and her king: only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves: set thee an ambush for the city behind it.

3 So Jŏsh'ū-ā arose, and all the people of war, to go up to Ā'ĭ: and Jŏsh'ū-ā chose out thirty thousand men, the mighty men of valor, and sent them forth by night. 4 And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in ambush against the city, behind the city; go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready: 5 and I, and all the people that are with me, will approach unto the city. And it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them; 6 and they will come out after us, till we have drawn them away from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: so we will flee before them; 7 and ye shall rise up from the ambush, and take possession of the city: for Jĕ-hō'văh your God will deliver it into your hand. 8 And it shall be, when ye have seized upon the city, that ye shall set the city on fire; according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh shall ye do: see, I have commanded you. 9 And Jŏsh'ū-ā sent them forth; and they went to the ambushment, and abode between Bĕth'-ĕl and Ā'ĭ, on the west side of Ā'ĭ: but Jŏsh'ū-ā lodged that night among the people.

10 And Jŏsh'ū-ā arose up early

[1] Or, *give praise* [2] Heb. *mantle of Shinar*
[3] That is, *Troubling*

in the morning, and mustered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Is'rā-ĕl, before the people to Ā'ī. 11 And all the people, *even* the *men of* war that were with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and encamped on the north side of Ā'ī: now there was a valley between him and Ā'ī. 12 And he took about five thousand men, and set them in ambush between Bĕth'-ĕl and Ā'ī, on the west side of [1]the city. 13 [2]So they set the people, even all the host that was on the north of the city, and their liers-in-wait that were on the west of the city; and Jŏsh'ū-ā [3]went that night into the midst of the valley. 14 And it came to pass, when the king of Ā'ī saw it, that they hasted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Is'rā-ĕl to battle, he and all his people, [4]at the time appointed, before the Ar'ă-băh; but he knew not that there was an ambush against him behind the city. 15 And Jŏsh'ū-ā and all Is'rā-ĕl made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness. 16 And all the people that were in [1]the city were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Jŏsh'ū-ā, and were drawn away from the city. 17 And there was not a man left in Ā'ī or Bĕth'-ĕl, that went not out after Is'rā-ĕl: and they left the city open, and pursued after Is'rā-ĕl.

18 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Jŏsh'ū-ā, Stretch out the javelin that is in thy hand toward Ā'ī; for I will give it into thy hand. And Jŏsh'ū-ā stretched out the javelin that was in his hand toward the city. 19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand, and entered into the city, and took it; and they hasted and set the city on fire. 20 And when the men of Ā'ī looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no [5]power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers. 21 And when Jŏsh'ū-ā and all Is'rā-ĕl saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ā'ī. 22 And the others came forth out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Is'rā-ĕl, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they let none of them remain or escape. 23 And the king of Ā'ī they took alive, and brought him to Jŏsh'ū-ā.

24 And it came to pass, when Is'rā-ĕl had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ā'ī in the field, in the wilderness wherein they pursued them, and they were all fallen by the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all Is'rā-ĕl returned unto Ā'ī, and smote it with the edge of the sword. 25 And all that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ā'ī. 26 For Jŏsh'ū-ā drew not back his hand, wherewith he stretched out the javelin, until he had [6]utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ā'ī. 27 Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Is'rā-ĕl took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of Jĕ-hō'văh which he commanded Jŏsh'ū-ā. 28 So Jŏsh'ū-ā burnt Ā'ī, and made it a [7]heap for ever, even a desolation, unto this day. 29 And the king of Ā'ī he hanged on a tree until the eventide: and at the going down of the sun Jŏsh'ū-ā commanded, and they took his body down from the tree, and cast it at the entrance of the gate of the city, and raised thereon a great heap of stones, unto this day.

30 Then Jŏsh'ū-ā built an altar unto Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Is'rā-ĕl, in mount Ē'băl, 31 as Mō'sĕs the servant of Jĕ-hō'văh com-

[1] Another reading is, *At.* [2] Or, *So the people set all &c.* [3] Some MSS. read, *lodged that night in.* [4] Or, *to the place appointed.* [5] Heb. *hands.* [6] Heb. *devoted.* [7] Or, *mound* Heb. *tel*

manded the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, as it is written in the book of the law of Mō'sĕs, an altar of [1]unhewn stones, upon which no man had lifted up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt-offerings unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and sacrificed peace-offerings. 32 And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Mō'sĕs, [2]which he wrote, in the presence of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 33 And all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and their elders and officers, and their judges, stood on this side of the ark and on that side before the priests the Lē'vītes, that bare the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh, as well the sojourner as the home-born; half of them in front of mount Gĕr'ĭ-zĭm, and half of them in front of mount Ē'băl; as Mō'sĕs the servant of Jĕ-hō'văh had [3]commanded at the first, that they should bless the people of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the book of the law. 35 There was not a word of all that Mō'sĕs commanded, which Jŏsh'ū-ā read not before all the assembly of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners that [4]were among them.

9 And it came to pass, when all the kings that were beyond the Jordan, in the hill-country, and in the lowland, and on all the shore of the great sea in front of Lĕb'ă-nŏn, the Hĭt'tīte, and the Ăm'ôr-īte, the Că'năan-īte, the Pĕr'ĭz-zīte, the Hĭ'vīte, and the Jĕb'ū-sīte, heard thereof; 2 that they gathered themselves together, to fight with Jŏsh'ū-ā and with Ĭs'rā-ĕl, with one accord.

3 But when the inhabitants of Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn heard what Jŏsh'ū-ā had done unto Jĕr'ĭ-chō and to Ā'ĭ, 4 they also did work wilily, and went and [5]made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine-skins, old and rent and bound up, 5 and old and patched shoes upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and was become mouldy. 6 And they went to Jŏsh'ū-ā unto the camp at Gĭl'găl, and said unto him, and to the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, We are come from a far country: now therefore make ye a covenant with us. 7 And the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl said unto the Hĭ'vītes, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a covenant with you? 8 And they said unto Jŏsh'ū-ā, We are thy servants. And Jŏsh'ū-ā said unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye? 9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Ē'gўpt, 10 and all that he did to the two kings of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, that were beyond the Jordan, to Sī'hŏn king of Hĕsh'bŏn, and to Ōg king of Bā'shăn, who was at Ăsh'tă-rŏth. 11 And our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take provision in your hand for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We are your servants: and now make ye a covenant with us. 12 This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and is become mouldy: 13 and these wine-skins, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they are rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey. 14 And the men took of their provision, and asked not counsel at the mouth of Jĕ-hō'văh. 15 And Jŏsh'ū-ā made peace with them, and made a covenant with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them.

16 And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their

[1] Heb. *whole* [2] Or, *which he wrote in &c.* [3] Or, *commanded that they should bless the people of Israel first of all* [4] Heb. *walked* [5] Acc. to Sept., Vulg., and Syr., *took provisions*. See ver. 12

neighbors, and that they dwelt among them. 17 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gĭb'-ĕ-ŏn, and Chĕ-phī'răh, and Bĕ-ē'-rŏth, and Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-jē'ā-rĭm. 18 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Is'rā-ĕl. And all the congregation murmured against the princes. 19 But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Is'rā-ĕl: now therefore we may not touch them. 20 This we will do to them, and let them live; lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them. 21 And the princes said unto them, Let them live: so they became hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation, as the princes had spoken unto them.

22 And Jŏsh'ū-ā called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you; when ye dwell among us? 23 Now therefore ye are cursed, and there [1]shall never fail to be of you bondmen, both hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God. 24 And they answered Jŏsh'ū-ā, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that Jĕ-hō'văh thy God commanded his servant Mō'sĕs to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you; therefore we were sore afraid for our lives because of you, and have done this thing. 25 And now, behold, we are in thy hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do. 26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, that they slew them not. 27 And Jŏsh'ū-ā made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh, unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

10 Now it came to pass, when Ā-dŏn'ĭ-zē'dĕk king of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm heard how Jŏsh'ū-ā had taken Ā'ī, and had [2]utterly destroyed it (as he had done to Jĕr'ĭ-chō and her king, so he had done to Ā'ī and her king), and how the inhabitants of Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn had made peace with Is'rā-ĕl, and were among them; 2 that they feared greatly, because Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ā'ī, and all the men thereof were mighty. 3 Wherefore Ā-dŏn'-ĭ-zē'dĕk king of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm sent unto Hō'hăm king of Hē'brŏn, and unto Pĭ'răm king of Jär'mŭth, and unto Jă-phī'ā king of Lā'chĭsh, and unto Dē'bĭr king of Ĕg'lŏn, saying, 4 Come up unto me, and help me, and let us smite Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn; for it hath made peace with Jŏsh'ū-ā and with the children of Is'rā-ĕl. 5 Therefore the five kings of the Ām'ŏr-ītes, the king of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, the king of Hē'brŏn, the king of Jär'mŭth, the king of Lā'chĭsh, the king of Ĕg'lŏn, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped against Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn, and made war against it.

6 And the men of Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn sent unto Jŏsh'ū-ā to the camp to Gĭl'-găl, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Ām'ŏr-ītes that dwell in the hill-country are gathered together against us. 7 So Jŏsh'ū-ā went up from Gĭl'găl, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. 8 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Jŏsh'-ū-ā, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thy hands; there shall not a man of them stand before thee. 9 Jŏsh'ū-ā therefore came upon them suddenly; *for* he went up from Gĭl'găl all the night. 10 And Jĕ-hō'văh discomfited them before Is'rā-ĕl, and he slew them with a great slaughter at Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn,

[1] Heb. *shall not be cut off from you*

[2] Heb. *devoted*

and chased them by the way of the ascent of Bĕth-hō'rŏn, and smote them to Ā-zē'kăh, and unto Măk-kē'dăh. 11 And it came to pass, as they fled from before Ĭs'rā-ĕl, while they were at the descent of Bĕth hō'rŏn, that Jĕ-hō'văh cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Ā-zē'kăh, and they died: they were more who died with the hailstones than they whom the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl slew with the sword.

12 Then spake Jŏsh'ū-ā to Jĕ-hō'văh in the day when Jĕ-hō'văh delivered up the Ăm'ŏr-ītes before the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and he said in the sight of Ĭs'rā-ĕl,

Sun, [1]stand thou still upon Gĭb'ē-ŏn;
And thou, Moon, in the valley of Ā-ĭ'jă-lŏn.

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed,
Until the nation had avenged themselves of their enemies.

Is not this written in the book of [2]Jā'shär? And the sun stayed in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. 14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that Jĕ-hō'văh hearkened unto the voice of a man: for Jĕ-hō'văh fought for Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

15 And Jŏsh'ū-ā returned, and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl with him, unto the camp to Gĭl'găl.

16 And these five kings fled, and hid themselves in the cave at Măk-kē'dăh. 17 And it was told Jŏsh'ū-ā, saying, The five kings are found, hidden in the cave at Măk-kē'dăh. 18 And Jŏsh'ū-ā said, Roll great stones unto the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to keep them: 19 but stay not ye; pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for Jĕ-hō'văh your God hath delivered them into your hand. 20 And it came to pass, when Jŏsh'ū-ā and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, and the remnant which remained of them had entered into the fortified cities, 21 that all the people returned to the camp to Jŏsh'ū-ā at Măk-kē'dăh in peace: none [3]moved his tongue against any of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

22 Then said Jŏsh'ū-ā, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring forth those five kings unto me out of the cave. 23 And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, the king of Hē'brŏn, the king of Jär'mŭth, the king of Lā'chish, the king of Ĕg'lŏn. 24 And it came to pass, when they brought forth those kings unto Jŏsh'ū-ā, that Jŏsh'ū-ā called for all the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and said unto the chiefs of the men of war that went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them. 25 And Jŏsh'ū-ā said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed; be strong and of good courage: for thus shall Jĕ-hō'văh do to all your enemies against whom ye fight. 26 And afterward Jŏsh'ū-ā smote them, and put them to death, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening. 27 And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, that Jŏsh'ū-ā commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had hidden themselves, and laid great stones on the mouth of the cave, unto this very day.

28 And Jŏsh'ū-ā took Măk-kē'dăh on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof: he [4]utterly destroyed them and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining; and he did to the king of Măk-kē'dăh as he had done unto the king of Jĕr'ĭ-chō.

29 And Jŏsh'ū-ā passed from Măk-kē'dăh, and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl with

[1] Heb. *be silent* [2] Or, *The Upright* [3] Heb. *whetted* [4] Heb. *devoted*

him, unto Lĭb'năh, and fought against Lĭb'năh: 30 and Jĕ-hō'văh delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining in it; and he did unto the king thereof as he had done unto the king of Jĕr'ĭ-chō.

31 And Jŏsh'ū-à passed from Lĭb'năh, and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl with him, unto Lā'chĭsh, and encamped against it, and fought against it: 32 and Jĕ-hō'văh delivered Lā'chĭsh into the hand of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and he took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein, according to all that he had done to Lĭb'năh.

33 Then Hō'răm king of Gē'zĕr came up to help Lā'chĭsh; and Jŏsh'ū-à smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

34 And Jŏsh'ū-à passed from Lā'chĭsh, and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl with him, unto Ĕg'lŏn; and they encamped against it, and fought against it; 35 and they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword; and all the souls that were therein he [1]utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lā'chĭsh.

36 And Jŏsh'ū-à went up from Ĕg'lŏn, and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl with him, unto Hē'brŏn; and they fought against it: 37 and they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Ĕg'lŏn; but he [1]utterly destroyed it, and all the souls that were therein.

38 And Jŏsh'ū-à returned, and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl with him, to Dē'bĭr, and fought against it: 39 and he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and [1]utterly destroyed all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hē'brŏn, so he did to Dē'bĭr, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Lĭb'năh, and to the king thereof.

40 So Jŏsh'ū-à smote all the land, the hill-country, and the South, and the lowland, and the slopes, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but he [2]utterly destroyed all that breathed, as Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, commanded. 41 And Jŏsh'ū-à smote them from Kā'dĕsh-bär'nē-à even unto Gā'zà, and all the country of Gō'shĕn, even unto Gĭb'ē-ŏn. 42 And all these kings and their land did Jŏsh'ū-à take at one time, because Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, fought for Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 43 And Jŏsh'ū-à returned, and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl with him, unto the camp to Gĭl'găl.

11 And it came to pass, when Jā'bĭn king of Hā'zôr heard thereof, that he sent to Jō'băb king of Mā'dŏn, and to the king of Shĭm'rŏn, and to the king of Ăch'shăph, 2 and to the kings that were on the north, in the hill-country, and in the Ăr'ă-băh south of Chĭn'nĕ-rŏth, and in the lowland, and in [3]the heights of Dor on the west, 3 to the Cā'năan-īte on the east and on the west, and the Ăm'ôr-īte, and the Hĭt'tīte, and the Pĕr'ĭz-zīte, and the Jĕb'ū-sīte in the hill-country, and the Hī'vīte under Hēr'mŏn in the land of Mĭz'păh. 4 And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that is upon the sea-shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many. 5 And all these kings met together; and they came and encamped together at the waters of Mē'rŏm, to fight with Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

6 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Jŏsh'ū-à, Be not afraid because of them; for to-morrow at this time will I deliver them up all slain before Ĭs'rā-ĕl: thou shalt hock their horses, and burn their chariots with fire. 7 So Jŏsh'ū-à came, and all the people of war with him,

[1] Heb. *devoted*
[2] Heb. *devoted*
[3] Or, *Naphoth-dor*

against them by the waters of Mē'rŏm suddenly, and fell upon them. 8 And Jĕ-hō'văh delivered them into the hand of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and they smote them, and chased them unto great Sī'dŏn, and unto Mĭs'rĕ-phŏth-mā'ĭm, and unto the valley of Mĭz'pĕh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining. 9 And Jŏsh'ū-ā did unto them as Jĕ-hō'văh bade him: he hocked their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

10 And Jŏsh'ū-ā turned back at that time, and took Hā'zôr, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hā'zôr beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms. 11 And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, [1]utterly destroying them; there was none left that breathed: and he burnt Hā'zôr with fire. 12 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Jŏsh'ū-ā take, and he smote them with the edge of the sword, and [2]utterly destroyed them; as Mō'sĕs the servant of Jĕ-hō'văh commanded. 13 But as for the cities that stood on their mounds, ĭs'rā-ĕl burned none of them, save Hā'zôr only; that did Jŏsh'ū-ā burn. 14 And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any that breathed. 15 As Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs his servant, so did Mō'sĕs command Jŏsh'ū-ā: and so did Jŏsh'ū-ā; [3]he left nothing undone of all that Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

16 So Jŏsh'ū-ā took all that land, the hill-country and all the South, and all the land of Gō'shĕn, and the lowland, and the Ăr'ă-băh, and the hill-country of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and the lowland of the same; 17 from [4]mount Hā'lăk, that goeth up to Sē'ĭr, even unto Bā'ăl-găd in the valley of Lĕb'ă-nŏn under mount Hĕr'mŏn: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and put them to death. 18 Jŏsh'ū-ā made war a long time with all those kings. 19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, save the Hī-vītes the inhabitants of Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn: they took all in battle. 20 For it was of Jĕ-hō'văh to [5]harden their hearts, to come against ĭs'rā-ĕl in battle, that he might [6]utterly destroy them, that they [7]might have no favor, but that he might destroy them, as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs.

21 And Jŏsh'ū-ā came at that time, and cut off the Ăn'ă-kĭm from the hill-country, from Hē'brŏn, from Dē'bīr, from Ā'năb, and from all the hill-country of Jū'dăh, and from all the hill-country of ĭs'rā-ĕl: Jŏsh'ū-ā [8]utterly destroyed them with their cities. 22 There was none of the Ăn'ă-kĭm left in the land of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl: only in Gā'zā, in Găth, and in Ash'dŏd, did some remain. 23 So Jŏsh'ū-ā took the whole land, according to all that Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs; and Jŏsh'ū-ā gave it for an inheritance unto ĭs'rā-ĕl according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land had rest from war.

12 Now these are the kings of the land, whom the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl smote, and possessed their land beyond the Jordan toward the sunrising, from the valley of the Ăr'nŏn unto mount Hĕr'mŏn, and all the Ăr'ă-băh eastward: 2 Sī'hŏn king of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, who dwelt in Hĕsh'bŏn, and ruled from Ăr'ō-ēr, which is on the edge of the valley of the Ăr'nŏn, and *the city that is in* the middle of the valley, and half Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, even unto the river Jăb'bŏk, the border of the children of Ăm'mŏn; 3 and the Ăr'ă-băh unto the sea of Chĭn'nĕ-rŏth, eastward, and unto the sea of the Ăr'ă-băh, even the Salt Sea, eastward, the

[1] Heb. *devoting* [2] Heb. *devoted* [3] Heb. *he removed nothing*
[4] Or, *the bare mountain*
[5] Heb. *make strong* [6] Heb. *devote* [7] Or, *might not sue for favor* [8] Heb. *devoted*

way to Bĕth-jĕsh'ĭ-mŏth; and on the south, under the slopes of Pĭs'gäh: 4 and the border of Og king of Bā'shän, of the remnant of the Rĕph'ä-ĭm, who dwelt at Ash'tă-rŏth and at Ĕd'rĕ-ĭ, 5 and ruled in mount Hĕr'mŏn, and in Sā'lĕ-cäh, and in all Bā'shän, unto the border of the Gĕsh'ū-rītes and the Mä-ăc'ä-thītes, and half Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, the border of Sī'hŏn king of Hĕsh'bŏn. 6 Mō'sĕs the servant of Jĕ-hō'väh and the children of Is'rä-ĕl smote them: and Mō-sĕs the servant of Jĕ-hō'väh gave it for a possession unto the Reu'bĕn-ites, and the Găd'ites, and the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh.

7 And these are the kings of the land whom Jŏsh'ū-ä and the children of Is'rä-ĕl smote beyond the Jordan westward, from Bā'ăl-găd in the valley of Lĕb'ă-nŏn even unto mount Hā'lăk, that goeth up to Sē'ĭr (and Jŏsh'ū-ä gave it unto the tribes of Is'rä-ĕl for a possession according to their divisions; 8 in the hill-country, and in the lowland, and in the Ăr'ă-bäh, and in the slopes, and in the wilderness, and in the South; the Hĭt'tite, the Ăm'ôr-ite, and the Cā'năan-ite, the Pĕr'ĭz-zite, the Hī'vite, and the Jĕb'ū-site): 9 the king of Jĕr'ĭ-chō, one; the king of Ā'ĭ, which is beside Bĕth'-ĕl, one; 10 the king of Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm, one; the king of Hē'brŏn, one; 11 the king of Jär'mŭth, one; the king of Lā'chĭsh, one; 12 the king of Ĕg'lŏn, one; the king of Gē'zĕr, one; 13 the king of Dē'bĭr, one; the king of Gē'dĕr, one; 14 the king of Hôr'mäh, one; the king of Ā'räd, one; 15 the king of Lĭb'näh, one; the king of Ă-dūl'lăm, one; 16 the king of Măk-kē'dăh, one; the king of Bĕth'-ĕl, one; 17 the king of Tăp'pū-äh, one; the king of Hē'phĕr, one; 18 the king of Ā'phĕk, one; the king of Lăs-shär'ŏn, one; 19 the king of Mā'dŏn, one; the king of Hā'zôr, one; 20 the king of Shĭm'rŏn-mē'rŏn, one; the king of Ăch'shäph, one; 21 the king of Tā'ă-năch, one; the king of Mĕ-gĭd'dō, one; 22 the king of Kĕ'dĕsh, one; the king of Jŏk'nĕ-ăm in Cär'mĕl, one; 23 the king of Dor in [1]the height of Dor, one; the king of [2]Goi'ĭm in Gĭl'găl, one; 24 the king of Tĭr'zäh, one: all the kings thirty and one.

13 Now Jŏsh'ū-ä was old and well stricken in years; and Jĕ-hō'väh said unto him, Thou art old and well stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed. 2 This is the land that yet remaineth: all the regions of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and all the Gĕsh'ū-rītes; 3 from [3]the Shī'hôr, which is before Ē'gўpt, even unto the border of Ĕk'rŏn northward, *which* is reckoned to the Cā'năan-ites; the five lords of the Phĭ-lĭs'tines; the Gā'zites, and the Ash'dŏd-ites, the Ash'kĕ-lŏn-ites, the Gĭt'tites, and the Ĕk'rŏn-ites; [4]also the Äv'vĭm, 4 on the south; all the land of the Cā'năan-ites, and Mĕ-ā'răh that belongeth to the Sī-dō'nĭ-ăns, unto Ā'phĕk, to the border of the Ăm'ôr-ites; 5 and the land of the Gē'bäl-ites, and all Lĕb'ă-nŏn, toward the sunrising, from Bā'ăl-găd under mount Hĕr'mŏn unto the entrance of Hā'măth; 6 all the inhabitants of the hill-country from Lĕb'ă-nŏn unto Mĭs'rĕ-phŏth-mā'ĭm, even all the Sī-dō'nĭ-ăns; them will I drive out from before the children of Is'rä-ĕl: only allot thou it unto Is'rä-ĕl for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee. 7 Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh.

8 With him the Reu'bĕn-ites and the Găd'ites received their inheritance, which Mō'sĕs gave them, beyond the Jordan eastward, even as Mō'sĕs the servant of Jĕ-hō'väh gave them: 9 from Ăr'ō-ĕr, that is on the edge of the valley of the Ar'nŏn, and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the [5]plain of Mĕd'ĕ-bä unto Dī'bŏn; 10 and all the cities of Sī-hŏn king of the Ăm'ôr-ites, who

[1] Or, *Naphath-dor* [2] Or, *nations* [3] Commonly called, *the brook of Egypt.* See Num. 34. 5. [4] Or, *also the Avvim; from the south, all &c.* [5] Or, *table-land*

reigned in Hĕsh'bŏn, unto the border of the children of Ăm'mŏn; 11 and Gĭl'ē-ăd, and the border of the Gĕsh'ū-rītes and Mā-ăc'ă-thītes, and all mount Hĕr'mŏn, and all Bā'shăn unto Săl'ē-cāh; 12 all the kingdom of Og in Bā'shăn, who reigned in Ăsh'tă-rŏth and in Ĕd'rē-ī (the same was left of the remnant of the Rĕph'ă-ĭm); for these did Mō'sĕs smite, and drove them out. 13 Nevertheless the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl drove not out the Gĕsh'ū-rītes, nor the Mā-ăc'ă-thītes: but Gē'shŭr and Mā'ă-căth dwell in the midst of Ĭs'rā-ĕl unto this day. 14 Only unto the tribe of Lē'vī he gave no inheritance; the offerings of Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, made by fire are his inheritance, as he spake unto him.

15 And Mō'sĕs gave unto the tribe of the children of Reu'bĕn according to their families. 16 And their border was from Ăr'ŏ-ēr, that is on the edge of the valley of the Ăr'nŏn, and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the [1]plain by Mĕd'ĕ-bā; 17 Hĕsh'bŏn, and all its cities that are in the [1]plain; Dī'bŏn, and Bā'mŏth-bā'ăl, and Bĕth-bā'ăl-mē'ŏn, 18 and Jā'hăz, and Kĕd'ē-moth, and Mĕph'ă-ăth, 19 and Kĭr'ĭ-ă-thā'ĭm, and Sĭb'măh, and Zē'rĕth-shā'hăr in the mount of the valley, 20 and Bĕth-pē'ŏr, and the [2]slopes of Pĭs'găh, and Bĕth-jĕsh'ĭ-mŏth, 21 and all the cities of the [1]plain, and all the kingdom of Sī'hŏn king of the Ăm'ŏr-ītes, who reigned in Hĕsh'bŏn, whom Mō'sĕs smote with the chiefs of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn, Ē'vī, and Rē'kĕm, and Zûr, and Hûr, and Rē'bā, the princes of Sī'hŏn, that dwelt in the land. 22 Bā'lăam also the son of Bē'ôr, the soothsayer, did the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl slay with the sword among the rest of their slain. 23 And the border of the children of Reu'bĕn was the Jordan, and the border *thereof*. This was the inheritance of the children of Reu'bĕn according to their families, the cities and the villages thereof.

24 And Mō'sĕs gave unto the tribe of Gad, unto the children of Gad, according to their families. 25 And their border was Jā'zēr, and all the cities of Gĭl'ē-ăd, and half the land of the children of Ăm'mŏn, unto Ăr'ŏ-ēr that is before Răb'băh; 26 and from Hĕsh'bŏn unto Rā'măth-miz'pēh, and Bĕt'ŏ-nĭm; and from Mā-hă-nā'ĭm unto the border of [3]Dē'bĭr; 27 and in the valley, Bĕth-hā'răm, and Bĕth-nĭm'răh, and Sŭc'cōth, and Zā'phŏn, the rest of the kingdom of Sī'hŏn king of Hĕsh'bŏn, [4]the Jordan and the border *thereof*, unto the uttermost part of the sea of Chĭn'nĕ-rĕth beyond the Jordan eastward. 28 This is the inheritance of the children of Gad according to their families, the cities and the villages thereof.

29 And Mō'sĕs gave *inheritance* unto the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sēh: and it was for the half-tribe of the children of Mă-năs'sēh according to their families. 30 And their border was from Mā-hă-nā'ĭm, all Bā'shăn, all the kingdom of Og king of Bā'shăn, and all the towns of Jā'ĭr, which are in Bā'shăn, threescore cities: 31 and half Gĭl'ē-ăd, and Ăsh'tă-rŏth, and Ĕd'rē-ī, the cities of the kingdom of Og in Bā'shăn, were for the children of Mā'chĭr the son of Mă-năs'sēh, even for the half of the children of Mā'chĭr according to their families.

32 These are the inheritances which Mō'sĕs distributed in the plains of Mō'ăb, beyond the Jordan at Jĕr'ĭ-chō, eastward. 33 But unto the tribe of Lē'vī Mō'sĕs gave no inheritance: Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, is their inheritance, as he spake unto them.

14 And these are the inheritances which the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl took in the land of Cā'năan, which Ē-lē-ā'zăr the priest, and Jōsh'ū-ă the son of Nŭn, and the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the tribes of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, distributed unto them, 2 by the lot

[1] Or, *table-land* [2] Or, *springs*
[3] Or, *Lidebir*
[4] Or, *having the Jordan for a border*

of their inheritance, as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded by Mō'sĕs, for the nine tribes, and for the half-tribe. 3 For Mō'sĕs had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half-tribe beyond the Jordan: but unto the Lē'vītes he gave no inheritance among them. 4 For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Mă-năs'sĕh and Ē'phrā-ĭm: and they gave no portion unto the Lē-vītes in the land, save cities to dwell in, with the [1]suburbs thereof for their cattle and for their substance. 5 As Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs, so the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl did; and they divided the land.

6 Then the children of Jū'dăh drew nigh unto Jŏsh'ū-ă in Gĭl'găl: and Cā'lĕb the son of Jĕ-phŭn'nĕh the Kĕn'ĭz-zīte said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Mō'sĕs the man of God concerning me and concerning thee in Kā'dĕsh-bär'nē-ă. 7 Forty years old was I when Mō'sĕs the servant of Jĕ-hō'văh sent me from Kā'dĕsh-bär'nē-ă to spy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in my heart. 8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt; but I wholly followed Jĕ-hō'văh my God. 9 And Mō'sĕs sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy foot hath trodden shall be an inheritance to thee and to thy children for ever, because thou hast wholly followed Jĕ-hō'văh my God. 10 And now, behold, Jĕ-hō'văh hath kept me alive, as he spake, these forty and five years, from the time that Jĕ-hō'văh spake this word unto Mō'sĕs, while Ĭs'rā-ĕl walked in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. 11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Mō'sĕs sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, and to go out and to come in. 12 Now therefore give me this hill-country, whereof Jĕ-hō'văh spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Ăn'ă-kĭm were there, and cities great and fortified: it may be that Jĕ-hō'văh will be with me, and I shall drive them out, as Jĕ-hō'văh spake.

13 And Jŏsh'ū-ă blessed him; and he gave Hē'brŏn unto Cā'lĕb the son of Jĕ-phŭn'nĕh for an inheritance. 14 Therefore Hē'brŏn became the inheritance of Cā'lĕb the son of Jĕ-phŭn'nĕh the Kĕn'ĭz-zite unto this day; because that he wholly followed Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 15 Now the name of Hē'brŏn beforetime was [2]Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-ăr'bă; *which Ar'ba was* the greatest man among the Ăn'ă-kĭm. And the land had rest from war.

15 And the lot for the tribe of the children of Jū'dăh according to their families was unto the border of Ē'dŏm, even to the wilderness of Zĭn southward, at the uttermost part of the south. 2 And their south border was from the uttermost part of the Salt Sea, from the [3]bay that looketh southward; 3 and it went out southward of the ascent of Ăk-răb'bĭm, and passed along to Zĭn, and went up by the south of Kā'dĕsh-bär'nē-ă, and passed along by Hĕz'rŏn, and went up to Ăd'dăr, and turned about to Kär'kă; 4 and it passed along to Ăz'mŏn, and went out at the brook of Ē'gўpt; and the goings out of the border were at the sea: this shall be your south border. 5 And the east border was the Salt Sea, even unto the end of the Jordan. And the border of the north quarter was from the [3]bay of the sea at the end of the Jordan; 6 and the border went up to Bĕth-hŏg'lăh, and passed along by the north of Bĕth-ăr'ă-băh; and the border went up to the stone of Bō'hăn the son of Reu'bĕn; 7 and the border went up to Dē'bĭr from the valley of Ā'chôr, and so northward, looking toward Gĭl'găl, that is over against the ascent of Ă-dŭm'mĭm, which is on the south side of the river; and the border passed along to the waters of Ĕn-

[1] Or, *pasture lands*

[2] That is, *The city of Arba*

[3] Heb. *tongue*

shĕ'mĕsh, and the goings out thereof were at ĕn-rō'gĕl; 8 and the border went up by the valley of the son of Hĭn'nŏm unto the [1]side of the Jĕb'ū-site southward (the same is Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm); and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lieth before the valley of Hĭn'nŏm westward, which is at the uttermost part of the vale of Rĕph'ă-ĭm northward; 9 and the border extended from the top of the mountain unto the fountain of the waters of Nĕph'tō-ăh, and went out to the cities of mount Ē'phrŏn; and the border extended to Bā'ăl-ăh (the same is Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-jĕ'ă-rĭm); 10 and the border turned about from Bā'ăl-ăh westward unto mount Sē'ĭr, and passed along unto the side of mount Jĕ'ă-rĭm on the north (the same is Chĕs'ă-lŏn), and went down to Bĕth-shĕ'mĕsh, and passed along by Tĭm'năh; 11 and the border went out unto the side of ĕk'rŏn northward; and the border extended to Shĭk'kĕr-ŏn, and passed along to mount Bā'ăl-ăh, and went out at Jăb'nēel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea. 12 And the west border was to the great sea, and the border *thereof*. This is the border of the children of Ju'dăh round about according to their families.

13 And unto Cā'lĕb the son of Jĕ-phŭn'nĕh he gave a portion among the children of Jū'dăh, according to the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh to Jŏsh'ū-a, even [2]Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-ăr'bā, *which Ar'ba was* the father of Ā'năk (the same is Hē'brŏn). 14 And Cā'lĕb drove out thence the three sons of Ā'nāk: Shē'shāi, and Ā-hĭ'măn, and Tăl'māi, the children of Ā'nāk. 15 And he went up thence against the inhabitants of Dē'bĭr: now the name of Dē'bĭr beforetime was Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-sē'phĕr. 16 And Cā'lĕb said, He that smiteth Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-sē'phĕr, and taketh it, to him will I give Ăch'săh my daughter to wife. 17 And ŏth'nĭ-ĕl the son of Kē'năz, the brother of Cā'lĕb, took it: and he gave him Ăch'săh his daughter to wife. 18 And it came to pass, when she came *unto him*, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she alighted from off her ass; and Cā'lĕb said unto her, What wouldest thou? 19 And she said, Give me a [3]blessing; for that thou hast [4]set me in the land of the South, give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Jū'dăh according to their families.

21 And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Jū'dăh toward the border of Ē'dŏm in the South were Kăb'zĕ-ĕl, and Ē'dĕr, and Jā'gŭr, 22 and Kī'năh, and Dī-mō'năh, and Ā-dā'dăh, 23 and Kē'dĕsh, and Hā'zôr, and ĭth'nan, 24 Zĭph, and Tē'lĕm, and Bē'ă-lŏth, 25 and Hā'zôr-hă-dăt'tăh, and Kĕ'rĭ-ŏth-hĕz'rŏn (the same is Hā'zôr), 26 Ā'măm, and Shē'mā, and Mŏl'ă-dăh, 27 and Hā'zär-găd'dăh, and Hĕsh'mŏn, and Bĕth-pē'lĕt, 28 and Hā'zär-shu'ăl, and Bē'ĕr-shĕ-bā, and Bĭz-ĭ-ō-thī'ăh, 29 Bā'ăl-ăh, and Ī'ĭm, and Ē'zĕm, 30 and ĕl-tō'lăd, and Chĕ'sĭl, and Hôr'măh, 31 and Zĭk'lăg, and Măd-măn'năh, and Săn-săn'nāh, 32 and Lĕb'ă-ŏth, and Shĭl'hĭm, and Ā'ĭn, and Rĭm'mŏn: all the cities are twenty and nine, with their villages.

33 In the lowland, ĕsh'tă-ŏl, and Zō'răh, and Ăsh'năh, 34 and Zā-nō'ăh, and ĕn-găn'nĭm, Tăp'pū-ăh, and ĕ'năm, 35 Jăr'mŭth, and Ā-dŭl'lăm, Sō'cōh, and Ā-zē'kăh, 36 and Shā'ă-rā'ĭm, and Ăd-ĭ-thā'ĭm, and Gĕ-dē'răh, and Gĕd-ĕ-rō-thā'ĭm; fourteen cities with their villages.

37 Zē'nan, and Hăd'ă-shăh, and Mĭg'dăl-găd, 38 and Dĭl'ĕ-an, and Mĭz'pēh, and Jŏk'thĕ-ĕl, 39 Lā'chĭsh, and Bŏz'kăth, and ĕg'lŏn, 40 and Căb'bŏn, and [5]Läh'măm, and Chĭt'lĭsh, 41 and Gĕ-dē'rŏth, Bĕth-dā'gŏn, and Nā'ă-măh, and Măk-kē'dăh; sixteen cities with their villages.

[1] Heb. *shoulder* [2] That is, *The city of Arba* [3] Or, *present* [4] Or, *given me the land of the South* [5] Or, *Lahmas*

42 Lĭb'năh, and Ē'thĕr, and Ā'shăn, 43 and Ĭph'tăh, and Ăsh'năh, and Nē'zĭb, 44 and Kē'lăh, and Ăch'zĭb, and Mă-rē'shăh; nine cities with their villages.

45 Ĕk'rŏn, with its [1]towns and its villages; 46 from Ĕk'rŏn even unto the sea, all that were by the side of Ăsh'dŏd, with their villages.

47 Ăsh'dŏd, its towns and its villages; Gā'zā, its towns and its villages; unto the brook of Ē'gўpt, and the great sea, and the border *thereof*.

48 And in the hill-country, Shā'mĭr, and Jăt'tĭr, and Sō'cōh, 49 and Dăn'năh, and Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-săn'năh (the same is Dē'bĭr), 50 and Ā'năb, and Ĕsh'tē-mōh, and Ā'nĭm, 51 and Gō'shĕn, and Hō'lŏn, and Gĭ'lōh; eleven cities with their villages.

52 Ā'răb, and Dū'măh, and Ē'shăn, 53 and Jā'nĭm, and Bĕth-tăp'pū-ăh, and Ă-phē'kăh, 54 and Hŭm'tăh, and Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-ăr'bā (the same is Hē'brŏn), and Zĭ'ōr; nine cities with their villages.

55 Mā'ŏn, Căr'mĕl, and Zĭph, and Jū'tăh, 56 and Jĕz'rē-ĕl, and Jŏk'dē-ăm, and Zā-nō'ăh, 57 Kā'in, Gĭb'ē-ăh, and Tĭm'năh; ten cities with their villages.

58 Hăl'hŭl, Bĕth'-zûr, and Gĕ'dôr, 59 and Mā'ă-răth, and Bĕth-ā'nŏth, and Ĕl'tē-kŏn; six cities with their villages.

60 Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-bā'ăl (the same is Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-jē'ă-rĭm), and Răb'băh; two cities with their villages.

61 In the wilderness, Bĕth-ăr'ă-băh, Mĭd'dĭn, and Sĕc'ă-căh, 62 and Nĭb'shăn, and the City of Salt, and Ĕn-gĕ'dī; six cities with their villages.

63 And as for the Jĕb'ū-sītes, the inhabitants of Jē-ru'sa-lĕm, the children of Jū'dăh could not drive them out: but the Jĕb'ū-sītes dwell with the children of Jū'dăh at Jē-ru'sa-lĕm unto this day.

16 And the lot came out for the children of Joseph from the Jordan at Jĕr'ĭ-chō, at the waters of Jĕr'ĭ-chō on the east, even the wilderness, going up from Jĕr'ĭ-chō through the hill-country to Bĕth'-ĕl; 2 and it went out from Bĕth'-ĕl to Lŭz, and passed along unto the border of the Ăr'chītes to Ăt'a-rŏth; 3 and it went down westward to the border of the Jăph-lē'tītes, unto the border of Bĕth-hō'rŏn the nether, even unto Gĕ'zĕr; and the goings out thereof were at the sea. 4 And the children of Joseph, Mă-năs'sĕh and Ē'phrā-ĭm, took their inheritance.

5 And the border of the children of Ē'phrā-ĭm according to their families was *thus*: the border of their inheritance eastward was Ăt'ă-rŏth-ăd'dăr, unto Bĕth-hō'rŏn the upper; 6 and the border went out westward at Mĭch'mĕthăth on the north; and the border turned about eastward unto Tā'ă-năth-shī'lōh, and passed along it on the east of Jă-nō'ăh; 7 and it went down from Jă-nō'ăh to Ăt'ă-rŏth, and to Nā'ă-răh, and reached unto Jĕr'ĭ-chō, and went out at the Jordan. 8 From Tăp'pū-ăh the border went along westward to the brook of Kā'năh; and the goings out thereof were at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ē'phrā'ĭm according to their families; 9 together with the cities which were set apart for the children of Ē'phrā-ĭm in the midst of the inheritance of the children of Mă-năs'sĕh, all the cities with their villages. 10 And they drove not out the Cā'năan-ītes that dwelt in Gĕ'zĕr: but the Cā'năan-ītes dwell in the midst of Ē'phrā-ĭm unto this day, and are become servants to do taskwork.

17 And *this* was the lot for the tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh; for he was the first-born of Joseph. As for Mā'chĭr the first-born of Mă-năs'sĕh, the father of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gĭl'ĕ-ăd and Bā'shăn. 2 So *the lot* was for the rest of the children of Mă-năs'sĕh according to their families: for the children of Ā-bĭ-ē'zĕr, and for the children of Hē'lĕk, and for the children of Ăs'rĭ-ĕl, and for the children of Shē'chĕm, and for the

[1] Heb. *daughters*

children of Hē'phĕr, and for the children of Shē-mī'dà: these were the male children of Mă-năs'sĕh the son of Joseph according to their families. 3 But Zē-lō'phē-hăd, the son of Hē'phĕr, the son of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, the son of Mā'chĭr, the son of Mă-năs'sĕh, had no sons, but daughters: and these are the names of his daughters: Măh'làh, and Noah, Hŏg'làh, Mĭl'căh, and Tĭr'zăh. 4 And they came near before Ē-lĕ-ā'zăr the priest, and before Jŏsh'ū-à the son of Nūn, and before the princes, saying, Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Mō'sĕs to give us an inheritance among our brethren: therefore according to the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father. 5 And there fell ten [1]parts to Mă-năs'sĕh, besides the land of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd and Bā'shăn, which is beyond the Jordan; 6 because the daughters of Mă-năs'sĕh had an inheritance among his sons. And the land of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd belonged unto the rest of the sons of Mă-năs'sĕh.

7 And the border of Mă-năs'sĕh was from Ăsh'ĕr to Mĭch'mĕ-thăth, which is before Shĕ'chĕm; and the border went along to the right hand, unto the inhabitants of Ĕn-tăp'pū-ăh. 8 The land of Tăp'pū-ăh belonged to Mă-năs'sĕh; but Tăp'pū-ăh on the border of Mă-năs'sĕh belonged to the children of Ē'phrà-ĭm. 9 And the border went down unto the brook of Kā'năh, southward of the brook: these cities belonged to Ē'phrà-ĭm among the cities of Mă-năs'sĕh: and the border of Mă-năs'sĕh was on the north side of the brook, and the goings out thereof were at the sea: 10 southward it was Ē'phrà-ĭm's, and northward it was Mă-năs'sĕh's, and the sea was his border; and they reached to Ăsh'ĕr on the north, and to Ĭs'să-chär on the east. 11 And Mă-năs'sĕh had in Ĭs'să-chär and in Ăsh'ĕr Bĕth-shĕ'ăn and its [2]towns, and Ĭb'lĕ-ăm and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Ĕn'-dôr and its towns, and the inhabitants of Tā'ă-năch and its towns, and the inhabitants of Mĕ-gĭd'dō and its towns, even the three heights. 12 Yet the children of Mă-năs'sĕh could not drive out *the inhabitants of* those cities; but the Cā'năan-ītes would dwell in that land. 13 And it came to pass, when the children of Ĭs'rà-ĕl were waxed strong, that they put the Cā'năan-ītes to taskwork, and did not utterly drive them out.

14 And the children of Joseph spake unto Jŏsh'ū-à, saying, Why hast thou given me but one lot and one [3]part for an inheritance, seeing I am a great people, forasmuch as hitherto Jĕ-hō'văh hath blessed me? 15 And Jŏsh'ū-à said unto them, If thou be a great people, get thee up to the forest, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Pĕr'ĭz-ītes and of the Rĕph'à-ĭm; since the hill-country of Ē'phrà-ĭm is too narrow for thee. 16 And the children of Joseph said, The hill-country [4]is not enough for us: and all the Cā'năan-ītes that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both they who are in Bĕth-shĕ'ăn and its towns, and they who are in the valley of Jĕz'rē-ĕl. 17 And Jŏsh'ū-à spake unto the house of Joseph, even to Ē'phrà-ĭm and to Mă-năs'sĕh, saying, Thou art a great people, and hast great power; thou shalt not have one lot only: 18 but the hill-country shall be thine; for though it is a forest, thou shalt cut it down, and the goings out thereof shall be thine; for thou shalt drive out the Cā'năan-ītes, though they have chariots of iron, and though they are strong.

18 And the whole congregation of the children of Ĭs'rà-ĕl assembled themselves together at Shī'lōh, and set up the tent of meeting there: and the land was subdued before them. 2 And there remained among the children of Ĭs'rà-ĕl seven tribes, which had not yet divided their inheritance.

[1] Heb. *lines* [2] Heb. *daughters* [3] Heb. *line* [4] Heb. *is not found for us*

3 And Jŏsh'ū-â said unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, How long are ye slack to go in to possess the land, which Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of your fathers, hath given you? 4 Appoint for you three men of each tribe: and I will send them, and they shall arise, and walk through the land, and describe it according to their inheritance; and they shall come unto me. 5 And they shall divide it into seven portions: Jū'dăh shall abide in his border on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their border on the north. 6 And ye shall describe the land into seven portions, and bring *the description* hither to me; and I will cast lots for you here before Jĕ-hō'văh our God. 7 For the Lē'vītes have no portion among you; for the priesthood of Jĕ-hō'văh is their inheritance: and Gad and Reu'bĕn and the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan eastward, which Mō'sĕs the servant of Jĕ-hō'văh gave them.

8 And the men arose, and went: and Jŏsh'ū-â charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me; and I will cast lots for you here before Jĕ-hō'văh in Shī'lōh. 9 And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven portions in a book; and they came to Jŏsh'ū-â unto the camp at Shī'lōh. 10 And Jŏsh'ū-â cast lots for them in Shī'lōh before Jĕ-hō'văh: and there Jŏsh'ū-â divided the land unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl according to their divisions.

11 And the lot of the tribe of the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn came up according to their families: and the border of their lot went out between the children of Jū'dăh and the children of Joseph. 12 And their border on the north quarter was from the Jordan; and the border went up to the [1]side of Jĕr'ĭ-chō on the north, and went up through the hill-country westward; and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Bĕth-â-vĕn. 13 And the border passed along from thence to Lŭz, to the [1]side of Lŭz (the same is Bĕth'-ĕl), southward; and the border went down to Ăt'-â-rŏth-ăd'dăr, by the mountain that lieth on the south of Bĕth-hō'-rŏn the nether. 14 And the border extended *thence*, and turned about on the west quarter southward, from the mountain that lieth before Bĕth-hō'rŏn southward; and the goings out thereof were at Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-bā'ăl (the same is Kĭr'-ĭ-ăth-jĕ'ă-rĭm), a city of the children of Jū'dăh: this was the west quarter. 15 And the south quarter was from the uttermost part of Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-jĕ'ă-rĭm; and the border went out westward, and went out to the fountain of the waters of Nĕph'tō-ăh; 16 and the border went down to the uttermost part of the mountain that lieth before the valley of the son of Hĭn'nŏm, which is in the vale of Rĕph'ă-ĭm northward; and it went down to the valley of Hĭn'nŏm, to the side of the Jĕb'ū-site southward, and went down to Ēn-rō'gĕl; 17 and it extended northward, and went out at Ēn-shĕ'mĕsh, and went out to Gĕl'ĭ-lŏth, which is over against the ascent of Ă-dŭm'mĭm; and it went down to the stone of Bō'hăn the son of Reu'bĕn; 18 and it passed along to the side over against the Ăr'ă-băh northward, and went down unto the Ăr'ă-băh; 19 and the border passed along to the side of Bĕth-hŏg'lăh northward; and the goings out of the border were at the north [2]bay of the Salt Sea, at the south end of the Jordan: this was the south border. 20 And the Jordan was the border of it on the east quarter. This was the inheritance of the children of Bĕn'-jă-mĭn, by the borders thereof round about, according to their families.

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn according to their families were Jĕr'ĭ-chō, and Bĕth-hŏg'lăh, and Ē'mĕk-kĕ'zĭz, 22 and Bĕth-ăr'ă-băh, and

[1] Heb. *shoulder* [2] Heb. *tongue*

Zĕm-ă-rā'ĭm, and Bĕth'-ĕl, 23 and Ăv'vĭm, and Pā'răh, and Ŏph'răh, 24 and Chĕ'phăr-ăm'mō-nī, and Ŏph'nī, and Gĕ'bà; twelve cities with their villages: 25 Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn, and Rā'măh, and Bĕ-ē'rŏth, 26 and Mĭz'pĕh, and Chĕ-phī'răh, and Mō'zăh, 27 and Rĕ'kĕm, and Ĭr'pĕ-ĕl, and Tăr'ă-lăh, 28 and Zē'lăh, ē'lĕph, and the Jĕb'ū-sīte (the same is Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm), Gĭb'-ĕ-ăth, *and* Kĭr'ĭ-ăth; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn according to their families.

19 And the second lot came out for Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn, even for the tribe of the children of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn according to their families: and their inheritance was in the midst of the inheritance of the children of Jū'dăh. 2 And they had for their inheritance Bĕ'ĕr-shĕ'bà, or Shĕ'bà, and Mŏl'ă-dăh, 3 and Hă'zăr-shu'ăl, and Bā'lăh, and 4 and Ĕl-tō'lăd, and Bē'-thūl, and Hôr'măh, 5 and Zĭk'lăg, and Bĕth-mär'că-bŏth, and Hă'-zăr-sū'săh, 6 and Bĕth-lĕb'ă-ŏth, and Shă-ru'hĕn; thirteen cities with their villages: 7 Ā'ĭn, Rĭm'-mŏn, and ē'thĕr, and Ā'shăn; four cities with their villages: 8 and all the villages that were round about these cities to Bā'ăl-ăth-bē'ĕr, Rā'măh of the South. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn according to their families. 9 Out of the [1]part of the children of Jū'dăh was the inheritance of the children of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn; for the portion of the children of Jū'dăh was too much for them: therefore the children of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn had inheritance in the midst of their inheritance.

10 And the third lot came up for the children of Zĕb'ū-lŭn according to their families. And the border of their inheritance was unto Să'rĭd; 11 and their border went up westward, even to Mär'-ă-lăh, and reached to Dăb'bĕ-shĕth; and it reached to the brook that is before Jŏk'nē-ăm; 12 and it turned from Să'rĭd eastward toward the sunrising unto the border of Chĭs'lŏth-tā'bôr; and it went out to Dăb'ĕ-răth, and went up to Jă-phī'ă; 13 and from thence it passed along eastward to Găth-hē'phĕr, to ēth-kā'zĭn; and it went out at Rĭm'mŏn, which stretcheth unto Nē'ăh; 14 and the border turned about it on the north to Hăn'nă-thŏn; and the goings out thereof were at the valley of Ĭph'-tăh-ĕl; 15 and Kăt'tăth, and Nă-hăl'ăl, and Shĭm'rŏn, and Ĭd'ă-lăh, and Bĕth'lē-hĕm: twelve cities with their villages. 16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zĕb'-ū-lŭn according to their families, these cities with their villages.

17 The fourth lot came out for Ĭs'să-chär, even for the children of Ĭs'să-chär according to their families. 18 And their border was unto Jĕz'rē-ĕl, and Chĕ-sŭl'lŏth, and Shū'nĕm, 19 and Hăph'ă-rā'ĭm, and Shī'ŏn, and Ān-ă-hā'răth, 20 and Răb'bĭth, and Kĭsh'ĭ-ŏn, and ē'bĕz, 21 and Rē'mĕth, and Ĕn-găn'nĭm, and Ĕn-hăd'dăh, and Bĕth-păz'zĕz, 22 and the border reached to Tā'bôr, and Shă-hăz'-ū-măh, and Bĕth-shē'mĕsh; and the goings out of their border were at the Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages. 23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ĭs'să-chär according to their families, the cities with their villages.

24 And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Ăsh'ĕr according to their families. 25 And their border was Hĕl'kăth, and Hă'lī, and Bē'tĕn, and Ăch'shăph, 26 and Ăl-lăm'mĕ-lĕch, and Ā'-măd, and Mī'shăl; and it reached to Căr'mĕl westward, and to Shī'hôr-lĭb'năth; 27 and it turned toward the sunrising to Bĕth-dā'-gŏn, and reached to Zĕb'ū-lŭn, and to the valley of Ĭph'tăh-ĕl northward to Bĕth-ē-mĕk and Nĕ-ī'ĕl; and it went out to Că'bŭl on the left hand, 28 and ē'brŏn, and Rē'hŏb, and Hăm'mŏn, and Kā'-năh, even unto great Sī'dŏn; 29 and the border turned to Rā'măh,

[1] Heb. *Une*

and to [1]the fortified city of Tȳre; and the border turned to Hō'sȧh; and the goings out thereof were at the sea [2]by the region of Ȧch'zĭb; 30 Ŭm'mȧh also, and Ā'phĕk, and Rĕ'hŏb: twenty and two cities with their villages. 31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ȧsh'ĕr according to their families, these cities with their villages.

32 The sixth lot came out for the children of Nȧph'tă-lī, even for the children of Nȧph'tă-lī according to their families. 33 And their border was from Hĕ'lĕph, from the [3]oak in Zā-ă-năn'nĭm, and Ȧd'ă-mī-nĕ'kĕb, and Jȧb'nĕel, unto Lȧk'kŭm; and the goings out thereof were at the Jordan; 34 and the border turned westward to Ȧz'nŏth-tā'bôr, and went out from thence to Hŭk'kŏk; and it reached to Zĕb'ū-lŭn on the south, and reached to Ȧsh'ĕr on the west, and to Jū'dȧh at the Jordan toward the sunrising. 35 And the fortified cities were Zĭd'dĭm, Zĕr, and Hȧm'mȧth, Rȧk'kȧth, and Chĭn'nĕ-rĕth, 36 and Ȧd'ă-mȧh, and Rā'mȧh, and Hā'zôr, 37 and Kĕ'dĕsh, and Ĕd'rĕ-ī, and Ĕn-hā'zôr, 38 and Ĭ'rŏn, and Mĭg'dăl-ĕl, Hō'rĕm, and Bĕth-ā'nȧth, and Bĕth-shĕ'mĕsh; nineteen cities with their villages. 39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Nȧph'tă-lī according to their families, the cities with their villages.

40 The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families. 41 And the border of their inheritance was Zō'rȧh, and Ĕsh'tă-ōl, and Ĭr-shĕ'mĕsh, 42 and Shā-ăl-ăb'bĭn, and Ȧi'jă-lŏn, and Ĭth'lȧh, 43 and Ē'lŏn, and Tĭm'nȧh, and Ĕk'rŏn, 44 and Ĕl'tĕ-kĕh, and Gĭb'bĕthŏn, and Bā'ăl-ȧth, 45 and Jĕ'hŭd, and Bĕn'ĕ-bĕ'rȧk, and Gȧth-rĭm'mŏn, 46 and Mē-jär'kŏn, and Rȧk'kŏn, with the border over against [4]Jŏp'pȧ. 47 And the border of the children of Dan went out [5]beyond them; for the children of Dan went up and fought against [6]Lĕ'shĕm, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Lĕ'shĕm, Dan, after the name of Dan their father. 48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

49 So they made an end of distributing the land for inheritance by the borders thereof; and the children of Ĭs'rȧ-ĕl gave an inheritance to Jŏsh'ū-ȧ the son of Nŭn in the midst of them: 50 according to the commandment of Jĕ-hō'vȧh they gave him the city which he asked, even Tĭm'nȧth-sē'rȧh in the hill-country of Ē'phră-ĭm; and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

51 These are the inheritances, which Ē-lĕ-ā'zär the priest, and Jŏsh'ū-ȧ the son of Nŭn, and the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the tribes of the children of Ĭs'rȧ-ĕl, distributed for inheritance by lot in Shī'lōh before Jĕ-hō'vȧh, at the door of the tent of meeting. So they made an end of dividing the land.

20 And Jĕ-hō'vȧh spake unto Jŏsh'ū-ȧ, saying, 2 Speak to the children of Ĭs'rȧ-ĕl, saying, Assign you the cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by Mō'sĕs, 3 that the manslayer that killeth any person [7]unwittingly *and* unawares may flee thither: and they shall be unto you for a refuge from the avenger of blood. 4 And he shall flee unto one of those cities, and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city; and they shall [8]take him into the city unto them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them. 5 And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver up the manslayer into his hand; because he smote his neighbor unawares, and hated him not beforetime. 6 And

[1] Or, *the city of Mibzar-Zor*, that is, the fortress of Tyre [2] Or, *from Hebel to Achzib* [3] Or, *oak* (or, *terebinth*) *of Bezaananním* [4] Heb. *Japho*

[5] Or, *from them; and &c.* [6] In Judg. 18. 29, *Laish* [7] Or, *through error* [8] Heb. *gather*

he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the manslayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

7 And they [1]set apart Kĕ'dĕsh in [2]Gā|lī'ī-lēe in the hill-country of Năph'tă-lī, and Shĕ'chĕm in the hill-country of Ē'phră-ĭm, and Kĭr'ī-ăth-ăr'bā (the same is Hē'brŏn) in the hill-country of Jū'dăh. 8 And beyond the Jordan at Jĕr'ĭ-chō eastward, they assigned Bē'zĕr in the wilderness in the [3]plain out of the tribe of Reu'bĕn, and Rā'mŏth in Gĭl'ĕ-ăd out of the tribe of Gad, and Gō'lăn in Bā'shăn out of the tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh. 9 These were the appointed cities for all the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth any person [4]unwittingly might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

21 Then came near the heads of fathers' *houses* of the Lē'vītes unto Ē-lĕ-ā'zär the priest, and unto Jŏsh'ū-ā the son of Nūn, and unto the heads of fathers' *houses* of the tribes of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; 2 and they spake unto them at Shī'lōh in the land of Că'năan, saying, Jĕ-hō'văh commanded by Mō'sĕs to give us cities to dwell in, with the [5]suburbs thereof for our cattle. 3 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl gave unto the Lē'vītes out of their inheritance, according to the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh, these cities with their suburbs.

4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kō'hăth-ītes: and the children of Aär'ŏn the priest, who were of the Lē'vites, had by lot out of the tribe of Jū'dăh, and out of the tribe of the Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn-ītes, and out of the tribe of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, thirteen cities.

5 And the rest of the children of Kō'hăth had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ē'phră-ĭm, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh, ten cities.

6 And the children of Gĕr'shŏn had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ĭs'să-chär, and out of the tribe of Ăsh'ĕr, and out of the tribe of Năph'tă-lī, and out of the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh in Bā'shăn, thirteen cities.

7 The children of Mĕ-rā'rī according to their families had out of the tribe of Reu'bĕn, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zĕb'ū-lŭn, twelve cities.

8 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl gave by lot unto the Lē'vītes these cities with their suburbs, as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded by Mō'sĕs. 9 And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Jū'dăh, and out of the tribe of the children of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn, these cities which are *here* mentioned by name: 10 and they were for the children of Aär'ŏn, of the families of the Kō'hăth-ītes, who were of the children of Lē'vi; for theirs was the first lot. 11 And they gave them Kĭr'ī-ăth-ăr'bā, *which Ar'ba was* the father of [6]Ā'năk (the same is Hē'brŏn), in the hill-country of Jū'dăh, with the suburbs thereof round about it. 12 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Că'lĕb the son of Jĕ-phŭn'nĕh for his possession.

13 And unto the children of Aär'ŏn the priest they gave Hē'brŏn with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Lĭb'năh with its suburbs, 14 and Jăt'tĭr with its suburbs, and Ĕsh-tĕ-mō'ă with its suburbs, 15 and Hō'lŏn with its suburbs, and Dĕ'bĭr with its suburbs, 16 and Ā'ĭn with its suburbs, and Jŭt'tăh with its suburbs, *and* Bĕth-shē'mĕsh with its suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes. 17 And out of the tribe of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn with its suburbs, Gĕ'bā with its suburbs, 18 Ăn'ă-thŏth

[1] Heb. *sanctified* [2] Heb. *Galil* [3] Or, *table-land* [4] Or, *through error* [5] Or, *pasture lands* [6] Heb. *Anok*

with its suburbs, and Ăl′mŏn with its suburbs; four cities. 19 All the cities of the children of Aâr′ŏn, the priests, were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

20 And the families of the children of Kō′hăth, the Lē′vītes, even the rest of the children of Kō′hăth, they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ĕ′phrā-ĭm. 21 And they gave them Shē′chĕm with its suburbs in the hill-country of Ĕ′phrā-ĭm, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Gē′zĕr with its suburbs, 22 and Kĭb′zā-ĭm with its suburbs, and Bĕth-hō′rŏn with its suburbs; four cities. 23 And out of the tribe of Dan, ĕl′tĕ-kē with its suburbs, Gĭb′bĕ-thŏn with its suburbs, 24 Ā-ĭ′jā-lŏn with its suburbs, Gāth-rĭm′mŏn with its suburbs; four cities. 25 And out of the half-tribe of Mă-năs′sĕh, Tā′ă-năch with its suburbs, and Gāth-rĭm′mŏn with its suburbs; two cities. 26 All the cities of the families of the rest of the children of Kō′hăth were ten with their suburbs.

27 And unto the children of Gĕr′shŏn, of the families of the Lē′vītes, out of the half-tribe of Mă-năs′sĕh *they gave* Gō′lān in Bā′shān with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Bĕ-ĕsh′tĕ-răh with its suburbs; two cities. 28 And out of the tribe of Ĭs′să-chär, Kĭsh′ĭ-ŏn with its suburbs, Dăb′ĕ-răth with its suburbs, 29 Jär′mŭth with its suburbs, Ĕn-găn′nĭm with its suburbs; four cities. 30 And out of the tribe of Ăsh′ĕr, Mī′shăl with its suburbs, Ăb′dŏn with its suburbs, 31 Hĕl′kăth with its suburbs, and Rĕ′hŏb with its suburbs; four cities. 32 And out of the tribe of Năph′tă-lī, Kē′dĕsh in Găl′ĭ-lēe with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Hăm′mŏth-dôr with its suburbs, and Kär′tăn with its suburbs; three cities. 33 All the cities of the Gĕr′shŏn-ītes according to their families were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

34 And unto the families of the children of Mĕ-rā′rī, the rest of the Lē′vītes, out of the tribe of Zĕb′ū-lŭn, Jŏk′nĕ-ăm with its suburbs, and Kär′tăh with its suburbs, 35 Dĭm′năh with its suburbs, Nā′hă-lăl with its suburbs; four cities. 36 And out of the tribe of Reu′bĕn, Bē′zĕr with its suburbs, and Jā′hăz with its suburbs, 37 Kĕd′ĕ-mŏth with its suburbs, and Mĕph′ā-ăth with its suburbs; four cities. 38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Rā′mŏth in Gĭl′ĕ-ăd with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Mā-hă-nā′ĭm with its suburbs, 39 Hĕsh′bŏn with its suburbs, Jā′zĕr with its suburbs; four cities in all. 40 All *these were* the cities of the children of Mĕ-rā′rī according to their families, even the rest of the families of the Lē′vītes; and their lot was twelve cities.

41 All the cities of the Lē′vītes in the midst of the possession of the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl were forty and eight cities with their suburbs. 42 These cities were every one with their suburbs round about them: thus it was with all these cities.

43 So Jĕ-hō′văh gave unto Ĭs′rā-ĕl all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein. 44 And Jĕ-hō′văh gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; Jĕ-hō′văh delivered all their enemies into their hand. 45 There failed not aught of any good thing which Jĕ-hō′văh had spoken unto the house of Ĭs′rā-ĕl; all came to pass.

22 Then Jŏsh′ū-ă called the Reu′bĕn-ītes, and the Găd′-ītes, and the half-tribe of Mă-năs′-sĕh, 2 and said unto them, Ye have kept all that Mō′sĕs the servant of Jĕ-hō′văh commanded you, and have hearkened unto my voice in all that I commanded you: 3 ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of Jĕ-hō′văh your God.

4 And now Jĕ-hō'văh your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he spake unto them: therefore now turn ye, and get you unto your tents, unto the land of your possession, which Mō'sĕs the servant of Jĕ-hō'văh gave you beyond the Jordan. 5 Only take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law which Mō'sĕs the servant of Jĕ-hō'văh commanded you, to love Jĕ-hō'văh your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. 6 So Jŏsh'ū-ă blessed them, and sent them away; and they went unto their tents.

7 Now to the one half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh Mō'sĕs had given *inheritance* in Bā'shăn; but unto the other half gave Jŏsh'ū-ă among their brethren beyond the Jordan westward. Moreover when Jŏsh'-ū-ă sent them away unto their tents, he blessed them, 8 and spake unto them, saying, Return with much wealth unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren. 9 And the children of Reu'bĕn and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh returned, and departed from the children of ĭs'-ră-ĕl out of Shī'lōh, which is in the land of Cā'năan, to go unto the land of Gĭl'ē-ăd, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh by Mō'sĕs.

10 And when they came unto the region about the Jordan, that is in the land of Cā'năan, the children of Reu'bĕn and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh built there an altar by the Jordan, a great altar to look upon. 11 And the children of ĭs'ră-ĕl heard say, Behold, the children of Reu'bĕn and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh have built an altar in the forefront of the land of Cā'-năan, in the region about the Jordan, on the side that pertaineth to the children of ĭs'ră-ĕl. 12 And when the children of ĭs'ră-ĕl heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of ĭs'ră-ĕl gathered themselves together at Shī'lōh, to go up against them to war.

13 And the children of ĭs'ră-ĕl sent unto the children of Reu'bĕn, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh, into the land of Gĭl'ē-ăd, Phĭn'ĕ-hăs the son of Ĕ-lē-ā'zăr the priest, 14 and with him ten princes, one prince of a fathers' house for each of the tribes of ĭs'ră-ĕl; and they were every one of them head of their fathers' houses among the [1]thousands of ĭs'ră-ĕl. 15 And they came unto the children of Reu'bĕn, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh, unto the land of Gĭl'ē-ăd, and they spake with them, saying, 16 Thus saith the whole congregation of Jĕ-hō'văh, What trespass is this that ye have committed against the God of ĭs'ră-ĕl, to turn away this day from following Jĕ-hō'văh, in that ye have builded you an altar, to rebel this day against Jĕ-hō'văh? 17 Is the iniquity of Pē'ōr too little for us, from which we have not cleansed ourselves unto this day, although there came a plague upon the congregation of Jĕ-hō'văh, 18 that ye must turn away this day from following Jĕ-hō'văh? and it will be, seeing ye rebel to-day against Jĕ-hō'văh, that to-morrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation of ĭs'ră-ĕl. 19 Howbeit, if the land of your possession be unclean, then pass ye over unto the land of the possession of Jĕ-hō'văh, wherein Jĕ-hō'văh's tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us: but rebel not against Jĕ-hō'văh, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar besides the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh our God. 20 Did not Ā'chăn the son of Zĕ'răh commit a trespass in the devoted thing, and wrath fell upon all the congregation of ĭs'-

[1] Or, *families*

rā-ĕl? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

21 Then the children of Reu'bĕn and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh answered, and spake unto the heads of the [1]thousands of ĭs'rā-ĕl, 22 The Mighty One, God, Jĕ-hō'văh, the Mighty One, God, Jĕ-hō'văh, he knoweth; and ĭs'rā-ĕl he shall know: if it be in rebellion, or if in trespass against Jĕ-hō'văh (save thou us not this day), 23 that we have built us an altar to turn away from following Jĕ-hō'văh; or if to offer thereon burnt-offering or meal-offering, or if to offer sacrifices of peace-offerings thereon, let Jĕ-hō'văh himself require it; 24 and if we have not *rather* out of carefulness done this, *and* of purpose, saying, In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl? 25 for Jĕ-hō'văh hath made the Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reu'bĕn and children of Gad; ye have no portion in Jĕ-hō'văh: so might your children make our children cease from fearing Jĕ-hō'văh. 26 Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice: 27 but it shall be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we may do the service of Jĕ-hō'văh before him with our burnt-offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace-offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no portion in Jĕ-hō'văh. 28 Therefore said we, It shall be, when they so say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we shall say, Behold the pattern of the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh, which our fathers made, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice; but it is a witness between us and you. 29 Far be it from us that we should rebel against Jĕ-hō'văh, and turn away this day from following Jĕ-hō'văh, to build an altar for burnt-offering, for meal-offering, or for sacrifice, besides the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh our God that is before his tabernacle.

30 And when Phĭn'ĕ-hăs the priest, and the princes of the congregation, even the heads of the thousands of ĭs'rā-ĕl that were with him, heard the words that the children of Reu'bĕn and the children of Gad and the children of Mă-năs'sĕh spake, it pleased them well. 31 And Phĭn'ĕ-hăs the son of Ĕ-lĕ-ā'zär the priest said unto the children of Reu'bĕn, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Mă-năs'sĕh, This day we know that Jĕ-hō'văh is in the midst of us, because ye have not committed this trespass against Jĕ-hō'văh: now have ye delivered the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl out of the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh. 32 And Phĭn'ĕ-hăs the son of Ĕ-lĕ-ā'zär the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reu'bĕn, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, unto the land of Cā'năan, unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and brought them word again. 33 And the thing pleased the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl; and the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl blessed God, and spake no more of going up against them to war, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reu'bĕn and the children of Gad dwelt. 34 And the children of Reu'bĕn and the children of Gad called the altar [2]*Ed*: For, *said they*, it is a witness between us that Jĕ-hō'văh is God.

23 And it came to pass after many days, when Jĕ-hō'văh had given rest unto ĭs'rā-ĕl from all their enemies round about, and Jŏsh'ū-ă was old and well stricken in years; 2 that Jŏsh'ū-ă called for all ĭs'rā-ĕl, for their elders and for their heads, and for their judges and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and well stricken in years: 3 and ye have seen all that Jĕ-hō'văh your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for Jĕ-hō'văh your God, he it is that hath fought for you. 4 Be-

[1] Or, *families*

[2] That is, Witness

hold, I have allotted unto you these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun. 5 And Jĕ-hō'văh your God, he will thrust them out from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as Jĕ-hō'văh your God spake unto you. 6 Therefore be ye very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Mō'sĕs, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left; 7 that ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear *by them*, neither serve them, nor bow down yourselves unto them; 8 but cleave unto Jĕ-hō'văh your God, as ye have done unto this day. 9 For Jĕ-hō'văh hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but as for you, no man hath stood before you unto this day. 10 One man of you [1]shall chase a thousand; for Jĕ-hō'văh your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he spake unto you. 11 Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love Jĕ-hō'văh your God. 12 Else if ye do at all go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you; 13 know for a certainty that Jĕ-hō'văh your God will no more drive these nations from out of your sight; but they shall be a snare and a trap unto you, and a scourge in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which Jĕ-hō'văh your God hath given you.

14 And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which Jĕ-hō'văh your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, not one thing hath failed thereof. 15 And it shall come to pass, that as all the good things are come upon you of which Jĕ-hō'văh your God spake unto you, so will Jĕ-hō'văh bring upon you all the evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which Jĕ-hō'văh your God hath given you. 16 When ye transgress the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods, and bow down yourselves to them; then will the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

24 And Jŏsh'ū-ă gathered all the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl to Shĕ'chĕm, and called for the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Jŏsh'ū-ă said unto all the people, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Your fathers dwelt of old time beyond the River, even Tē'răh, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nā'hôr: and they served other gods. 3 And I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him throughout all the land of Cā'năan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Ĭ'săac. 4 And I gave unto Ĭ'săac Jacob and Ē'sau: and I gave unto Ē'sau mount Sē'ĭr, to possess it; and Jacob and his children went down into Ē'gўpt. 5 And I sent Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn, and I plagued Ē'gўpt, according to that which I did in the midst thereof: and afterward I brought you out. 6 And I brought your fathers out of Ē'gўpt: and ye came unto the sea; and the Ē-gўp'tiăns pursued after your fathers with chariots and with horsemen unto the Red Sea. 7 And when they cried out unto Jĕ-hō'văh, he put darkness between you and the Ē-gўp'tiăns, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes saw what I

[1] Or, *hath chased*

did in Ē'ġўpt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness many days. 8 And I brought you into the land of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, that dwelt beyond the Jordan: and they fought with you; and I gave them into your hand, and ye possessed their land; and I destroyed them from before you. 9 Then Bā'lăk the son of Zĭp'pôr, king of Mō'ăb, arose and fought against Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and he sent and called Bā'lăam the son of Bē'ôr to curse you; 10 but I would not hearken unto Bā'lăam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand. 11 And ye went over the Jordan, and came unto Jĕr'ĭ-chō: and the men of Jĕr'ĭ-chō fought against you, the Ăm'ôr-ītes, and the Pĕr'ĭz-zītes, and the Că'năan-ītes, and the Hĭt'tītes, and the Gĭr'gă-shītes, the Hĭ'vītes, and the Jĕb'ū-sītes; and I delivered them into your hand. 12 And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, even the two kings of the Ăm'ôr-ītes; not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. 13 And I gave you a land whereon thou hadst not labored, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell therein; of vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.

14 Now therefore fear Jĕ-hō'văh, and serve him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Ē'ġўpt; and serve ye Jĕ-hō'văh. 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve Jĕ-hō'văh, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve Jĕ-hō'văh.

16 And the people answered and said, Far be it from us that we should forsake Jĕ-hō'văh, to serve other gods; 17 for Jĕ-hō'văh our God, he it is that brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Ē'ġўpt, from the house of [1]bondage, and that did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the peoples through the midst of whom we passed; 18 and Jĕ-hō'văh drove out from before us all the peoples, even the Ăm'ôr-ītes that dwelt in the land: therefore we also will serve Jĕ-hō'văh; for he is our God.

19 And Jŏsh'ū-ă said unto the people, Ye cannot serve Jĕ-hō'văh; for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgression nor your sins. 20 If ye forsake Jĕ-hō'văh, and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you evil, and consume you, after that he hath done you good. 21 And the people said unto Jŏsh'ū-ă, Nay; but we will serve Jĕ-hō'văh. 22 And Jŏsh'ū-ă said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you Jĕ-hō'văh, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses. 23 Now therefore put away, *said he*, the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 24 And the people said unto Jŏsh'ū-ă, Jĕ-hō'văh our God will we serve, and unto his voice will we hearken. 25 So Jŏsh'ū-ă made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shĕ'chĕm. 26 And Jŏsh'ū-ă wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a great stone, and set it up there under the oak that was [2]by the sanctuary of Jĕ-hō'văh. 27 And Jŏsh'ū-ă said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it hath heard all the words of Jĕ-hō'văh which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness against you, lest ye deny your God. 28 So Jŏsh'ū-ă sent the people away, every man unto his inheritance.

29 And it came to pass after these things, that Jŏsh'ū-ă the son of Nūn, the servant of Jĕ-hō'văh, died, being a hundred and ten years old. 30 And they buried

[1] Heb. *bondmen*

[2] Or, *in*

Joseph's Bones buried

him in the border of his inheri-
tance in Tĭm'năth-sē'răh, which
is in the hill-country of Ē'phrā-ĭm,
on the north of the mountain of
Gā'ăsh. 31 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl served
Jĕ-hō'văh all the days of Jŏsh'ū-ā,
and all the days of the elders
that outlived Jŏsh'ū-ā, and had
known all the work of Jĕ-hō'-
văh, that he had wrought for
Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

32 And the bones of Joseph,
which the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl
brought up out of Ē'gўpt, buried
they in Shē'chĕm, in the parcel of
ground which Jacob bought of the
sons of Hā'môr the father of Shē'-
chĕm for a hundred pieces of
money: and they became the in-
heritance of the children of Joseph.
33 And Ē-lē-ā'zăr the son of
Aâr'ŏn died; and they buried him
in [1]the hill of Phĭn'ĕ-hās his son,
which was given him in the hill-
country of Ē'phrā-ĭm.

[1] Or, *Gibeah of Phinehas*

THE BOOK OF JUDGES

Capture of Bezek, Jerusalem, Hebron, Kiriath-sepher, and other Cities

1 And it came to pass after the death of Jŏsh'ū-ā, that the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl asked of Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, Who shall go up for us first against the Cā'năan-ītes, to fight against them? 2 And Jĕ-hō'văh said, Jū'dăh shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand. 3 And Jū'-dăh said unto Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Cā'năan-ītes; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn went with him. 4 And Jū'dăh went up; and Jĕ-hō'văh delivered the Cā'năan-ītes and the Pĕr'ĭz-ītes into their hand: and they smote of them in Bē'zĕk ten thousand men. 5 And they found Ă-dŏn'ĭ-bē'zĕk in Bē'zĕk; and they fought against him, and they smote the Cā'năan-ītes and the Pĕr'ĭz-zītes. 6 But Ă-dŏn'ĭ-bē'-zĕk fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes. 7 And Ă-dŏn'ĭ-bē'zĕk said, Three-score and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered *their food* under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and he died there.

8 And the children of Jū'dăh fought against Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire. 9 And afterward the children of Jū'dăh went down to fight against the Cā'năan-ītes that dwelt in the hill-country, and in the South, and in the lowland. 10 And Jū'-dăh went against the Cā'năan-ītes that dwelt in Hē'brŏn (now the name of Hē'brŏn beforetime was Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-ăr'bā); and they smote Shē'shāi, and Ă-hĭ'măn, and Tăl'māi.

11 And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Dē'bĭr. (Now the name of Dē'bĭr beforetime was Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-sē'phĕr.) 12 And Cā'lĕb said, He that smiteth Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-sē'phĕr, and taketh it, to him will I give Ăch'săh my daughter to wife. 13 And Ŏth'nĭ-ĕl the son of Kē'năz, Cā'lĕb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Ăch'săh his daughter to wife. 14 And it came to pass, when she came *unto him*, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she alighted from off her ass; and Cā'lĕb said unto her, What would-

est thou? 15 And she said unto him, Give me a [1]blessing; for that thou hast [2]set me in the land of the South, give me also springs of water. And Cā'lĕb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

16 And the children of the Kĕn'ite, Mō'sĕs' [3]brother-in-law, went up out of the city of palm-trees with the children of Jū'dăh into the wilderness of Jū'dăh, which is in the south of Ā'răd; and they went and dwelt with the people. 17 And Jū'dăh went with Sĭm'ĕ-ōn his brother, and they smote the Cā'năan-ītes that inhabited Zē'phăth, and [4]utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hôr'măh. 18 Also Jū'dăh took Gā'zā with the border thereof, and Ăsh'kĕ-lōn with the border thereof, and Ēk'rōn with the border thereof. 19 And Jĕ-hō'văh was with Jū'dăh; and he drove out *the inhabitants of* the hill-country; for he could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron. 20 And they gave Hē'brōn unto Cā'lĕb, as Mō'sĕs had spoken: and he drove out thence the three sons of Ā'năk. 21 And the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn did not drive out the Jĕb'ū-sītes that inhabited Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; but the Jĕb'ū-sītes dwell with the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm unto this day.

22 And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Bĕth'-ĕl; and Jĕ-hō'văh was with them. 23 And the house of Joseph sent to spy out Bĕth'-ĕl. (Now the name of the city beforetime was Lŭz.) 24 And the watchers saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Show us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will deal kindly with thee. 25 And he showed them the entrance into the city; and they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let the man go and all his family. 26 And the man went into the land of the Hĭt'tītes, and built a city, and called the name thereof Lŭz, which is the name thereof unto this day.

27 And Mă-năs'sĕh did not drive out *the inhabitants of* Bĕth-shĕ'ăn and its [5]towns, nor *of* Tā'ă-năch and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Dôr and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Ĭb'lĕ-ăm and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Mĕ-gĭd'dō and its towns; but the Cā'năan-ītes would dwell in that land. 28 And it came to pass, when Ĭs'rā-ĕl was waxed strong, that they put the Cā'năan-ītes to taskwork, and did not utterly drive them out.

29 And Ē'phrā-ĭm drove not out the Cā'năan-ītes that dwelt in Gĕ'zĕr; but the Cā'năan-ītes dwelt in Gĕ'zĕr among them.

30 Zĕb'ū-lŭn drove not out the inhabitants of Kĭt'rŏn, nor the inhabitants of Nā'hă-lŏl; but the Cā'năan-ītes dwelt among them, and became subject to taskwork.

31 Ăsh'ĕr drove not out the inhabitants of Ăc'cō, nor the inhabitants of Sī'dŏn, nor of Ăh'lăb, nor of Ăch'zīb, nor of Hĕl'băh, nor of Ā'phĭk, nor of Rĕ'hŏb; 32 but the Ăsh'ĕr-ītes dwelt among the Cā'năan-ītes, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out.

33 Năph'tă-lī drove not out the inhabitants of Bĕth-shĕ'mĕsh, nor the inhabitants of Bĕth-ā'năth; but he dwelt among the Cā'năan-ītes, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Bĕth-shĕ'mĕsh and of Bĕth-ā'năth became subject to taskwork.

34 And the Ăm'ôr-ītes forced the children of Dan into the hill-country; for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley; 35 but the Ăm'ôr-ītes would dwell in mount Hē'rēs, in Ā-ĭ'jă-lŏn, and in Shă-ăl'bĭm: yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became subject to taskwork. 36 And the border of the Ăm'ôr-ītes was from the ascent of Ă-krăb'bĭm, from [6]the rock, and upward.

[1] Or, *present* [2] Or, *given me the land of the South* [3] Or, *father-in-law* [4] Heb. *devoted* [5] Heb. *daughters* [6] Or, *Sela*

2 And [1]the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh came up from Gĭl'găl to Bō'-chĭm. And he said, I made you to go up out of Ē'gўpt, and have brought you unto the land which I sware unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you: 2 and ye shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall break down their altars. But ye have not hearkened unto my voice: why have ye done this? 3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be *as thorns* in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. 4 And it came to pass, when the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh spake these words unto all the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. 5 And they called the name of that place Bō'chĭm: and they sacrificed there unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

6 Now when Jŏsh'ū-ā had sent the people away, the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land. 7 And the people served Jĕ-hō'-văh all the days of Jŏsh'ū-ā, and all the days of the elders that outlived Jŏsh'ū-ā, who had seen all the great work of Jĕ-hō'văh that he had wrought for Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 8 And Jŏsh'ū-ā the son of Nūn, the servant of Jĕ-hō'văh, died, being a hundred and ten years old. 9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Tĭm'năth-hē'rĕs, in the hill-country of Ē'phrā-ĭm, on the north of the mountain of Gā'-ăsh. 10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, that knew not Jĕ-hō'văh, nor yet the work which he had wrought for Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

11 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, and served the Bā'-ăl-ĭm; 12 and they forsook Jĕ-hō'-văh, the God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Ē'gўpt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the peoples that were round about them, and bowed themselves down unto them: and they provoked Jĕ-hō'-văh to anger. 13 And they forsook Jĕ-hō'văh, and served Bā'ăl and the Ăsh'tă-rŏth. 14 And the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh was kindled against Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that despoiled them; and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. 15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of Jĕ-hō'-văh was against them for evil, as Jĕ-hō'văh had spoken, and as Jĕ-hō'văh had sworn unto them: and they were sore distressed.

16 And Jĕ-hō'văh raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those that despoiled them. 17 And yet they hearkened not unto their judges; for they played the harlot after other gods, and bowed themselves down unto them: they turned aside quickly out of the way wherein their fathers walked, obeying the commandments of Jĕ-hō'văh; *but* they did not so. 18 And when Jĕ-hō'văh raised them up judges, then Jĕ-hō'văh was with the judge, and saved them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented Jĕ-hō'văh because of their groaning by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them. 19 But it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they turned back, and dealt more corruptly than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; [3]they ceased not from their doings, nor from their stubborn way. 20 And the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh was kindled against Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and he said, Because this nation have transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice; 21 I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations that Jŏsh'ū-ā left when he died; 22 that by them I may prove

[1] Or, *a messenger* [2] That is, *Weepers* [3] Heb. *they let nothing fall of their doings*

ĭs'rā-ĕl, whether they will keep the way of Jĕ-hō'văh to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not. 23 So Jĕ-hō'văh left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Jŏsh'ū-ă.

3 Now these are the nations which Jĕ-hō'văh left, to prove ĭs'rā-ĕl by them, even as many *of Is'rael* as had not known all the wars of Că'năan; 2 only that the generations of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl might know, to teach them war, at the least such as beforetime knew nothing thereof: 3 *namely,* the five lords of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and all the Că'năan-ītes, and the Sī-dō'nĭ-ăns, and the Hĭ'vītes that dwelt in mount Lĕb'-ă-nŏn, from mount Bā'ăl-hĕr'mŏn unto the entrance of Hā'măth. 4 And they were *left,* to prove ĭs'rā-ĕl by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of Jĕ-hō'văh, which he commanded their fathers by Mō'sēs. 5 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl dwelt among the Că'năan-ītes, the Hĭt'tītes, and the Ăm'ôr-ītes, and the Pĕr'ĭz-zītes, and the Hĭ'vītes, and the Jĕb'ū-sītes: 6 and they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their own daughters to their sons and served their gods.

7 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, and forgat Jĕ-hō'văh their God, and served the Bā'ăl-ĭm and the Ă-shĕ'rŏth. 8 Therefore the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh was kindled against ĭs'rā-ĕl, and he sold them into the hand of Cū'shăn-rĭsh-ă-thā'ĭm king of [1]Mĕs-ŏ-pŏ-tā'mĭ-ă: and the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl served Cū'shăn-rĭsh-ă-thā'ĭm eight years. 9 And when the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh, Jĕ-hō'văh raised up a saviour to the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, who saved them, even Ŏth'nĭ-ĕl the son of Kĕ'năz, Că'-lĕb's younger brother. 10 And the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh came upon him, and he judged ĭs'rā-ĕl; and he went out to war, and Jĕ-hō'văh delivered Cū'shăn-rĭsh-ă-thā'ĭm king of [2]Mĕs-ŏ-pŏ-tā'mĭ-ă into his hand: and his hand prevailed against Cū'shăn-rĭsh-ă-thā'ĭm. 11 And the land had rest forty years. And Ŏth'nĭ-ĕl the son of Kĕ'năz died.

12 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl again did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh: and Jĕ-hō'văh strengthened Ĕg'lŏn the king of Mō'ăb against ĭs'rā-ĕl, because they had done that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh. 13 And he gathered unto him the children of Ăm'mŏn and Ăm'ă-lĕk; and he went and smote ĭs'rā-ĕl, and they possessed the city of palm-trees. 14 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl served Ĕg'lŏn the king of Mō'ăb eighteen years.

15 But when the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh, Jĕ-hō'văh raised them up a saviour, Ē'hŭd the son of Gē'rā, the Bĕn'-jă-mīte, a man left-handed. And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl sent tribute by him unto Ĕg'lŏn the king of Mō'ăb. 16 And Ē'hŭd made him a sword which had two edges, a cubit in length; and he girded it under his raiment upon his right thigh. 17 And he offered the tribute unto Ĕg'lŏn king of Mō'ăb: now Ĕg'lŏn was a very fat man. 18 And when he had made an end of offering the tribute, he sent away the people that bare the tribute. 19 But he himself turned back from the [3]quarries that were by Gĭl'găl, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king. And he said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him. 20 And Ē'hŭd came unto him; and he was sitting by himself alone in the cool upper room. And Ē'hŭd said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of his seat. 21 And Ē'hŭd put forth his left hand, and took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into his body: 22 and the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, for he drew not the sword out of his body; and

[1] Heb. *Aram-naharaim*
[2] Heb. *Aram*
[3] Or, *graven images*

[1]it came out behind. 23 Then Ē'hŭd went forth into the porch, and shut the doors of the upper room upon him, and locked them.

24 Now when he was gone out, his servants came; and they saw, and, behold, the doors of the upper room were locked; and they said, Surely he is covering his feet in the upper chamber. 25 And they tarried till they were ashamed; and, behold, he opened not the doors of the upper room: therefore they took the key, and opened *them*; and, behold, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth.

26 And Ē'hŭd escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the [2]quarries, and escaped unto Sē'ī-răh. 27 And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the hill-country of Ē'phră-ĭm; and the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl went down with him from the hill-country, and he before them. 28 And he said unto them, Follow after me; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath delivered your enemies the Mō'ăb-ītes into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of the Jordan [3]against the Mō'ăb-ītes, and suffered not a man to pass over. 29 And they smote of Mō'ăb at that time about ten thousand men, every lusty man, and every man of valor; and there escaped not a man. 30 So Mō'ăb was subdued that day under the hand of ĭs'rā-ĕl. And the land had rest fourscore years.

31 And after him was Shăm'-găr the son of Ā'năth, who smote of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes six hundred men with an ox-goad: and he also saved ĭs'rā-ĕl.

4 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl again did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, when Ē'hŭd was dead. 2 And Jĕ-hō'văh sold them into the hand of Jā'bĭn king of Cā'năan, that reigned in Hā'zôr; the captain of whose host was Sĭs'-ē-rā, who dwelt in Hă-rō'shĕth of the [4]Gĕn'tiles. 3 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl.

4 Now Dĕb'ō-răh, a prophetess, the wife of Lăp'pĭ-dŏth, she judged ĭs'rā-ĕl at that time. 5 And she [5]dwelt under the palm-tree of Dĕb'ō-răh between Rā'măh and Bĕth'-ĕl in the hill-country of Ē'phrā-ĭm: and the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl came up to her for judgment. 6 And she sent and called Bā'răk the son of Ā-bĭn'ō-ăm out of Kē'dĕsh-năph'tā-lī, and said unto him, Hath not Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, commanded, *saying*, Go and draw unto mount Tā'bôr, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Năph'tā-lī and of the children of Zĕb'ū-lŭn? 7 And I will draw unto thee, to the river Kī'shŏn, Sĭs'ē-rā, the captain of Jā'bĭn's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thy hand. 8 And Bā'răk said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go; but if thou wilt not go with me, I will not go. 9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding, the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honor; for Jĕ-hō'văh will sell Sĭs'ē-rā into the hand of a woman. And Dĕb'ō-răh arose, and went with Bā'răk to Kē'dĕsh. 10 And Bā'răk called Zĕb'ū-lŭn and Năph'tā-lī together to Kē'-dĕsh; and there went up ten thousand men at his feet: and Dĕb'ō-răh went up with him.

11 Now Hē'bĕr [6]the Kĕn'īte had separated himself from [6]the Kĕn'-ītes, even from the children of Hō'băb the [7]brother-in-law of Mō'sĕs, and had pitched his tent as far as the [8]oak in Zā-ă-năn'nĭm, which is by Kē'dĕsh.

12 And they told Sĭs'ē-rā that Bā'răk the son of Ā-bĭn'ō-ăm was gone up to mount Tā'bôr. 13 And Sĭs'ē-rā gathered together all his

[1] Or, *he went out into the antechamber*
[2] Or, *graven images*
[3] Or, *toward Moab*
[4] Or, *nations* See Num. 24. 22
[5] Or, *sat*
[6] Heb. *Kain*
[7] Or, *father-in-law*
[8] Or, *terebinth*

chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Hă-rō'shĕth of the [1]Gĕn'tiles, unto the river Kī'shŏn. 14 And Dĕb'ō-răh said unto Bā'răk, Up; for this is the day in which Jĕ-hō'văh hath delivered Sĭs'ĕ-rà into thy hand; is not Jĕ-hō'văh gone out before thee? So Bā'răk went down from mount Tā'bôr, and ten thousand men after him. 15 And Jĕ-hō'văh discomfited Sĭs'ĕ-rà, and all his chariots, and all his host, with the edge of the sword before Bā'răk; and Sĭs'ĕ-rà alighted from his chariot, and fled away on his feet. 16 But Bā'răk pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Hă-rō'shĕth of the [1]Gĕn'tiles: and all the host of Sĭs'ĕ-rà fell by the edge of the sword; there was not a man left.

17 Howbeit Sĭs'ĕ-rà fled away on his feet to the tent of Jā'ĕl the wife of Hē'bĕr the Kĕn'īte: for there was peace between Jā'bĭn the king of Hā'zôr and the house of Hē'bĕr the Kĕn'īte. 18 And Jā'ĕl went out to meet Sĭs'ĕ-rà, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And he turned in unto her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug. 19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him. 20 And he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and inquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No. 21 Then Jā'ĕl Hē'bĕr's wife took a tent-pin, and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the pin into his temples, and it pierced through into the ground; for he was [2]in a deep sleep; so he swooned and died. 22 And, behold, as Bā'răk pursued Sĭs'ĕ-rà, Jā'ĕl came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will show thee the man whom thou seekest. And he came unto her; and, behold, Sĭs'ĕ-rà lay dead, and the tent-pin was in his temples.

23 So God subdued on that day Jā'bĭn the king of Cā'năan before the children of ĭs'rā'ĕl. 24 And the hand of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl prevailed more and more against Jā'bĭn the king of Cā'năan, until they had destroyed Jā'bĭn king of Cā'năan.

5 Then sang Dĕb'ō-răh and Bā'răk the son of Ă-bĭn'ō-ăm on that day, saying,

2 For that the leaders took the lead in ĭs'rā-ĕl,
For that the people offered themselves willingly,
Bless ye Jĕ-hō'văh.
3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes;
I, *even* I, will sing unto Jĕ-hō'văh;
I will sing praise to Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl.
4 Jĕ-hō'văh, when thou wentest forth out of Sē'ĭr,
When thou marchedst out of the field of Ē'dŏm,
The earth trembled, the heavens also dropped,
Yea, the clouds dropped water.
5 The mountains [3]quaked at the presence of Jĕ-hō'văh,
Even yon Sī'nāi at the presence of Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl.

6 In the days of Shăm'găr the son of Ā'năth,
In the days of Jā'ĕl, [4]the highways were unoccupied,
And the travellers walked through [5]byways.
7 [6]The rulers ceased in ĭs'rā-ĕl, they ceased,
Until that I Dĕb'ō-răh arose,
That I arose a mother in ĭs'rā-ĕl.
8 They chose new gods;
Then was war in the gates:
Was there a shield or spear seen
Among forty thousand in ĭs'rā-ĕl?

[1] Or, *nations*
[2] Or, *in a deep sleep and weary; so he died*
[3] Or, *flowed down*
[4] Or, *the caravans ceased*
[5] Heb. *crooked ways*
[6] Or, *The villages were unoccupied*

9 My heart is toward the governors of Is'rā-ĕl,
[1]That offered themselves willingly among the people:
Bless ye Jĕ-hō'văh.
10 Tell *of it,* ye that ride on white asses,
Ye that sit on rich carpets,
And ye that walk by the way.
11 [2]Far from the noise of archers, in the places of drawing water,
There shall they rehearse the righteous acts of Jĕ-hō'văh,
Even the righteous acts [3]of his rule in Is'rā-ĕl.
Then the people of Jĕ-hō'văh went down to the gates.

12 Awake, awake, Dĕb'ŏ-răh;
Awake, awake, utter a song:
Arise, Bā'răk, and lead away thy captives, thou son of Ă-bĭn'ŏ-ăm.
13 [4]Then came down a remnant of the nobles [5]*and* the people;
Jĕ-hō'văh came down for me [6]against the mighty.
14 Out of Ē'phrā-ím *came down* they whose root is in Ăm'ă-lĕk;
After thee, Bĕn'jă-mĭn, among thy peoples;
Out of Mā'chĭr came down [7]governors,
And out of Zĕb'ū-lŭn they that handle [8]the marshal's staff.
15 And [9]the princes of Is'să-chär were with Dĕb'ŏ-răh;
As was Is'să-chär, so was Bā'răk;
Into the valley they rushed forth at his feet.
By the watercourses of Reu'bĕn
There were great resolves of heart.
16 Why sattest thou among the sheepfolds,
To hear the pipings for the flocks?
At the watercourses of Reu'bĕn
There were great searchings of heart.
17 Gĭl'ē-ăd abode beyond the Jordan:
And Dan, why did he remain in ships?
Ăsh'ĕr sat still at the [10]haven of the sea,
And abode by his creeks.
18 Zĕb'ū-lŭn was a people that jeoparded their lives unto the death,
And Năph'tă-lī, upon the high places of the field.

19 The kings came and fought;
Then fought the kings of Că'năan,
In Tā'ă-năch by the waters of Mē-gĭd'dō:
They took no gain of money.
20 From heaven fought the stars,
From their courses they fought against Sĭs'ē-rā.
21 The river Kī'shŏn swept them away,
That ancient river, the river Kī'shŏn.
O my soul, [11]march on with strength.
22 Then did the horsehoofs stamp
By reason of the prancings, the prancings of their strong ones.
23 Curse ye Mē'rŏz, said the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh,
Curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof,
Because they came not to the help of Jĕ-hō'văh,
To the help of Jĕ-hō'văh [12]against the mighty.

24 Blessed [13]above women shall Jā'ĕl be,
The wife of Hē'bĕr the Kĕn'īte;
Blessed shall she be [13]above women in the tent.
25 He asked water, *and* she gave him milk;
She brought him butter in a lordly dish.

[1] Or, *Ye that offered yourselves willingly among the people, bless &c.* [2] Or, *Because of the voice of the archers . . . there let them rehearse* [3] Or, *toward his villages* [4] Or, *Then go down, O remnant, for the nobles . . . O Jehovah, go down for me against the mighty* Or, *Then made he a remnant to have dominion over the nobles* and *the people: Jehovah made me have dominion over the mighty* [5] Or, as otherwise read, *The people of Jehovah came down for me against* (or, *among*) *the mighty* [6] Or, *among* [7] Or, *lawgivers* [8] Or, *the staff of the scribe* [9] Or, *my princes are Issachar* [10] Or, *shore* [11] Or, *thou hast trodden down strength* [12] Or, *among* [13] Or, *of*

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26 She put her hand to the tent-pin,
And her right hand to the workmen's hammer;
And with the hammer she smote Sĭs'ĕ-rà, she smote through his head;
Yea, she pierced and struck through his temples.
27 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay;
At her feet he bowed, he fell:
Where he bowed, there he fell down [1]dead.

28 Through the window she looked forth, and cried,
The mother of Sĭs'ĕ-rà *cried* through the lattice,
Why is his chariot so long in coming?
Why tarry the [2]wheels of his chariots?
29 Her wise ladies answered her,
[3]Yea, she returned answer to herself,
30 Have they not found, have they not divided the spoil?
A damsel, two damsels to every man;
To Sĭs'ĕ-rà a spoil of dyed garments,
A spoil of dyed garments embroidered,
Of dyed garments embroidered on both sides, on the necks of the spoil?
31 So let all thine enemies perish, O Jĕ-hō'văh:
But let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might.

And the land had rest forty years.

6 And the children of ĭs'rà-ĕl did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh: and Jĕ-hō'văh delivered them into the hand of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn seven years. 2 And the hand of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn prevailed against ĭs'rà-ĕl; and because of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn the children of ĭs'rà-ĕl made them the dens which are in the mountains, and the caves, and the strongholds. 3 And so it was, when ĭs'rà-ĕl had sown, that the Mĭd'ĭ-ăn-ītes came up, and the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes, and the children of the east; they came up against them; 4 and they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gā'zà, and left no sustenance in ĭs'rà-ĕl, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass. 5 For they came up with their cattle and their tents; they came in as locusts for multitude; both they and their camels were without number: and they came into the land to destroy it. 6 And ĭs'rà-ĕl was brought very low because of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn; and the children of ĭs'rà-ĕl cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

7 And it came to pass, when the children of ĭs'rà-ĕl cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh because of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn, 8 that Jĕ-hō'văh sent a prophet unto the children of ĭs'rà-ĕl: and he said unto them, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rà-ĕl, I brought you up from Ē'gўpt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage; 9 and I delivered you out of the hand of the Ē'gўp'tiăns, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drove them out from before you, and gave you their land; 10 and I said unto you, I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God; ye shall not fear the gods of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, in whose land ye dwell. But ye have not hearkened unto my voice.

11 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh came, and sat under the [4]oak which was in Ŏph'răh, that pertained unto Jō'ăsh the Ā'bĭ-ĕz'rīte: and his son Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn was beating out wheat in the winepress, to hide it from the Mĭd'ĭ-ăn-ītes. 12 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh appeared unto him, and said unto him, Jĕ-hō'văh is with thee, thou mighty man of valor. 13 And Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn said unto him, Oh, my lord, if Jĕ-hō'văh is with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where are all his wondrous works which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not Jĕ-hō'văh bring us up from Ē'gўpt? but now Jĕ-hō'văh hath cast us off, and delivered us into the hand of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn. 14 And Jĕ-hō'văh

[1] Or, *overpowered* [2] Heb. *steps* [3] Or, (*Yet she repeateth her words unto herself*)
[4] Or, *terebinth*

[1]looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and save Is'rā-ĕl from the hand of Mĭd'ī-ăn: have not I sent thee? 15 And he said unto him, Oh, Lord, wherewith shall I save Is'rā-ĕl? behold, my [2]family is the poorest in Mă-năs'-sĕh, and I am the least in my father's house. 16 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Mĭd'ī-ăn-ītes as one man. 17 And he said unto him, If now I have found favor in thy sight, then show me a sign that it is thou that talkest with me. 18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my [3]present, and lay it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again.

19 And Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ē'phăh of meal: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the [4]oak, and presented it. 20 And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. 21 Then the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there went up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh departed out of his sight. 22 And Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn saw that he was the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh; and Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn said, Alas, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh! forasmuch as I have seen the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh face to face. 23 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. 24 Then Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn built an altar there unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and called it [5]Jĕ-hō'-văh-shā'lōm: unto this day it is yet in Ŏph'răh of the Ā'bĭ-ĕz'rītes.

25 And it came to pass the same night, that Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, Take thy father's bullock, [6]even the second bullock seven years old, and throw down the altar of Bā'ăl that thy father hath, and cut down the Ā-shē'răh that is [7]by it; 26 and build an altar unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God upon the top of this stronghold, [8]in the orderly manner, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt-offering with the wood of the Ā-shē'răh which thou shalt cut down. 27 Then Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn took ten men of his servants, and did as Jĕ-hō'văh had spoken unto him: and it came to pass, because he feared his father's household and the men of the city, so that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night.

28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Bā'ăl was broken down, and the Ā-shē'răh was cut down that was [7]by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built. 29 And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they inquired and asked, they said, Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn the son of Jō'ăsh hath done this thing. 30 Then the men of the city said unto Jō'-ăsh, Bring out thy son, that he may die, because he hath broken down the altar of Bā'ăl, and because he hath cut down the Ā-shē'-răh that was [7]by it. 31 And Jō'ăsh said unto all that stood against him, Will ye contend for Bā'ăl? or will ye save him? he that will contend for him, [9]let him be put to death [10]whilst *it is yet* morning: if he be a god, let him contend for himself, because one hath broken down his altar. 32 Therefore on that day he called him [11]Jĕr-ŭb-bā'ăl, saying, Let Bā'ăl contend against him, because he hath broken down his altar.

33 Then all the Mĭd'ī-ăn-ītes and the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes and the children of the east assembled themselves together; and they passed over, and encamped in the valley of Jĕz'rē-ĕl. 34 But the

[1] Or, *turned towards* [2] Heb. *thousand* [3] Or, *offering* [4] Or, *terebinth* [5] That is, *Jehovah is peace*

[6] Or, *and* [7] Or, *upon* [8] Or, *with that pertaining to it* [9] Or, *shall be put to death*: let be *till morning*; *if &c.* [10] Or, *before morning* [11] That is, *Let Baal contend*

Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh [1]came upon Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn; and he blew a trumpet; and Ā'bĭ-ē'zēr was gathered together after him. 35 And he sent messengers throughout all Măn-năs'sĕh; and they also were gathered together after him: and he sent messengers unto Ăsh'ĕr, and unto Zĕb'ū-lŭn, and unto Năph'tă-lī; and they came up to meet them.

36 And Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn said unto God, If thou wilt save ĭs'rā-ĕl by my hand, as thou hast spoken, 37 behold, I will put a fleece of wool on the threshing-floor; if there be dew on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the ground, then shall I know that thou wilt save ĭs'rā-ĕl by my hand, as thou hast spoken. 38 And it was so; for he rose up early on the morrow, and pressed the fleece together, and wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water. 39 And Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn said unto God, Let not thine anger be kindled against me, and I will speak but this once: let me make trial, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew. 40 And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

7 Then Jĕr-ŭb-bā'ăl, who is Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn, and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and encamped beside the spring of [2]Hā'rōd: and the camp of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn was on the north side of them, [3]by the hill of Mō'rĕh, in the valley.

2 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Mĭd'ĭ-ăn-ītes into their hand, lest ĭs'rā-ĕl vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me. 3 Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and trembling, let him return and [4]depart from mount Gĭl'ĕ-ăd. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

4 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go. 5 So he brought down the people unto the water: and Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink. 6 And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water. 7 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Mĭd'ĭ-ăn-ītes into thy hand; and let all the people go every man unto his place. 8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets; and he sent all the men of ĭs'rā-ĕl every man unto his tent, but retained the three hundred men: and the camp of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn was beneath him in the valley.

9 And it came to pass the same night, that Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, Arise, get thee down [5]into the camp; for I have delivered it into thy hand. 10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Pū'răh thy servant down to the camp: 11 and thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thy hands be strengthened to go down [5]into the camp. Then went he down with Pū'răh his servant unto the outermost part of the armed men that were in the camp. 12 And the Mĭd'ĭ-ăn-ītes and the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like locusts

[1]Heb. *clothed itself with* [2]That is, *Trembling* See ver. 3 [3]Or, *from the hill of Moreh* onwards *in the valley*
[4]Or, *go round about* [5]Or, *against*

for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand which is upon the sea-shore for multitude. 13 And when Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn was come, behold, there was a man telling a dream unto his fellow; and he said, Behold, I dreamed a dream; and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn, and came unto the tent, and smote it so that it fell, and turned it upside down, so that the tent lay flat. 14 And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn the son of Jō'ăsh, a man of ĭs'rā-ĕl: into his hand God hath delivered Mĭd'ĭ-ăn, and all the host.

15 And it was so, when Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped; and he returned into the camp of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and said, Arise; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath delivered into your hand the host of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn. 16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put into the hands of all of them trumpets, and empty pitchers, with torches within the pitchers. 17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outermost part of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do. 18 When I blow the trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, For Jĕ-hō'văh and for Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn.

19 So Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outermost part of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch, when they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake in pieces the pitchers that were in their hands. 20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the torches in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands wherewith to blow; and they cried, [1]The sword of Jĕ-hō'văh and of Gĭd'ĕ-on. 21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp; and all the host ran; and they shouted, and [2]put *them* to flight. 22 And they blew the three hundred trumpets, and Jĕ-hō'văh set every man's sword against his fellow, and against all the host; and the host fled as far as Bĕth-shĭt'tăh toward Zĕr'ĕ-răh, as far as the [3]border of Ā'bĕl-mĕ-hō'lăh, by Tăb'băth. 23 And the men of ĭs'rā-ĕl were gathered together out of Năph'tă-lī, and out of Ash'ĕr, and out of all Mă-năs'sĕh, and pursued after Mĭd'ĭ-ăn.

24 And Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn sent messengers throughout all the hill-country of Ē'phrā-ĭm, saying, Come down against Mĭd'ĭ-ăn, and take before them the waters, as far as Bĕth-bā'răh, [4]even the Jordan. So all the men of Ē'phrā-ĭm were gathered together, and took the waters as far as Bĕth-bā'răh, [4]even the Jordan. 25 And they took the two princes of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn, Ō'rĕb and Zē'ĕb; and they slew Ō'rĕb at the rock of Ō'rĕb, and Zē'ĕb they slew at the winepress of Zē'ĕb, and pursued Mĭd'ĭ-ăn: and they brought the heads of Ō'rĕb and Zē'ĕb to Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn beyond the Jordan.

8 And the men of Ē'phrā-ĭm said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with Mĭd'ĭ-ăn? And they did chide with him sharply. 2 And he said unto them, What have I now done in comparison with you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ē'phrā-ĭm better than the vintage of Ā'bĭ-ē'zēr? 3 God hath delivered into your hand the princes of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn, Ō'rĕb and Zē'ĕb: and what was I able to do in comparison with you? Then their [5]anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.

4 And Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn came to the Jordan, [6]*and* passed over, he, and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, yet pursuing. 5 And he said unto the men of

[1] Or, *A sword for &c.*
[2] Another reading is, *fled*
[3] Heb. *lip*
[4] Or, *and also*
[5] Heb. *spirit*
[6] Or, *to pass*

Sŭc'cŏth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they are faint, and I am pursuing after Zē'băh and Zăl-mŭn'nà, the kings of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn. 6 And the princes of Sŭc'cŏth said, Are the hands of Zē'băh and Zăl-mŭn'nà now in thy hand, that we should give bread unto thine army? 7 And Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn said, Therefore when Jĕ-hō'văh hath delivered Zē'băh and Zăl-mŭn'nà into my hand, then I will [1]tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers. 8 And he went up thence to Pĕ-nū'ĕl, and spake unto them in like manner; and the men of Pĕ-nū'ĕl answered him as the men of Sŭc'cŏth had answered. 9 And he spake also unto the men of Pĕ-nū'ĕl, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

10 Now Zē'băh and Zăl-mŭn'nà were in Kär'kôr, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand men, all that were left of all the host of the children of the east; for there fell a hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword. 11 And Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents on the east of Nō'băh and Jŏg'bĕhăh, and smote the host; for the host was secure. 12 And Zē'băh and Zăl-mŭn'nà fled; and he pursued after them; and he took the two kings of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn, Zē'băh and Zăl-mŭn'nà, and [2]discomfited all the host.

13 And Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn the son of Jō'ăsh returned from the battle from the ascent of Hē'rēs. 14 And he caught a young man of the men of Sŭc'cŏth, and inquired of him: and he [3]described for him the princes of Sŭc'cŏth, and the elders thereof, seventy and seven men. 15 And he came unto the men of Sŭc'cŏth, and said, Behold Zē'băh and Zăl-mŭn'nà, concerning whom ye did taunt me, saying, Are the hands of Zē'băh and Zăl-mŭn'nà now in thy hand, that we should give bread unto thy men that are weary? 16 And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he taught the men of Sŭc'cŏth. 17 And he brake down the tower of Pĕ-nū'ĕl, and slew the men of the city.

18 Then said he unto Zē'băh and Zăl-mŭn'nà, What manner of men were they whom ye slew at Tā'bôr? And they answered, As thou art, so were they; each one resembled the children of a king. 19 And he said, They were my brethren, the sons of my mother: as Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you. 20 And he said unto Jē'thĕr his first-born, Up, and slay them. But the youth drew not his sword; for he feared, because he was yet a youth. 21 Then Zē'băh and Zăl-mŭn'nà said, Rise thou, and fall upon us; for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn arose, and slew Zē'băh and Zăl-mŭn'nà, and took the crescents that were on their camels' necks.

22 Then the men of ĭs'rā-ĕl said unto Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also; for thou hast saved us out of the hand of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn. 23 And Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: Jĕ-hō'văh shall rule over you. 24 And Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn said unto them, I would make a request of you, that ye would give me every man the [4]earrings of his spoil. (For they had golden ear-rings, because they were ĭsh'mā-ĕl-ites.) 25 And they answered, We will willingly give them. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the ear-rings of his spoil. 26 And the weight of the golden ear-rings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred *shĕk'els* of gold; besides the crescents, and the pendants, and the purple raiment that was on the kings of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn, and besides the chains that were about their camels' necks. 27 And Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn made an ĕph'ŏd thereof, and put it in his city, even in Ŏph'răh:

[1] Heb. *thresh* [2] Heb. *terrified* [3] Or, *wrote down*
[4] Or, *nose-rings*

and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl played the harlot after it there; and it became a snare unto Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn, and to his house. 28 So Mĭd'ĭ-ăn was subdued before the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and they lifted up their heads no more. And the land had rest forty years in the days of Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn.

29 And Jĕr-ŭb-bā'ăl the son of Jō'ăsh went and dwelt in his own house. 30 And Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn had threescore and ten sons of his body begotten; for he had many wives. 31 And his concubine that was in Shē'chĕm, she also bare him a son, and he [1]called his name Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch. 32 And Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn the son of Jō'ăsh died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Jō'ăsh his father, in Ŏph'răh of the Ā'bĭ-ĕz'rītes.

33 And it came to pass, as soon as Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn was dead, that the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl turned again, and played the harlot after the Bā'ăl-ĭm, and made Bā'ăl-bē'rĭth their god. 34 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl remembered not Jĕ-hō'văh their God, who had delivered them out of the hand of all their enemies on every side; 35 neither showed they kindness to the house of Jĕr-ŭb-bā'ăl, *who is* Gĭd'ĕ-ŏn, according to all the goodness which he had showed unto Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

9 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch the son of Jĕr-ŭb-bā'ăl went to Shē'chĕm unto his mother's brethren, and spake with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, 2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shē'chĕm, Whether is better for you, that all the sons of Jĕr-ŭb-bā'ăl, who are threescore and ten persons, rule over you, or that one rule over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh. 3 And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shē'chĕm all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch; for they said, He is our brother. 4 And they gave him threescore and ten *pieces* of silver out of the house of Bā'ăl-bē'rĭth, wherewith Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch hired vain and light fellows, who followed him. 5 And he went unto his father's house at Ŏph'răh, and slew his brethren the sons of Jĕr-ŭb-bā'ăl, being threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: but Jō'thăm the youngest son of Jĕr-ŭb-bā'ăl was left; for he hid himself. 6 And all the men of Shē'chĕm assembled themselves together, and all [2]the house of Mĭl'lō, and went and made Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch king, by the [3]oak of the [4]pillar that was in Shē'chĕm.

7 And when they told it to Jō'thăm, he went and stood on the top of mount Gĕr'ĭ-zĭm, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shē'chĕm, that God may hearken unto you. 8 The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive-tree, Reign thou over us. 9 But the olive-tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, [5]wherewith by me they honor God and man, and go to wave to and fro over the trees? 10 And the trees said to the fig-tree, Come thou, and reign over us. 11 But the fig-tree said unto them, Should I leave my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to wave to and fro over the trees? 12 And the trees said unto the vine, Come thou, and reign over us. 13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my new wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to wave to and fro over the trees? 14 Then said all the trees unto the [6]bramble, Come thou, and reign over us. 15 And the [6]bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and take refuge in my shade; and if not, let fire come out of the [6]bramble, and devour the cedars of Lĕb'ă-nŏn. 16 Now therefore, if ye have dealt truly and uprightly, in that ye have made Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch king, and if ye have dealt well with Jĕr-ŭb-bā'ăl and his house, and have done unto

[1] Heb. *set*

[2] Or, *Beth-millo* [3] Or, *terebinth* [4] Or, *garrison* [5] Or, *which God and man honor in me* [6] Or, *thorn*

him according to the deserving of his hands; 17 (for my father fought for you, and [1]adventured his life, and delivered you out of the hand of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn: 18 and ye are risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch, the son of his maid-servant, king over the men of Shĕ'chĕm, because he is your brother); 19 if ye then have dealt truly and uprightly with Jĕr-ŭb-bā'ăl and with his house this day, then rejoice ye in Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch, and let him also rejoice in you: 20 but if not, let fire come out from Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch, and devour the men of Shĕ'chĕm, and the house of Mĭl'lŏ; and let fire come out from the men of Shĕ'chĕm, and from the house of Mĭl'lŏ, and devour Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch. 21 And Jō'thăm ran away, and fled, and went to Bē'ĕr, and dwelt there, for fear of Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch his brother.

22 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch was prince over Ĭs'rā-ĕl three years. 23 And God sent an evil spirit between Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch and the men of Shĕ'chĕm; and the men of Shĕ'chĕm dealt treacherously with Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch: 24 that the violence done to the threescore and ten sons of Jĕr-ŭb-bā'ăl might come, and that their blood might be laid upon Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch their brother, who slew them, and upon the men of Shĕ'chĕm, who strengthened his hands to slay his brethren. 25 And the men of Shĕ'chĕm set liers-in-wait for him on the tops of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch.

26 And Gā'ăl the son of Ē'bĕd came with his brethren, and went over to Shĕ'chĕm; and the men of Shĕ'chĕm put their trust in him. 27 And they went out into the field, and gathered their vineyards, and trod *the grapes*, and [2]held festival, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch. 28 And Gā'ăl the son of Ē'bĕd said, Who is Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch, and who is Shĕ'chĕm, that we should serve him? is not he the son of Jĕr-ub-bā'ăl? and Zē'bŭl his officer? serve ye the men of Hā'môr the father of Shĕ'chĕm: but why should we serve him? 29 And would that this people were under my hand! then would I remove Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch. And he said [3]to Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch, Increase thine army, and come out.

30 And when Zē'bŭl the ruler of the city heard the words of Gā'ăl the son of Ē'bĕd, his anger was kindled. 31 And he sent messengers unto Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch [4]craftily, saying, Behold, Gā'ăl the son of Ē'bĕd and his brethren are come to Shĕ'chĕm; and, behold, they [5]constrain the city *to take part* against thee. 32 Now therefore, up by night, thou and the people that are with thee, and lie in wait in the field: 33 and it shall be, that in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and rush upon the city; and, behold, when he and the people that are with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them [6]as thou shalt find occasion.

34 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch rose up, and all the people that were with him, by night, and they laid wait against Shĕ'chĕm in four companies. 35 And Gā'ăl the son of Ē'bĕd went out, and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city: and Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch rose up, and the people that were with him, from the ambushment. 36 And when Gā'ăl saw the people, he said to Zē'bŭl, Behold, there come people down from the tops of the mountains. And Zē'bŭl said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as if they were men. 37 And Gā'ăl spake again and said, See, there come people down by the [7]middle of the land, and one company cometh by the way of [8]the oak of Mĕ-ŏn'ĕ-nĭm. 38 Then said Zē'bŭl unto him, Where is

[1] Heb. *cast his life before him*
[2] Or, *offered a praise-offering*
[3] Or, *of*
[4] Or, *in Tormah*
[5] Or, *oppress the city on thy account*
[6] Heb. *as thy hand shall find*
[7] Heb. *navel*
[8] That is, *the augurs' oak* (or, *terebinth*)

now thy mouth, that thou saidst, Who is Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch, that we should serve him? is not this the people that thou hast despised? go out now, I pray, and fight with them. 39 And Gā'ăl went out before the men of Shē'chĕm, and fought with Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch. 40 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch chased him, and he fled before him, and there fell many wounded, even unto the entrance of the gate.

41 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch dwelt at Ă-ru'mäh: and Zē'bŭl drove out Gā'ăl and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shē'chĕm. 42 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people went out into the field; and they told Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch. 43 And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field; and he looked, and, behold, the people came forth out of the city; and he rose up against them, and smote them. 44 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch, and the companies that were with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city: and the two companies rushed upon all that were in the field, and smote them. 45 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and slew the people that were therein: and he beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

46 And when all the men of the tower of Shē'chĕm heard thereof, they entered into the stronghold of the house of Ēl'-bē'rĭth. 47 And it was told Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch that all the men of the tower of Shē'chĕm were gathered together. 48 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch gat him up to mount Zăl'mŏn, he and all the people that were with him; and Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch took [1]an axe in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it up, and laid it on his shoulder: and he said unto the people that were with him, What ye have seen me do, make haste, and do as I have done. 49 And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch, and put them to the stronghold, and set the stronghold on fire upon them; so that all the men of the tower of Shē'chĕm died also, about a thousand men and women.

50 Then went Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch to Thē'bĕz, and encamped against Thē'bĕz, and took it. 51 But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut themselves in, and gat them up to the roof of the tower. 52 And Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch came unto the tower, and fought against it, and drew near unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire. 53 And a certain woman cast an upper millstone upon Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch's head, and brake his skull. 54 Then he called hastily unto the young man his armorbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and kill me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died. 55 And when the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl saw that Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch was dead, they departed every man unto his place. 56 Thus God requited the wickedness of Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren; 57 and all the wickedness of the men of Shē'chĕm did God requite upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jō'thăm the son of Jĕr-ŭb-bā'ăl.

10 And after Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch there arose to save Ĭs'rā-ĕl Tō'lä the son of Pū'ăh, the son of Dō'dō, a man of Ĭs'să-chär; and he dwelt in Shā'mĭr in the hill-country of Ē'phrā-ĭm. 2 And he judged Ĭs'rā-ĕl twenty and three years, and died, and was buried in Shā'mĭr.

3 And after him arose Jā'ĭr, the Gĭl'ĕ-ăd-īte; and he judged Ĭs'rā-ĕl twenty and two years. 4 And he had thirty sons that rode on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called [2]Hāv'vŏth-jā'ĭr unto this day, which are in the land of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd. 5 And Jā'ĭr died, and was buried in Kā'mŏn.

[1] Heb. *the axes*

[2] That is, *The towns of Jair*

6 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl again did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, and served the Bā'ăl-ĭm, and the Ash'tā-rŏth, and the gods of [1]Sȳr'ĭ-ā, and the gods of Sī'dŏn, and the gods of Mō'ăb, and the gods of the children of Ăm'mŏn, and the gods of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes; and they forsook Jĕ-hō'văh, and served him not. 7 And the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh was kindled against Is'rā-ĕl, and he sold them into the hand of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and into the hand of the children of Ăm'mŏn. 8 And they vexed and oppressed the children of Is'rā-ĕl that year: eighteen years *oppressed they* all the children of Is'rā-ĕl that were beyond the Jordan in the land of the Ăm'ôr-ites, which is in Gĭl'ĕ-ăd. 9 And the children of Ăm'mŏn passed over the Jordan to fight also against Jū'dăh, and against Bĕn'já-mĭn, and against the house of Ē'phrā-ĭm; so that Is'rā-ĕl was sore distressed.

10 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, We have sinned against thee, even because we have forsaken our God, and have served the Bā'ăl-ĭm. 11 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl, *Did* not *I save you* from the Ē-gȳp'tiăns, and from the Ăm'ôr-ites, from the children of Ăm'mŏn, and from the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes? 12 The Sī-dō'nĭ-ăns also, and the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ites, and the Mā'ŏn-ites, did oppress you; and ye cried unto me, and I saved you out of their hand. 13 Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will save you no more. 14 Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress. 15 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl said unto Jĕ-hō'văh, We have sinned: do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee; only deliver us, we pray thee, this day. 16 And they put away the foreign gods from among them, and served Jĕ-hō'văh; and his soul was grieved for the misery of Is'rā-ĕl.

[1] Heb. *Aram*

17 Then the children of Ăm'mŏn were gathered together, and encamped in Gĭl'ĕ-ăd. And the children of Is'rā-ĕl assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mĭz'păh. 18 And the people, the princes of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, said one to another, What man is he that will begin to fight against the children of Ăm'mŏn? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd.

11 Now Jĕph'thăh the Gĭl'ĕ-ăd-īte was a mighty man of valor, and he was the son of a harlot: and Gĭl'ĕ-ăd begat Jĕph'thăh. 2 And Gĭl'ĕ-ăd's wife bare him sons; and when his wife's sons grew up, they drove out Jĕph'thăh, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of another woman. 3 Then Jĕph'thăh fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tōb: and there were gathered vain fellows to Jĕph'thăh, and they went out with him.

4 And it came to pass after a while, that the children of Ăm'mŏn made war against Is'rā-ĕl. 5 And it was so, that, when the children of Ăm'mŏn made war against Is'rā-ĕl, the elders of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd went to fetch Jĕph'thăh out of the land of Tōb; 6 and they said unto Jĕph'thăh, Come and be our chief, that we may fight with the children of Ăm'mŏn. 7 And Jĕph'thăh said unto the elders of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, Did not ye hate me, and drive me out of my father's house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress? 8 And the elders of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd said unto Jĕph'thăh, Therefore are we turned again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight with the children of Ăm'mŏn; and thou shalt be our head over all the inahbitants of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd. 9 And Jĕph'thăh said unto the elders of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, If ye bring me home again to fight with the children of Ăm'mŏn, and Jĕ-hō'văh deliver them before me, shall I be your head? 10 And the elders of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd said unto Jĕph'thăh, Jĕ-hō'-

văh shall be [1]witness between us; surely according to thy word so will we do. 11 Then Jĕph'thăh went with the elders of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, and the people made him head and chief over them: and Jĕph'thăh spake all his words before Jĕ-hō'văh in Mĭz'păh.

12 And Jĕph'thăh sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ăm'mŏn, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come unto me to fight against my land? 13 And the king of the children of Ăm'mŏn answered unto the messengers of Jĕph'thăh, Because Ĭs'rā-ĕl took away my land, when he came up out of Ē'gĭpt, from the Ăr'nŏn even unto the Jăb'bŏk, and unto the Jordan: now therefore restore those *lands* again peaceably. 14 And Jĕph'thăh sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ăm'mŏn; 15 and he said unto him, Thus saith Jĕph'thăh: Ĭs'rā-ĕl took not away the land of Mō'ăb, nor the land of the children of Ăm'mŏn; 16 but when they came up from Ē'gĭpt, and Ĭs'rā-ĕl went through the wilderness unto the Red Sea, and came to Kā'dĕsh; 17 then Ĭs'rā-ĕl sent messengers unto the king of Ē'dŏm, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land: but the king of Ē'dŏm hearkened not. And in like manner he sent unto the king of Mō'ăb: but he would not: and Ĭs'rā-ĕl abode in Kā'dĕsh. 18 Then they went through the wilderness, and went around the land of Ē'dŏm, and the land of Mō'ăb, and came by the east side of the land of Mō'ăb, and they encamped on the other side of the Ăr'nŏn; but they came not within the border of Mō'ăb, for the Ăr'nŏn was the border of Mō'ăb. 19 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl sent messengers unto Sī'hŏn king of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, the king of Hĕsh'bŏn; and Ĭs'rā-ĕl said unto him, Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy land unto my place. 20 But Sī'hŏn trusted not Ĭs'rā-ĕl to pass through his border; but Sī'hŏn gathered all his people together, and encamped in Jā'hăz, and fought against Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 21 And Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, delivered Sī'hŏn and all his people into the hand of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and they smote them: so Ĭs'rā-ĕl possessed all the land of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, the inhabitants of that country. 22 And they possessed all the border of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, from the Ăr'nŏn even unto the Jăb'bŏk, and from the wilderness even unto the Jordan. 23 So now Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, hath dispossessed the Ăm'ôr-ītes from before his people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and shouldest thou possess them? 24 Wilt not thou possess that which Chĕ'mŏsh thy god giveth thee to possess? So whomsoever Jĕ-hō'văh our God hath dispossessed from before us, them will we possess. 25 And now art thou anything better than Bā'lăk the son of Zĭp'pôr, king of Mō'ăb? did he ever strive against Ĭs'rā-ĕl, or did he ever fight against them? 26 While Ĭs'rā-ĕl dwelt in Hĕsh'bŏn and its [2]towns, and in Ăr'ŏ-ēr and its [2]towns, and in all the cities that are along by the side of the Ăr'nŏn, three hundred years; wherefore did ye not recover them within that time? 27 I therefore have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me: Jĕ-hō'văh, the Judge, be judge this day between the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and the children of Ăm'mŏn. 28 Howbeit the king of the children of Am'mŏn hearkened not unto the words of Jĕph'thăh which he sent him.

29 Then the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh came upon Jĕph'thăh, and he passed over Gĭl'ĕ-ăd and Mă-năs'sĕh, and passed over Mĭz'pĕh of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, and from Mĭz'pĕh of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd he passed over unto the children of Ăm'mŏn. 30 And Jĕph'thăh vowed a vow unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver the children of Ăm'mŏn into my hand, 31 then it shall be, that [3]whatsoever cometh forth from the doors of my house to meet me,

[1] Heb. *hearer*
[2] Heb. *daughters*
[3] Or, *whosoever*

when I return in peace from the children of Ăm'mŏn, it shall be Jĕ-hō'văh's, and I will offer it up for a burnt-offering. 32 So Jĕph'thăh passed over unto the children of Ăm'mŏn to fight against them; and Jĕ-hō'văh delivered them into his hand. 33 And he smote them from Ăr'ŏ-ēr until thou come to Mĭn'nĭth, even twenty cities, and unto [1]Ā'bĕl-chĕ-rā'mĭm, with a very great slaughter. So the children of Ăm'mŏn were subdued before the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

34 And Jĕph'thăh came to Mĭz'păh unto his house; and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; besides her he had neither son nor daughter. 35 And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me; for I have opened my mouth unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and I cannot go back. 36 And she said unto him, My father, thou hast opened thy mouth unto Jĕ-hō'văh; do unto me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth, forasmuch as Jĕ-hō'văh hath taken vengeance for thee on thine enemies, even on the children of Ăm'mŏn. 37 And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may depart and go down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my companions. 38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months: and she departed, she and her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains. 39 And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew not man. And it was [2]a custom in Ĭs'rā-ĕl, 40 that the daughters of Ĭs'rā-ĕl went yearly to [3]celebrate the daughter of Jĕph'thăh the Gĭl'ĕ-ăd-īte four days in a year.

12 And the men of Ē'phrā-ĭm were gathered together, and passed [4]northward; and they said unto Jĕph'thăh, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ăm'mŏn, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thy house upon thee with fire. 2 And Jĕph'thăh said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ăm'mŏn; and when I called you, ye saved me not out of their hand. 3 And when I saw that ye saved me not, I put my life in my hand, and passed over against the children of Ăm'mŏn, and Jĕ-hō'văh delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me? 4 Then Jĕph'thăh gathered together all the men of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, and fought with Ē'phrā-ĭm; and the men of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd smote Ē'phrā-ĭm, because they said, Ye are fugitives of Ē'phrā-ĭm, ye Gĭl'ĕ-ăd-ītes, in the midst of Ē'phrā-ĭm, *and* in the midst of Mă-năs'sĕh. 5 And the Gĭl'ĕ-ăd-ītes took the fords of the Jordan [5]against the Ē'phrā-ĭm-ītes. And it was so, that, when *any of* the fugitives of Ē'phrā-ĭm said, Let me go over, the men of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd said unto him, Art thou an Ē'phrā-ĭm-īte? If he said, Nay; 6 then said they unto him, Say now Shĭb'bŏ-lĕth; and he said Sĭb'bŏ-lĕth; for he could not frame to pronounce it right: then they laid hold on him, and slew him at the fords of the Jordan. And there fell at that time of Ē'phrā-ĭm forty and two thousand.

7 And Jĕph'thăh judged Ĭs'rā-ĕl six years. Then died Jĕph'thăh the Gĭl'ĕ-ăd-īte, and was buried in *one of* the cities of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd.

8 And after him Ĭb'zăn of Bĕth'lĕ-hĕm judged Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 9 And he had thirty sons; and thirty daughters he sent abroad, and thirty daughters he brought in from abroad for his sons. And he judged Ĭs'rā-ĕl seven years. 10 And Ĭb'zăn

[1] That is, *The meadow of vineyards*
[2] Or, *an ordinance*
[3] Or, *lament*
[4] Or, *to Zaphon*
[5] Or, *toward Ephraim*

died, and was buried at Bĕth'-lĕhĕm.

11 And after him Ē'lŏn the Zĕb'ū-lūn-īte judged ĭs'rā-ĕl; and he judged ĭs'rā-ĕl ten years. 12 And Ē'lŏn the Zĕb'ū-lūn-īte died, and was buried in Āi'jā-lŏn in the land of Zĕb'ū-lūn.

13 And after him Ăb'dŏn the son of Hĭl'lĕl the Pĭr'ă-thŏn-īte judged ĭs'rā-ĕl. 14 And he had forty sons and thirty sons' sons, that rode on threescore and ten ass colts: and he judged ĭs'rā-ĕl eight years. 15 And Ăb'dŏn the son of Hĭl'lĕl the Pĭr'ă-thŏn-īte died, and was buried in Pĭr'ă-thŏn in the land of Ē'phrā-ĭm, in the hill-country of the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes.

13 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl again did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh; and Jĕ-hō'văh delivered them into the hand of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes forty years.

2 And there was a certain man of Zō'răh, of the family of the Dăn'ītes, whose name was Mă-nō'ăh; and his wife was barren, and bare not. 3 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not; but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. 4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink no wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: 5 for, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come upon his head; for the child shall be a Năz'ĭ-rīte unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to save ĭs'rā-ĕl out of the hand of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. 6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of the angel of God, very terrible; and I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name: 7 but he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing; for the child shall be a Năz'ĭ-rīte unto God from the womb to the day of his death.

8 Then Mă-nō'ăh entreated Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, Oh, Lord, I pray thee, let the man of God whom thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born. 9 And God hearkened to the voice of Mă-nō'ăh; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Mă-nō'ăh her husband was not with her. 10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and told her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the *other* day. 11 And Mă-nō'ăh arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am. 12 And Mă-nō'ăh said, [1]Now let thy words come to pass: what shall be the ordering of the child, and *how* shall we do unto him? 13 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mă-nō'ăh, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware. 14 She may not eat of anything that cometh of the [2]vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing; all that I commanded her let her observe.

15 And Mă-nō'ăh said unto the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh, I pray thee, let us detain thee, that we may make ready a kid for thee. 16 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Mă-nō'ăh, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread; and if thou wilt make ready a burnt-offering, thou must offer it unto Jĕ-hō'văh. For Mă-nō'ăh knew not that he was the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh. 17 And Mă-nō'ăh said unto the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh, What is thy name, that, when thy words come to pass, we may do thee honor? 18 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, Wherefore askest thou after my name, seeing it is [3]wonderful? 19 So Mă-nō'ăh took the kid with the meal-offering, and offered it upon the rock unto Jĕ-hō'văh: and *the angel* did won-

[1] Or, *Now when thy words come to pass, what &c.* [2] Or, *grape-vine* [3] Or, *secret*

drously; and Mă-nō'ăh and his wife looked on. 20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh ascended in the flame of the altar: and Mă-nō'ăh and his wife looked on; and they fell on their faces to the ground.

21 But the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh did no more appear to Mă-nō'ăh or to his wife. Then Mă-nō'ăh knew that he was the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh. 22 And Mă-nō'ăh said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God. 23 But his wife said unto him, If Jĕ-hō'văh were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt-offering and a meal-offering at our hand, neither would he have showed us all these things, nor would at this time have told such things as these. 24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name [1]Samson: and the child grew, and Jĕ-hō'văh blessed him. 25 And the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh began to move him in [2]Mā'hă-nĕh'-dăn, between Zō'răh and Ĕsh'tă-ōl.

14 And Samson went down to Tĭm'năh, and saw a woman in Tĭm'năh of the daughters of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. 2 And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Tĭm'năh of the daughters of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes: now therefore get her for me to wife. 3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me: for she pleaseth me well. 4 But his father and his mother knew not that it was of Jĕ-hō'văh; for he sought an occasion against the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. Now at that time the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes had rule over Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

5 Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Tĭm'năh, and came to the vineyards of Tĭm'năh: and, behold, a young lion roared against him. 6 And the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid; and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done. 7 And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well. 8 And after a while he returned to take her; and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion: and, behold, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey. 9 And he took it into his hands, and went on, eating as he went; and he came to his father and mother, and gave unto them, and they did eat: but he told them not that he had taken the honey out of the body of the lion.

10 And his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do. 11 And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him. 12 And Samson said unto them, Let me now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can declare it unto me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of raiment; 13 but if ye cannot declare it unto me, then shall ye give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of raiment. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it. 14 And he said unto them,

Out of the eater came forth food,
And out of the strong came forth sweetness.

And they could not in three days declare the riddle.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to [3]impoverish us? is it not so? 16 And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou

[1] Heb. *Shimshon* [2] That is, *The camp of Dan*
[3] Or, *take that which we have*

dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell thee? 17 And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she pressed him sore; and she told the riddle to the children of her people. 18 And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion? And he said unto them,

If ye had not plowed with my heifer,
Ye had not found out my riddle.

19 And the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh came mightily upon him, and he went down to Ăsh'kĕ-lŏn, and smote thirty men of them, and took their [1]spoil, and gave the changes *of raiment* unto them that declared the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house. 20 But Samson's wife was *given* to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

15 But it came to pass after a while, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in. 2 And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: is not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of her. 3 And Samson said unto them, This time [2]shall I be blameless in regard of the Phi-lĭs'tĭnes, when I do them a mischief. 4 And Samson went and caught three hundred [3]foxes, and took [4]firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between every two tails. 5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing grain of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and burnt up both the shocks and the standing grain, and also the oliveyards. 6 Then the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes said, Who hath done this? And they said, Samson, the son-in-law of the Tĭm'nīte, because he hath taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes came up, and burnt her and her father with fire. 7 And Samson said unto them, If ye do after this manner, surely I will be avenged of you, and after that I will cease. 8 And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelt in the cleft of the rock of Ē'tăm.

9 Then the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes went up, and encamped in Jū'dăh, and spread themselves in Lē'hĭ. 10 And the men of Jū'dăh said, Why are ye come up against us? And they said, To bind Samson are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us. 11 Then three thousand men of Jū'dăh went down to the cleft of the rock of Ē'tăm, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes are rulers over us? what then is this that thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them. 12 And they said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves. 13 And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new ropes, and brought him up from the rock.

14 When he came unto Lē'hĭ, the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes shouted as they met him: and the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh came mightily upon him, and the ropes that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands [5]dropped from off his hands. 15 And he found

[1] Or, *apparel* [2] Or, *shall I be quits with*
[3] Or, *jackals* [4] Or, *torches*
[5] Heb. *were melted*

a fresh jawbone of an ass, and put
forth his hand, and took it, and
smote a thousand men therewith.
16 And Samson said,
With the jawbone of an ass,
[1]heaps upon heaps,
With the jawbone of an ass have
I smitten a thousand men.
17 And it came to pass, when he
had made an end of speaking, that
he cast away the jawbone out of
his hand; and [2]that place was called
[3]Rā'măth-lē'hī. 18 And he was
sore athirst, and called on Jĕ-hō'-
văh, and said, Thou hast given
this great deliverance by the hand
of thy servant; and now shall I die
for thirst, and fall into the hand of
the uncircumcised. 19 But God
clave the hollow place that is in
[4]Lē'hī, and there came water there-
out; and when he had drunk, his
spirit came again, and he revived:
wherefore [5]the name thereof was
called [6]ĕn-hăk'kŏ-rē, which is in
Lē'hī, unto this day. 20 And he
judged īs'rā-ĕl in the days of the
Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes twenty years.

16 And Samson went to Gā'zā,
and saw there a harlot, and
went in unto her. 2 *And it was
told* the Gā'zītes, saying, Samson
is come hither. And they com-
passed him in, and laid wait for
him all night in the gate of the city,
and were quiet all the night, say-
ing, [7]*Let be* till morning light, then
we will kill him. 3 And Samson
lay till midnight, and arose at mid-
night, and laid hold of the doors of
the gate of the city, and the two
posts, and plucked them up, bar
and all, and put them upon his
shoulders, and carried them up to
the top of the mountain that is
before Hē'brŏn.

4 And it came to pass afterward,
that he loved a woman [8]in the val-
ley of Sō'rĕk, whose name was
Dĕ-lī'lăh. 5 And the lords of the
Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes came up unto her,
and said unto her, Entice him, and
see wherein his great strength
lieth, and by what means we may
prevail against him, that we may
bind him to [9]afflict him: and we will
give thee every one of us eleven
hundred *pieces* of silver. 6 And
Dĕ-lī'lăh said to Samson, Tell me,
I pray thee, wherein thy great
strength lieth, and wherewith thou
mightest be bound to afflict thee.
7 And Samson said unto her, If
they bind me with seven [10]green
withes that were never dried, then
shall I become weak, and be as
another man. 8 Then the lords of
the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes brought up to her
seven [10]green withes which had not
been dried, and she bound him
with them. 9 Now she had liers-
in-wait abiding in the inner cham-
ber. And she said unto him, The
Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes are upon thee, Sam-
son. And he brake the withes, as
a string of tow is broken when it
[11]toucheth the fire. So his strength
was not known.

10 And Dĕ-lī'lăh said unto Sam-
son, Behold, thou hast mocked
me, and told me lies: now tell me,
I pray thee, wherewith thou
mightest be bound. 11 And he
said unto her, If they only bind me
with new ropes wherewith no work
hath been done, then shall I be-
come weak, and be as another
man. 12 So Dĕ-lī'lăh took new
ropes, and bound him therewith,
and said unto him, The Phĭ-lĭs'-
tĭnes are upon thee, Samson. And
the liers-in-wait were abiding in
the inner chamber. And he brake
them from off his arms like a thread.

13 And Dĕ-lī'lăh said unto Sam-
son, Hitherto thou hast mocked
me, and told me lies: tell me where-
with thou mightest be bound.
And he said unto her, If thou
weavest the seven locks of my
head with the web. 14 And she
fastened it with the pin, and said
unto him, The Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes are
upon thee, Samson. And he
awaked out of his sleep, and
plucked away the pin of the beam,
and the web.

[1] Heb. *heap, two heaps* [2] Or, *he called that place* [3] That is, *The hill of the jawbone* [4] Or, *the jawbone* [5] Or, *he called the name thereof* [6] That is, *The spring of him that called* [7] Or, *When* (or *Before*) *the morning is light* [8] Or, *by the brook*
[9] Or, *humble* [10] Or, *new bowstrings* [11] Heb. *smelleth*

15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thy heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth. 16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, that his soul was vexed unto death. 17 And he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon my head; for I have been a Năz'ĭ-rīte unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

18 And when Dē-lī'lăh saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, saying, Come up this once, for [1]he hath told me all his heart. Then the lords of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes came up unto her, and brought the money in their hand. 19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for [2]a man, and shaved off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. 20 And she said, The Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes are upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times, and shake myself free. But he knew not that Jĕ-hō'văh was departed from him. 21 And the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes laid hold on him, and put out his eyes; and they brought him down to Gā'zā, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison-house. 22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

23 And the lords of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes gathered them together to offer a great sacrifice unto Dā'gŏn their god, and to rejoice; for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand. 24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hand our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, who hath slain many of us. 25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison-house; and he made sport before them. And they set him between the pillars: 26 and Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house resteth, that I may lean upon them. 27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.

28 And Samson called unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may [3]be at once avenged of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes for my two eyes. 29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house rested, and leaned upon them, the one with his right hand, and the other with his left. 30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead that he slew at his death were more than they that he slew in his life. 31 Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zō'răh and Ĕsh'tă-ŏl in the burying-place of Mă-nō'ăh his father. And he judged Ĭs'rā-ĕl twenty years.

17 And there was a man of the hill-country of Ĕ'phrā-ĭm, whose name was Mī'căh. 2 And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred *pieces* of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou didst utter [4]a curse, and didst also speak it in mine ears, behold,

[1] Or, according to another reading, *he had told her*
[2] Or, *the men*
[3] Or, *be avenged . . . for one of my two eyes*
[4] Or, *an adjuration*

the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be my son of Jĕ-hō'văh. 3 And he restored the eleven hundred *pieces* of silver to his mother; and his mother said, I verily [1]dedicate the silver unto Jĕ-hō'văh from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee. 4 And when he restored the money unto his mother, his mother took two hundred *pieces* of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and it was in the house of Mī'căh. 5 And the man Mī'căh had a house of [2]gods, and he made an ĕph'ŏd, and tĕr'ă-phīm, and [3]consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. 6 In those days there was no king in ĭs'rā-ĕl: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

7 And there was a young man out of Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm-jū'dăh, of the family of Jū'dăh, who was a Lē'vīte; and he sojourned there. 8 And the man departed out of the city, out of Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm-jū'dăh, to sojourn where he could find *a place*; and he came to the hill-country of Ē'phrā-ĭm to the house of Mī'căh, as he journeyed. 9 And Mī'căh said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Lē'vīte of Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm-jū'dăh, and I go to sojourn where I may find *a place*. 10 And Mī'căh said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten *pieces* of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Lē'vīte went in. 11 And the Lē'vīte was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons. 12 And Mī'căh consecrated the Lē'vīte, and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Mī'căh. 13 Then said Mī'căh, Now know I that Jĕ-hō'văh will do me good, seeing I have a Lē'vīte to my priest.

18 In those days there was no king in ĭs'rā-ĕl: and in those days the tribe of the Dăn'ītes sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day *their* inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 2 And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their whole number, men of valor, from Zō'răh, and from ĕsh'tă-ōl, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land. And they came to the hill-country of Ē'phră-ĭm, unto the house of Mī'căh, and lodged there. 3 When they were by the house of Mī'căh, they knew the voice of the young man the Lē'vīte; and they turned aside thither, and said unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what doest thou in this place? and what hast thou here? 4 And he said unto them, Thus and thus hath Mī'căh dealt with me, and he hath hired me, and I am become his priest. 5 And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous. 6 And the priest said unto them, Go in peace: before Jĕ-hō'văh is your way wherein ye go.

7 Then the five men departed, and came to Lā'ĭsh, and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt in security, after the manner of the Sī-dō'nĭ-ănș, quiet and secure; for there was none in the land, possessing [4]authority, [5]that might put *them* to shame in any thing, and they were far from the Sī-dō'nĭ-ănș, and had no dealings with any man. 8 And they came unto their brethren to Zō'răh and ĕsh'tă-ōl: and their brethren said unto them, What *say* ye? 9 And they said, Arise, and let us go up against them; for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good: and are ye still? be not slothful to go and to enter in to possess the land. 10 When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and

[1] Or, *had dedicated*
[2] Or, *God*
[3] Heb. *filled the hand of*
[4] Heb. *power of restraint*
[5] Or, *that might do any hurt*

the land is large; for God hath given it into your hand, a place where there is no want of anything that is in the earth.

11 And there set forth from thence of the family of the Dăn'-ites, out of Zō'răh and out of Ĕsh'-tă-ŏl, six hundred men girt with weapons of war. 12 And they went up, and encamped in Kĭr'i-ăth-jĕ'ă-rĭm, in Jū'dăh: wherefore they called that place Mā'hă-nĕh-dăn, unto this day; behold, it is behind Kĭr'i-ăth-jĕ'ă-rĭm. 13 And they passed thence unto the hill-country of Ē'phră-ĭm, and came unto the house of Mī'căh.

14 Then answered the five men that went to spy out the country of Lā'ish, and said unto their brethren, Do ye know that there is in these houses an ĕph'ŏd, and tĕr'-ă-phĭm, and a graven image, and a molten image? now therefore consider what ye have to do. 15 And they turned aside thither, and came to the house of the young man the Lē'vīte, even unto the house of Mī'căh, and asked him of his welfare. 16 And the six hundred men girt with their weapons of war, who were of the children of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate. 17 And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, and came in thither, and took the graven image, and the ĕph'ŏd, and the tĕr'ă-phĭm, and the molten image: and the priest stood by the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men girt with weapons of war. 18 And when these went into Mī'căh's house, and fetched the graven image, the ĕph'ŏd, and the tĕr'ă-phĭm, and the molten image, the priest said unto them, What do ye? 19 And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thy hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: is it better for thee to be priest unto the house of one man, or to be priest unto a tribe and a family in Ĭs'rā-ĕl? 20 And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ĕph'ŏd, and the tĕr'ă-phĭm, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people.

21 So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the goods before them. 22 When they were a good way from the house of Mī'căh, the men that were in the houses near to Mī'căh's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan. 23 And they cried unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said unto Mī'căh, What aileth thee, [1]that thou comest with such a company? 24 And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and are gone away, and what have I more? and how then say ye unto me, What aileth thee? 25 And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest [2]angry fellows fall upon you, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household. 26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Mī'căh saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back into his house.

27 And they took that which Mī'căh had made, and the priest whom he had, and came unto Lā'-ish, unto a people quiet and secure, and smote them with the edge of the sword; and they burnt the city with fire. 28 And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Sī'dŏn, and they had no dealings with any man; and it was in the valley that lieth by Bĕth-rē'hŏb. And they built the city, and dwelt therein. 29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Ĭs'rā-ĕl: howbeit the name of the city was Lā'ish at the first. 30 And the children of Dan set up for themselves the graven image; and Jŏn'ă-thăn, the son of Gēr'shŏm, the son of [3]Mō'sēs, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dăn'ites until the day of the captivity of the land. 31 So they set them up Mī'căh's graven

[1] Heb, *that thou art gathered together*
[2] Heb. *bitter of soul*
[3] Another reading is, *Manasseh*

image which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shī'lōh.

19 And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that there was a certain Lē'vīte sojourning on the farther side of the hill-country of Ĕ'phrā-ĭm, who took to him a concubine out of Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm-jū'dăh. 2 And his concubine played the harlot against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm-jū'dăh, and was there the space of four months. 3 And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak [1]kindly unto her, to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses: and she brought him into her father's house; and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him. 4 And his father-in-law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there. 5 And it came to pass on the fourth day, that they arose early in the morning, and he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son-in-law, Strengthen thy heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward ye shall go your way. 6 So they sat down, and did eat and drink, both of them together: and the damsel's father said unto the man, Be pleased, I pray thee, to tarry all night, and let thy heart be merry. 7 And the man rose up to depart; but his father-in-law urged him, and he lodged there again. 8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart; and the damsel's father said, Strengthen thy heart, I pray thee, and tarry ye until the day declineth; and they did eat, both of them. 9 And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father-in-law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, now the day draweth toward evening, I pray you tarry all night: behold, the day groweth to an end, lodge here, that thy heart may be merry; and to-morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go [2]home.

10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over against Jĕ'bŭs (the same is Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm): and there were with him a couple of asses saddled; his concubine also was with him. 11 When they were by Jĕ'bŭs, the day was far spent; and the servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn aside into this city of the Jĕb'ū-sītes, and lodge in it. 12 And his master said unto him, We will not turn aside into the city of a foreigner, [3]that is not of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; but we will pass over to Gĭb'ē-ăh. 13 And he said unto his servant, Come and let us draw near to one of these places; and we will lodge in Gĭb'-ē-ăh, or in Rā'măh. 14 So they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them near to Gĭb'ē-ăh, which belongeth to Bĕn'jă-mĭn. 15 And they turned aside thither, to go in to lodge in Gĭb'ē-ăh: and he went in, and sat him down in the street of the city; for there was no man that took them into his house to lodge.

16 And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at even: now the man was of the hill-country of Ĕ'phrā-ĭm, and he sojourned in Gĭb'ē-ăh; but the men of the place were Bĕn'jă-mītes. 17 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the wayfaring man in the street of the city; and the old man said, Whither goest thou? and whence comest thou? 18 And he said unto him, We are passing from Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm-jū'dăh unto the farther side of the hill-country of Ĕ'phrā-ĭm; from thence am I, and I went to Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm-jū'dăh: and I am *now* going to the house of Jĕ-hō'văh; and there is no man that taketh me into his house. 19 Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and

[1] Heb. *to her heart*

[2] Heb. *to thy tents* [3] Or, *where there are none of the children of Israel*

here is bread and wine also for
ne, and for thy handmaid, and for
he young man that is with thy
servants: there is no want of any-
hing. 20 And the old man said,
Peace be unto thee; howsoever let
ll thy wants lie upon me; only
odge not in the street. 21 So he
rought him into his house, and
gave the asses fodder; and they
washed their feet, and did eat and
drink.

22 As they were making their
hearts merry, behold, the men of
he city, certain base fellows, beset
he house round about, beating at
he door; and they spake to the
naster of the house, the old man,
saying, Bring forth the man that
ame into thy house, that we may
now him. 23 And the man, the
naster of the house, went out unto
hem, and said unto them, Nay,
ny brethren, I pray you, do not so
vickedly; seeing that this man is
ome into my house, do not this
olly. 24 Behold, here is my
laughter a virgin, and his concu-
bine; them I will bring out now,
nd humble ye them, and do with
hem what seemeth good unto
ou: but unto this man do not any
uch folly. 25 But the men would
ot hearken to him: so the man
aid hold on his concubine, and
rought her forth unto them; and
hey knew her, and abused her all
he night until the morning: and
when the day began to spring, they
et her go. 26 Then came the
woman in the dawning of the day,
nd fell down at the door of the
nan's house where her lord was,
ill it was light.

27 And her lord rose up in the
morning, and opened the doors of
he house, and went out to go his
way; and, behold, the woman his
oncubine was fallen down at the
door of the house, with her hands
upon the threshold. 28 And he
said unto her, Up, and let us be
going; but none answered: then
he took her up upon the ass; and
he man rose up, and gat him unto
his place. 29 And when he was
come into his house, he took a
knife, and laid hold on his concu-
bine, and divided her, [1]limb by
limb, into twelve pieces, and sent
her throughout all the borders of
Is'rā-ĕl. 30 And it was so, that
all that saw it said, There was no
such deed done nor seen from the
day that the children of Is'rā-ĕl
came up out of the land of E'gypt
unto this day: consider it, take
counsel, and speak.

20 Then all the children of Is'-
rā-ĕl went out, and the con-
gregation was assembled as one
man, from Dan even to Bē'ĕr-shē'-
bā, with the land of Gĭl'ē-ăd, unto
Jē-hō'văh at Mĭz'pāh. 2 And the
[2]chiefs of all the people, [3]even of
all the tribes of Is'rā-ĕl, presented
themselves in the assembly of the
people of God, four hundred thou-
sand footmen that drew sword.
3 (Now the children of Bĕn'jă-
mĭn heard that the children of
Is'rā-ĕl were gone up to Mĭz'pāh.)
And the children of Is'rā-ĕl said,
Tell us, how was this wickedness
brought to pass? 4 And the Lē'-
vīte, the husband of the woman
that was murdered, answered and
said, I came into Gĭb'ē-ăh that be-
longeth to Bĕn'jă-mĭn, I and my
concubine, to lodge. 5 And the
men of Gĭb'ē-ăh rose against me,
and beset the house round about
me by night; me they thought to
have slain, and my concubine they
forced, and she is dead. 6 And I
took my concubine, and cut her in
pieces, and sent her throughout all
the country of the inheritance of
Is'rā-ĕl; for they have committed
lewdness and folly in Is'rā-ĕl.
7 Behold, ye children of Is'rā-ĕl,
all of you, give here your advice
and counsel.

8 And all the people arose as
one man, saying, We will not any
of us go to his tent, neither will we
any of us turn unto his house.
9 But now this is the thing which
we will do to Gĭb'ē-ăh: *we will go
up* against it by lot; 10 and we will
take ten men of a hundred through-
out all the tribes of Is'rā-ĕl, and a

[1] Heb. *according to her bones*
[2] Heb. *corners* [3] Or, *even all*

hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victuals for the people, that they may do, when they come to [1]Gĭb'ĕ-ăh of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, according to all the folly that they have wrought in ĭs'rā-ĕl. 11 So all the men of ĭs'rā-ĕl were gathered against the city, knit together as one man.

12 And the tribes of ĭs'rā-ĕl sent men through all the [2]tribe of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, saying, What wickedness is this that is come to pass among you? 13 Now therefore deliver up the men, the base fellows, that are in Gĭb'ĕ-ăh, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from ĭs'rā-ĕl. But [3]Bĕn'jă-mĭn would not hearken to the yoice of their brethren the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 14 And the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gĭb'ĕ-ăh, to go out to battle against the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 15 And the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn were numbered on that day out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, besides the inhabitants of Gĭb'ĕ-ăh, who were numbered seven hundred chosen men. 16 Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men lefthanded; every one could sling stones at a hair-breadth, and not miss.

17 And the men of ĭs'rā-ĕl, besides Bĕn'jă-mĭn, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these were men of war. 18 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl arose, and went up to Bĕth'-ĕl, and asked counsel of God; and they said, Who shall go up for us first to battle against the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn? And Jĕ-hō'văh said, Jū'dăh *shall go up* first.

19 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gĭb'ĕ-ăh. 20 And the men of ĭs'rā-ĕl went out to battle against Bĕn'jă-mĭn; and the men of ĭs'rā-ĕl set the battle in array against them at Gĭb'ĕ-ăh. 21 And the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn came forth out of Gĭb'ĕ-ăh, and destroyed down to the ground of the ĭs'rā-ĕl-ites on that day twenty and two thousand men. 22 And the people, the men of ĭs'rā-ĕl, encouraged themselves, and set the battle again in array in the place where they set themselves in array the first day. 23 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl went up and wept before Jĕ-hō'văh until even; and they asked of Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, Shall I again draw nigh to battle against the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn my brother? And Jĕ-hō'văh said, Go up against him.

24 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl came near against the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn the second day. 25 And Bĕn'jă-mĭn went forth against them out of Gĭb'ĕ-ăh the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl again eighteen thousand men; all these drew the sword. 26 Then all the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and all the people, went up, and came unto Bĕth'-ĕl, and wept, and sat there before Jĕ-hō'văh, and fasted that day until even; and they offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before Jĕ-hō'văh. 27 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl asked of Jĕ-hō'văh (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days, 28 and Phĭn'ĕ-hās, the son of Ĕ-lĕ-ā'zär, the son of Aär'ŏn, stood before it in those days), saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn my brother, or shall I cease? And Jĕ-hō'văh said, Go up; for tomorrow I will deliver him into thy hand.

29 And ĭs'rā-ĕl set liers-in-wait against Gĭb'ĕ-ăh round about. 30 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl went up against the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn on the third day, and set themselves in array against Gĭb'ĕ-ăh, as at other times. 31 And the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite and kill of the

[1] Heb. *Geba* 4. 18; 1 S. 9. 21 [2] Heb. *tribes* See Num. [3] Another reading is, *the children of Benjamin*

people, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goeth up to Bĕth'-ĕl, and the other to Gĭb'ĕ-ăh, in the field, about thirty men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 32 And the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn said, They are smitten down before us, as at the first. But the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl said, Let us flee, and draw them away from the city unto the highways. 33 And all the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl rose up out of their place, and set themselves in array at Bā'ăl-tā'mär: and the liers-in-wait of Ĭs'rā-ĕl brake forth out of their place, even out of [1]Mā'ă-rĕh-gĕ'bà. 34 And there came over against Gĭb'ĕ-ăh ten thousand chosen men out of all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and the battle was sore; but they knew not that evil was [2]close upon them. 35 And Jĕ-hō'văh smote Bĕn'jă-mĭn before Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl destroyed of Bĕn'jă-mĭn that day twenty and five thousand and a hundred men: all these drew the sword.

36 So the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn saw that they were smitten; for the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl gave place to Bĕn'jă-mĭn, because they trusted unto the liers-in-wait whom they had set against Gĭb'ĕ-ăh. 37 And the liers-in-wait hasted, and rushed upon Gĭb'ĕ-ăh; and the liers-in-wait drew themselves along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword. 38 Now the appointed sign between the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and the liers-in-wait was that they should make a great cloud of smoke rise up out of the city. 39 [3]And the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl turned in the battle, and Bĕn'jă-mĭn began to smite and kill of the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl about thirty persons; for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us, as in the first battle. 40 But when the cloud began to arise up out of the city in a pillar of smoke, the Bĕn'jă-mītes looked behind them; and, behold, the whole of the city went up *in smoke* to heaven. 41 And the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl turned, and the men of Bĕn'jă-mĭn were dismayed; for they saw that evil was come upon them. 42 Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl unto the way of the wilderness; but the battle followed hard after them; and [4]they that came out of the cities destroyed them in the midst thereof. 43 They inclosed the Bĕn'jă-mītes round about, *and* chased them, *and* [5]trod them down [6]at *their* resting-place, as far as over against Gĭb'ĕ-ăh toward the sunrising. 44 And there fell of Bĕn'jă-mĭn eighteen thousand men; all these *were* men of valor. 45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rĭm'mŏn: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men, and followed hard after them unto Gī'dŏm, and smote of them two thousand men. 46 So that all who fell that day of Bĕn'jă-mĭn were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these *were* men of valor. 47 But six hundred men turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rĭm'mŏn, and abode in the rock of Rĭm'mŏn four months. 48 And the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl turned again upon the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, and smote them with the edge of the sword, both [7]the entire city, and the cattle, and all that they found: moreover all the cities which they found they set on fire.

21 Now the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl had sworn in Mĭz'păh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Bĕn'jă-mĭn to wife. 2 And the people came to Bĕth'-ĕl, and sat there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore. 3 And they said, O Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, why is this come to pass in Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that there should be today one tribe lacking in Ĭs'rā-ĕl? 4 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered

[1] Or, *the meadow of Geba* (or, *Gibeah* See ver. 10)
[2] Heb. *touching*
[3] Or, *And the men . . . battle: (now Benjamin . . . heaven:) and the men &c.*
[4] Or, *them that came . . . they destroyed*
[5] Or, *overtook them*
[6] Or, *at Menuhah*
[7] Or, as otherwise read, *the inhabited city* See Deut. 2. 34.

burnt-offerings and peace-offerings. 5 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl said, Who is there among all the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl that came not up in the assembly unto Jĕ-hō'văh? For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up unto Jĕ-hō'văh to Mĭz'păh, saying, He shall surely be put to death. 6 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl repented them for Bĕn'jă-mĭn their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Ĭs'rā-ĕl this day. 7 How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by Jĕ-hō'văh that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?

8 And they said, What one is there of the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl that came not up unto Jĕ-hō'văh to Mĭz'păh? And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jā'bĕsh-gĭl'ĕ-ăd to the assembly. 9 For when the people were numbered, behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Jā'bĕsh-gĭl'ĕ-ăd there. 10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jā'bĕsh-gĭl'ĕ-ăd with the edge of the sword, with the women and the little ones. 11 And this is the thing that ye shall do: ye shall [1]utterly destroy every male, and every woman that hath lain by man. 12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jā'bĕsh-gĭl'ĕ-ăd four hundred young virgins, that had not known man by lying with him; and they brought them unto the camp to Shī'lōh, which is in the land of Că'năan.

13 And the whole congregation sent and spake to the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn that were in the rock of Rĭm'mŏn, and proclaimed peace unto them. 14 And Bĕn'jă-mĭn returned at that time; and they gave them the women whom they had saved alive of the women of Jā'bĕsh-gĭl'ĕ-ăd: and yet so they sufficed them not. 15 And the people repented them for Bĕn'jă-mĭn, because that Jĕ-hō'văh had made a breach in the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

16 Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Bĕn'jă-mĭn? 17 And they said, There must be an inheritance for them that are escaped of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, that a tribe be not blotted out from Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 18 Howbeit we may not give them wives of our daughters; for the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl had sworn, saying, Cursed be he that giveth a wife to Bĕn'jă-mĭn. 19 And they said, Behold, there is [2]a feast of Jĕ-hō'văh from year to year in Shī'lōh, which is on the north of Bĕth'-ĕl, on the east side of the highway that goeth up from Bĕth'-ĕl to Shĕ'chĕm, and on the south of Lĕ-bō'năh. 20 And they commanded the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards; 21 and see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shī'lōh come out to dance in the dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shī'lōh, and go to the land of Bĕn'jă-mĭn. 22 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come to [3]complain unto us, that we will say unto them, Grant them [4]graciously unto us, because we took not for each man *of them* his wife in battle, neither did ye give them unto them; else would ye now be guilty. 23 And the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn did so, and took them wives, according to their number, of them that danced, whom they carried off: and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and built the cities, and dwelt in them. 24 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from thence every man to his inheritance.

25 In those days there was no king in Ĭs'rā-ĕl: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

[1] Heb. *devote*
[2] Or, *the feast*
[3] Or, *strive with us*
[4] Or, *as a gift*

RUTH

Elimelech and his Family sojourn In Moab

1 And it came to pass in the days when the judges judged, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bĕth′-lĕ-hĕm-jū′dăh went to sojourn in the [1]country of Mō′ăb, he, and his wife, and his two sons. 2 And the name of the man was Ē-lĭm′-ĕ-lĕch, and the name of his wife [2]Nă-ō′mī, and the name of his two sons Măh′lŏn and Chĭl′ĭ-ŏn, Ĕph′-răth-ītes of Bĕth′-lĕ-hĕm-jū′dăh. And they came into the country of Mō′ăb, and continued there. 3 And Ē-lĭm′ĕ-lĕch, Nă-ō′mī's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. 4 And they took them wives of the women of Mō′-ăb; the name of the one was Ôr′-păh, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelt there about ten years. 5 And Măh′lŏn and Chĭl′ĭ-ŏn died both of them; and the woman was left of her two children and of her husband.

6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law, that she might return from the country of Mō′ăb: for she had heard in the country of Mō′ăb how that Jĕ-hō′văh had visited his people in giving them bread. 7 And she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Jū′dăh. 8 And Nă-ō′mī said unto her two daughters-in-law, Go, return each of you to her mother's house: Jĕ-hō′văh deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. 9 Jĕ-hō′văh grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice, and wept. 10 And they said unto her, Nay, but we will return with thee unto thy people. 11 And Nă-ō′mī said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? have I yet sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? 12 Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should even have a husband tonight, and should also bear sons; 13 would ye therefore tarry till they were grown? would ye therefore stay from having husbands? nay, my daughters, for [3]it grieveth me much for your sakes, for the hand of Jĕ-hō′văh is gone forth against me. 14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Ôr′păh kissed her mother-in-law; but Ruth clave unto her.

15 And she said, Behold, thy sister-in-law is gone back unto her people, and unto her god: return thou after thy sister-in-law. 16 And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, and to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God; 17 where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: Jĕ-hō′văh do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me. 18 And when she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, she left off speaking unto her.

19 So they two went until they came to Bĕth′-lĕ-hĕm. And it came to pass, when they were come to Bĕth′-lĕ-hĕm, that all the city was moved about them, and *the women* said, Is this Nă-ō′mī? 20 And she said unto them, Call

[1] Heb. *field* [2] Heb. *Noomi* [3] Or, *it is far more bitter for me than for you*

me not [1]Nā-ō′mī, call me [2]Mā′rā; for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. 21 I went out full, and Jĕ-hō′văh hath brought me home again empty; why call ye me Nā-ō′mī, seeing Jĕ-hō′văh hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me? 22 So Nā-ō′mī returned, and Ruth the Mō′ăb-ī-tĕss, her daughter-in-law, with her, who returned out of the country of Mō′ăb: and they came to Bĕth′-lĕ-hĕm in the beginning of barley harvest.

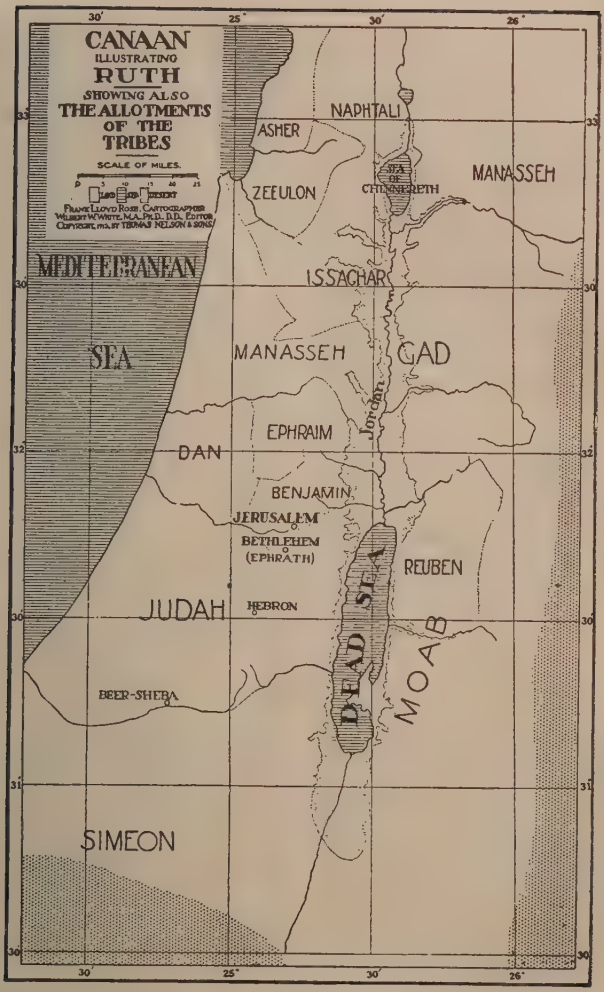
2 And Nā-ō′mī had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of [3]wealth, of the family of Ē-lĭm′-ĕ-lĕch; and his name was Bō′ăz. 2 And Ruth the Mō′ăb-ī-tĕss said unto Nā-ō′mī, Let me now go to the field, and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter. 3 And she went, and came and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on the portion of the field belonging unto Bō′ăz, who was of the family of Ē-lĭm′ĕ-lĕch. 4 And, behold, Bō′ăz came from Bĕth′-lĕ-hĕm, and said unto the reapers, Jĕ-hō′văh be with you. And they answered him, Jĕ-hō′văh bless thee. 5 Then said Bō′ăz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this? 6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Mō′ăb-ī-tĭsh damsel that came back with Nā-ō′mī out of the country of Mō′ăb: 7 and she said, Let me glean, I pray you, and gather after the reapers among the sheaves. So she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, save that she tarried a little in the house.

8 Then said Bō′ăz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither pass from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens. 9 Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn. 10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found favor in thy sight, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a foreigner? 11 And Bō′ăz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been showed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother-in-law since the death of thy husband; and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people that thou knewest not heretofore. 12 Jĕ-hō′văh recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of Jĕ-hō′văh, the God of Ĭs′rā-ĕl, under whose wings thou art come to take refuge. 13 Then she said, Let me find favor in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken [4]kindly unto thy handmaid, though I be not as one of thy handmaidens.

14 And at meal-time Bō′ăz said unto her, Come hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers; and [5]they reached her parched grain, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left thereof. 15 And when she was risen up to glean, Bō′ăz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not. 16 And also pull out some for her from the bundles, and leave it, and let her glean, and rebuke her not.

17 So she gleaned in the field until even; and she beat out that which she had gleaned, and it was about an ē′phăh of barley. 18 And she took it up, and went into the city; and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth and gave to her that which she had left after she was sufficed. 19 And her mother-in-

[1] That is, *Pleasant* [2] That is, *Bitter*
[3] Or, *valor*
[4] Heb. *to the heart of* [5] Or, *he*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law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to-day? and where hast thou wrought? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she showed her mother-in-law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to-day is Bō'ăz. 20 And Nā-ō'mī said unto her daughter-in-law, Blessed be he of Jĕ-hō'văh, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Nā-ō'mī said unto her, The man is nigh of kin unto us, [1]one of our near kinsmen. 21 And Ruth the Mō'ăb-ĭ-tĕss said, Yea, he said unto me, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest. 22 And Nā-ō'mī said unto Ruth her daughter-in-law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, and that they meet thee not in any other field. 23 So she kept fast by the maidens of Bō'ăz, to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

3 And Nā-ō'mī her mother-in-law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek [2]rest for thee, that it may be well with thee? 2 And now is not Bō'ăz our kinsman, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to-night in the threshing-floor. 3 Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the threshing-floor; but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking. 4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do. 5 And she said unto her, All that thou [3]sayest I will do.

6 And she went down unto the threshing-floor, and did according to all that her mother-in-law bade her. 7 And when Bō'ăz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down. 8 And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was [4]afraid, and turned himself; and, behold, a woman lay at his feet. 9 And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thy handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thy handmaid; for thou art [5]a near kinsman. 10 And he said, Blessed be thou of Jĕ-hō'văh, my daughter: thou hast showed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. 11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou sayest; for all the [6]city of my people doth know that thou art a worthy woman. 12 And now it is true that I am a near kinsman; howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I. 13 Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as Jĕ-hō'văh liveth: lie down until the morning.

14 And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could discern another. For he said, Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing-floor. 15 And he said, Bring the mantle that is upon thee, and hold it; and she held it; and he measured six *measures* of barley, and laid it on her: and [7]he went into the city. 16 And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, [8]Who art thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her. 17 And she said, These six *measures* of barley gave he me; for he [9]said,

[1] Or, *one of them that hath the right to redeem for us* See Lev. 25. 25 [2] Or, *a resting-place* [3] Another reading is, *sayest unto me*

[4] Or, *startled* [5] Or, *one that hath the right to redeem* Heb. *goel* [6] Heb. *gate* See ch. 4. 1, 11 [7] Acc. to Vulg. and Syr., *she went* [8] Or, *How hast thou fared* [9] Another reading is, *said to me*

Go not empty unto thy mother-in-law. 18 Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall; for the man will not rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

4 Now Bō'ăz went up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the near kinsman of whom Bō'ăz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down. 2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down. 3 And he said unto the near kinsman, Nā-ō'mī, that is come again out of the country of Mō'ăb, selleth the parcel of land, which was our brother Ē-lĭm'ĕ-lĕch's: 4 and I thought to [1]disclose it unto thee, saying, Buy it before them that sit here, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it: but if [2]thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know; for there is none to redeem it besides thee; and I am after thee. And he said, I will redeem it. 5 Then said Bō'ăz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Nā-ō'mī, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Mō'ăb-ī-tĕss, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance. 6 And the near kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: take thou my right of redemption on thee; for I cannot redeem it.

7 Now this was *the custom* in former time in Ĭs'rā-ĕl concerning redeeming and concerning exchanging, to confirm all things: a man drew off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor; and this was the *manner of* attestation in Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 8 So the near kinsman said unto Bō'ăz, Buy it for thyself. And he drew off his shoe. 9 And Bō'ăz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Ē-lĭm'ĕ-lĕch's, and all that was Chĭl'ī-ŏn's and Mäh'lŏn's, of the hand of Nā-ō'mī. 10 Moreover Ruth the Mō'ăb-ī-tĕss, the wife of Mäh'lŏn, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day. 11 And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. Jĕ-hō'văh make the woman that is come into thy house like Rā'chĕl and like Lē'ăh, which two did build the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and [3]do thou worthily in Ĕph'rā-thäh, and be famous in Bĕth'-lé-hĕm: 12 and let thy house be like the house of Pē'rĕz, whom Tā'mär bare unto Jū'dăh, of the seed which Jĕ-hō'văh shall give thee of this young woman.

13 So Bō'ăz took Ruth, and she became his wife; and he went in unto her, and Jĕ-hō'văh gave her conception, and she bare a son. 14 And the women said unto Nā-ō'mī, Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh, who hath not left thee this day without a near kinsman; and let his name be famous in Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of life, and a nourisher of thine old age; for thy daughter-in-law, who loveth thee, who is better to thee than seven sons, hath borne him. 16 And Nā-ō'mī took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it. 17 And the women her neighbors gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Nā-ō'mī; and they called his name Ō'bĕd: he is the father of [4]Jĕs'sĕ, the father of David.

18 Now these are the generations of Pē'rĕz: Pē'rĕz begat Hĕz'rŏn, 19 and Hĕz'rŏn begat Ram, and Ram begat Ăm-mĭn'ă-dăb, 20 and Ăm-mĭn'ă-dăb begat Năh'shŏn, and Năh'shŏn begat [5]Săl'mŏn, 21 and Săl'mŏn begat Bō'ăz and Bō'ăz begat Ō'bĕd, 22 and Ō'bĕd begat Jĕs'sĕ, and Jĕs'sĕ begat David.

[1] Heb. *uncover thine ear*
[2] So Sept., Vulg. and Syr. Heb. *he will*
[3] Or, *get thee wealth* (or, *power*)
[4] Heb. *Ishai*
[5] Heb. *Salma*

THE FIRST BOOK OF

SAMUEL

Elkanah and his Two Wives. Hannah prays for a Child. Samuel born

1 Now there was a certain man of Rā-măth-ā'ĭm-zō'phĭm, of the hill-country of Ē'phrā-ĭm, and his name was Ĕl'kă-năh, the son of Jĕr'ō-hăm, the son of Ē-lī'hū, the son of Tō'hū, the son of Zŭph, an Ē'phrā-ĭm-īte: 2 and he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Pĕ-nĭn'năh: and Pĕ-nĭn'năh had children, but Hannah had no children. 3 And this man went up out of his city from year to year to worship and to sacrifice unto Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts in Shī'lōh. And the two sons of Ē'lī, Hŏph'nī and Phĭn'ĕ-hăs, priests unto Jĕ-hō'văh, were there. 4 And when the day came that Ĕl'kă-năh sacrificed, he gave to Pĕ-nĭn'năh his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: 5 but unto Hannah he gave a double portion; for he loved Hannah, but Jĕ-hō'văh had shut up her womb. 6 And her rival provoked her sore, to make her fret, because Jĕ-hō'văh had shut up her womb. 7 And *as* he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. 8 And Ĕl'kă-năh her husband said unto her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?

9 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shī'lōh, and after they had drunk. Now Ē'lī the priest was sitting upon his seat by the door-post of the temple of Jĕ-hō'văh. 10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and wept sore. 11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thy handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thy handmaid, but wilt give unto thy handmaid [1]a man-child, then I will give him unto Jĕ-hō'văh all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before Jĕ-hō'văh, that Ē'lī marked her mouth. 13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Ē'lī thought she had been drunken. 14 And Ē'lī said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. 15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I poured out my soul before Jĕ-hō'văh. 16 Count not thy handmaid for a wicked woman; for out of the abundance of my complaint and my provocation have I spoken hitherto. 17 Then Ē'lī answered and said, Go in peace; and the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl grant thy petition that thou hast asked of him. 18 And she said, Let thy handmaid find favor in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat; and her countenance was no more *sad*.

19 And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before Jĕ-hō'văh, and returned, and came to their house to Rā'măh. And Ĕl'kă-năh knew Hannah his wife; and Jĕ-hō'văh remembered her; 20 and it came to pass, when the time was come about, that Hannah conceived, and bare a son; and she called his name Săm'ū-ĕl,

[1] Heb. *seed of men*

saying, Because I have asked him of Jĕ-hō'văh.

21 And the man ĕl'kă-năh, and all his house, went up to offer unto Jĕ-hō'văh the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. 22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up* until the child be weaned; and then I will bring him, that he may appear before Jĕ-hō'văh, and there abide for ever. 23 And ĕl'kă-năh her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only Jĕ-hō'văh establish his word. So the woman tarried and gave her son suck, until she weaned him. 24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with [1]three bullocks, and one ē'phăh of meal, and a [2]bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of Jĕ-hō'văh in Shī'lōh: and the child was young. 25 And they slew the bullock, and brought the child to Ē'lī. 26 And she said, Oh, my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 27 For this child I prayed; and Jĕ-hō'văh hath given me my petition which I asked of him: 28 therefore also I have [3]granted him to Jĕ-hō'văh; as long as he liveth he is granted to Jĕ-hō'văh. And he worshipped Jĕ-hō'văh there.

2 And Hannah prayed, and said:

My heart exulteth in Jĕ-hō'văh;
My horn is exalted in Jĕ-hō'văh;
My mouth is enlarged over mine enemies;
Because I rejoice in thy salvation.

2 There is none holy as Jĕ-hō'văh;
For there is none besides thee,
Neither is there any rock like our God.

3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly;
Let not arrogancy come out of your mouth;
For Jĕ-hō'văh is a God of knowledge,
[4]And by him actions are weighed.

4 The bows of the mighty men are broken;
And they that stumbled are girded with strength.

5 They that were full have hired out themselves for bread;
And they that were hungry [5]have ceased *to hunger*:
Yea, the barren hath borne seven;
And she that hath many children languisheth.

6 Jĕ-hō'văh killeth, and maketh alive:
He bringeth down to Shĕ'ōl, and bringeth up.

7 Jĕ-hō'văh maketh poor, and maketh rich:
He bringeth low, he also lifteth up.

8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,
He lifteth up the needy from the dunghill,
To make them sit with princes,
And inherit the throne of glory:
For the pillars of the earth are Jĕ-hō'văh's,
And he hath set the world upon them.

9 He will keep the feet of his [6]holy ones;
But the wicked shall be put to silence in darkness;
For by strength shall no man prevail.

10 They that strive with Jĕ-hō'văh shall be broken to pieces;
Against them will he thunder in heaven:
Jĕ-hō'văh will judge the ends of the earth;
And he will give strength unto his king,
And exalt the horn of his anointed.

11 And ĕl'kă-năh went to Rā'măh to his house. And the child did minister unto Jĕ-hō'văh before Ē'lī the priest.

[1] The Sept. and Syr. have, *a bullock three years old* [2] Or, *skin* [3] Or, *lent*
[4] According to another reading, *Though actions be not weighed* [5] Or, *have rest*
[6] Or, *godly ones* Another reading is, *holy one*

12 Now the sons of Ē'lī were
base men; [1]they knew not Jĕ-hō'-
văh. 13 And the custom of the
priests with the people was, that,
when any man offered sacrifice,
the priest's servant came, while
the flesh was boiling, with a flesh-
hook of three teeth in his hand;
14 and he struck it into the pan,
or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all
that the flesh-hook brought up the
priest took therewith. So they
did in Shī'lōh unto all the Ĭs'rā-
ĕl-ītes that came thither. 15 Yea,
before they burnt the fat, the
priest's servant came, and said to
the man that sacrificed, Give flesh
to roast for the priest; for he will
not have boiled flesh of thee, but
raw. 16 And if the man said un-
to him, They will surely burn the
fat [2]first, and then take as much as
thy soul desireth; then [3]he would
say, Nay, but thou shalt give it
me now: and if not, I will take it
by force. 17 And the sin of the
young men was very great before
Jĕ-hō'văh; for the men despised
the offering of Jĕ-hō'văh.

18 But Săm'ū-ĕl ministered be-
fore Jĕ-hō'văh, being a child, gird-
ed with a linen ĕph'ŏd. 19 More-
over his mother made him a little
robe, and brought it to him from
year to year, when she came up
with her husband to offer the year-
ly sacrifice. 20 And Ē'lī blessed
ĕl'kă-năh and his wife, and said,
Jĕ-hō'văh give thee seed of this
woman for the petition which was
asked of Jĕ-hō'văh. And they
went unto their own home. 21 [4]And
Jĕ-hō'văh visited Hannah, and
she conceived, and bare three sons
and two daughters. And the child
Săm'ū-ĕl grew before Jĕ-hō'văh.

22 Now Ē'lī was very old; and
he heard all that his sons did unto
all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and how that they lay
with the women that did service
at the door of the tent of meeting.
23 And he said unto them, Why
do ye such things? for I hear of
your evil dealings from all this
people. 24 Nay, my sons; for it
is no good report [5]that I hear: ye
make Jĕ-hō'văh's people to trans-
gress. 25 If one man sin against
another, [6]God shall judge him; but
if a man sin against Jĕ-hō'văh,
who shall entreat for him? Not-
withstanding, they hearkened not
unto the voice of their father, be-
cause Jĕ-hō'văh was minded to
slay them. 26 And the child
Săm'ū-ĕl grew on, and increased
in favor both with Jĕ-hō'văh, and
also with men.

27 And there came a man of
God unto Ē'lī, and said unto him,
Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Did I re-
veal myself unto the house of thy
father, when they were in Ē'gўpt
[7]*in bondage* to Phā'raōh's house?
28 [8]and did I choose him out of all
the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl to be my
priest, to [9]go up unto mine altar, to
burn incense, to wear an ĕph'ŏd
before me? [10]and did I give unto
the house of thy father all the of-
ferings of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl
made by fire? 29 Wherefore [11]kick
ye at my sacrifice and at mine of-
fering, which I have commanded
in *my* habitation, and honorest thy
sons above me, to make your-
selves fat with the chiefest of all
the offerings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl my people?
30 Therefore Jĕ-hō'văh, the God
of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saith, I said indeed
that thy house, and the house of
thy father, should walk before me
for ever: but now Jĕ-hō'văh saith,
Be it far from me; for them that
honor me I will honor, and they
that despise me shall be lightly
esteemed. 31 Behold, the days
come, that I will cut off thine arm,
and the arm of thy father's house,
that there shall not be an old man
in thy house. 32 And thou shalt
behold [12]the affliction of *my* habita-
tion, in all the wealth which *God*
shall give Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and there shall
not be an old man in thy house for

[1] Or, *they knew not Jehovah, nor the due of the priests from the people. When any man &c.*
[2] Heb. *to-day* [3] Another reading is, *he would say unto him, Thou &c.* [4] The Heb. has, *For*
[5] Or, *which I hear Jehovah's people do spread abroad* [6] Or, *the judge* [7] Or, *in Pharaoh's house* [8] Or, *And I chose*
[9] Or, *offer upon* [10] Or, *and gave* [11] Or, *trample ye upon . . . and upon an adversary in* my *habitation*
[12] Or, *an adversary in* my *habitation*

ever. 33 [1]And the man of thine, *whom* I shall not cut off from mine altar, *shall be* to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thy heart; and all the increase of thy house shall die [2]in the flower of their age. 34 And this shall be the sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hŏph'nĭ and Phĭn'ē-hās: in one day they shall die both of them. 35 And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in my heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever. 36 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thy house shall come and bow down to him for a piece of silver and a loaf of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a morsel of bread.

3 And the child Săm'ū-ĕl ministered unto Jĕ-hō'văh before Ē'lī. And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh was [3]precious in those days; there was no [4]frequent vision. 2 And it came to pass at that time, when Ē'lī was laid down in his place (now his eyes had begun to wax dim, so that he could not see), 3 and the lamp of God was not yet gone out, and Săm'ū-ĕl was laid down *to sleep*, in the temple of Jĕ-hō'văh, where the ark of God was; 4 that Jĕ-hō'văh called Săm'ū-ĕl: and he said, Here am I. 5 And he ran unto Ē'lī, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. 6 And Jĕ-hō'văh called yet again, Săm'ū-ĕl. And Săm'ū-ĕl arose and went to Ē'lī, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. 7 Now Săm'ū-ĕl did not yet know Jĕ-hō'văh, neither was the word of Jĕ-hō'văh yet revealed unto him. 8 And Jĕ-hō'văh called Săm'ū-ĕl again the third time. And he arose and went to Ē'lī, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And Ē'lī perceived that Jĕ-hō'văh had called the child. 9 Therefore Ē'lī said unto Săm'ū-ĕl, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Jĕ-hō'văh; for thy servant heareth. So Săm'ū-ĕl went and lay down in his place.

10 And Jĕ-hō'văh came, and stood, and called as at other times, Săm'ū-ĕl, Săm'ū-ĕl. Then Săm'ū-ĕl said, Speak; for thy servant heareth. 11 And Jĕ-hō'văh said to Săm'ū-ĕl, Behold, I will do a thing in Ĭs'rā-ĕl, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. 12 In that day I will perform against Ē'lī all that I have spoken concerning his house, from the beginning even unto the end. 13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever, for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons did bring a curse upon themselves, and he restrained them not. 14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Ē'lī, that the iniquity of Ē'lī's house shall not be expiated with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

15 And Săm'ū-ĕl lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. And Săm'ū-ĕl feared to show Ē'lī the vision. 16 Then Ē'lī called Săm'ū-ĕl, and said, Săm'ū-ĕl, my son. And he said, Here am I. 17 And he said, What is the thing that *Je-ho'vah* hath spoken unto thee? I pray thee, hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide anything from me of all the things that he spake unto thee. 18 And Săm'ū-ĕl told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is Jĕ-hō'văh: let him do what seemeth him good.

19 And Săm'ū-ĕl grew, and Jĕ-hō'văh was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Ĭs'rā-ĕl from Dan even to Bĕ'ĕr-shĕ'bà knew that Săm'ū-ĕl was established to be a prophet of Jĕ-hō'văh. 21 And Jĕ-hō'văh appeared again in Shī'-

[1] Or, *Yet will I not cut off every man of thine from mine altar, to consume &c.* [2] Heb. when they are *men* [3] Or, *rare* [4] Heb. *widely spread*

lōh; for Jĕ-hō'văh revealed himself to Săm'ū-ĕl in Shī'lōh by the word of Jĕ-hō'văh. 4 1 And the word of Săm'ū-ĕl came to all Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

Now Ĭs'rā-ĕl went out against the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes to battle, and encamped beside Ĕb'ĕn-ē'zĕr: and the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes encamped in Ā'phĕk. 2 And the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes put themselves in array against Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and when [1]they joined battle, Ĭs'rā-ĕl was smitten before the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes; and they slew of the [2]army in the field about four thousand men. 3 And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl said, Wherefore hath Jĕ-hō'văh smitten us today before the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh out of Shī'lōh unto us, that it may come among us, and save us out of the hand of our enemies. 4 So the people sent to Shī'lōh; and they brought from thence the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, who [3]sitteth *above* the chĕr'ū-bĭm: and the two sons of Ē'lī, Hŏph'nī and Phĭn'ĕ-hās, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh came into the camp, all Ĭs'rā-ĕl shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again. 6 And when the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh was come into the camp. 7 And the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore. 8 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty gods? these are the gods that smote the Ē-gўp'tiăns with all manner of [4]plagues in the wilderness. 9 Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight. 10 And the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes fought, and Ĭs'rā-ĕl was smitten, and they fled every man to his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Ĭs'rā-ĕl thirty thousand footmen. 11 And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Ē'lī, Hŏph'nī and Phĭn'ĕ-hās, were slain.

12 And there ran a man of Bĕn'já-mĭn out of the [5]army, and came to Shī'lōh the same day, with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head. 13 And when he came, lo, Ē'lī was sitting upon his seat by the wayside watching; for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told it, all the city cried out. 14 And when Ē'lī heard the noise of the crying, he said, What meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man hasted, and came and told Ē'lī. 15 Now Ē'lī was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were set, so that he could not see. 16 And the man said unto Ē'lī, I am he that came out of the [5]army, and I fled to-day out of the [5]army. And he said, How went the matter, my son? 17 And he that brought the tidings answered and said, Ĭs'rā-ĕl is fled before the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hŏph'nī and Phĭn'ĕ-hās, are dead, and the ark of God is taken. 18 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that *Ē'lī* fell from off his seat backward by the side of the gate; and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Ĭs'rā-ĕl forty years.

19 And his daughter-in-law, Phĭn'ĕ-hās' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and

[1] Or, *the battle was spread*
[2] Heb. *array*
[3] Or, *is enthroned*
[4] Heb. *smiting*
[5] Heb. *array*

brought forth; for her pains came upon her. 20 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast brought forth a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it. 21 And she named the child [1]Ĭch'ă-bŏd, saying, The glory is departed from Ĭs'rā-ĕl; because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father-in-law and her husband. 22 And she said, The glory is departed from Ĭs'rā-ĕl; for the ark of God is taken.

5 Now the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes had taken the ark of God, and they brought it from Ĕb'ĕn-ē'zĕr unto Ăsh'dŏd. 2 And the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes took the ark of God, and brought it into the house of Dā'gŏn, and set it by Dā'gŏn. 3 And when they of Ăsh'dŏd arose early on the morrow, behold, Dā'gŏn was fallen [2]upon his face to the ground before the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh. And they took Dā'gŏn, and set him in his place again. 4 And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dā'gŏn was fallen [2]upon his face to the ground before the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh; and the head of Dā'gŏn and both the palms of his hands *lay* cut off upon the threshold; only *the stump of* Dā'gŏn was left to him. 5 Therefore neither the priests of Dā'gŏn, nor any that come into Dā'gŏn's house, tread on the threshold of Dā'gŏn in Ăsh'dŏd, unto this day.

6 But the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh was heavy upon them of Ăsh'dŏd, and he destroyed them, and smote them with [3]tumors, even Ăsh'dŏd and the borders thereof. 7 And when the men of Ăsh'dŏd saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall not abide with us; for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dā'gŏn our god. 8 They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Phĭ-lĭs'tines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl *thither*. 9 And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh was against the city with a very great discomfiture: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great; and tumors brake out upon them. 10 So they sent the ark of God to Ĕk'rŏn. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ĕk'rŏn, that the Ĕk'rŏn-ites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl to us, to slay us and our people. 11 They sent therefore and gathered together all the lords of the Phĭ-lĭs'tines, and they said, Send away the ark of the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and let it go again to its own place, that it slay us not, and our people. For there was a deadly discomfiture throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there. 12 And the men that died not were smitten with the tumors; and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

6 And the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh was in the [4]country of the Phĭ-lĭs'tines seven months. 2 And the Phĭ-lĭs'tines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do with the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh? show us wherewith we shall send it to its place. 3 And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, send it not empty; but by all means return him a trespass-offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you. 4 Then said they, What shall be the trespass-offering which we shall return to him? And they said, Five golden tumors, and five golden mice, *according to* the number of the lords of the Phĭ-lĭs'tines; for one plague was on [5]you all, and on your lords. 5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your tumors, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God

[1] That is, There is *no glory* [2] Or, *before it*
[3] Or, *plague boils* As read by the Jews, *emerods*.
[4] Heb. *field* [5] Heb. *them*

of Is'rā-ĕl: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. 6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Ē-gўp'tiăns and Phā'raōh hardened their hearts? When he had [1]wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let [2]the people go, and they departed? 7 Now therefore take and prepare you a new cart, and two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke; and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them; 8 and take the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a trespass-offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go. 9 And see; if it goeth up by the way of its own border to Bĕth-shē'mĕsh, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us; it was a chance that happened to us.

10 And the men did so, and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home; 11 and they put the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their tumors. 12 And the kine took the straight way by the way to Bĕth-shē'mĕsh; they went along [3]the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes went after them unto the border of Bĕth-shē'mĕsh. 13 And they of Bĕth-shē'mĕsh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley; and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it. 14 And the cart came into the field of Jŏsh'ū-ā the Bĕth-shē'mīte, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered up the kine for a burnt-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 15 And the Lē'vītes took down the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: and the men of Bĕth-shē'mĕsh offered burnt-offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 16 And when the five lords of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes had seen it, they returned to Ĕk'rŏn the same day.

17 And these are the golden tumors which the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes returned for a trespass-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh: for Ăsh'dŏd one, for Gā'zā one, for Ăsh'kĕ-lŏn one, for Gath one, for Ĕk'rŏn one; 18 and the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes belonging to the five lords, both of fortified cities and of country villages, even unto the great [4]stone, whereon they set down the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh, *which stone remaineth* unto this day in the field of Jŏsh'ū-ā the Bĕth-shē'mīte.

19 And he smote of the men of Bĕth-shē'mĕsh, because they had looked into the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh, he smote of the people seventy men, *and* fifty thousand men; and the people mourned, because Jĕ-hō'văh had smitten the people with a great slaughter. 20 And the men of Bĕth-shē'mĕsh said, Who is able to stand before Jĕ-hō'văh, this holy God? and to whom shall he go up from us? 21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-jē'ă-rĭm, saying, The Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes have brought back the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh; come ye down, and fetch it up to you. 1 And the men of Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-jē'ă-rĭm came, and fetched up the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh, and brought it into the house of Ă-bĭn'ă-dăb in [5]the hill, and sanctified Ē-lē-ā'zăr his son to keep the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh. 2 And it came to pass, from the day that the ark abode in Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-jē'ă-rĭm, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Is'rā-ĕl [6]lamented after Jĕ-hō'văh.

[1] Or, *made a mock of*
[2] Heb. *them*
[3] Heb. *one raised way*
[4] So the Sept. The Hebrew text has, *Abel*, (that is, *a meadow*)
[5] Or, *Gibeah*
[6] Or, *was drawn together*

3 And Săm'ū-ĕl spake unto all the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, If ye do return unto Jĕ-hō'văh with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ăsh'tă-rŏth from among you, and direct your hearts unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and serve him only; and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. 4 Then the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl did put away the Bā'ăl-ĭm and the Ăsh'tă-rŏth, and served Jĕ-hō'văh only.

5 And Săm'ū-ĕl said, Gather all Ĭs'rā-ĕl to Mĭz'păh, and I will pray for you unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 6 And they gathered together to Mĭz'păh, and drew water, and poured it out before Jĕ-hō'văh, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against Jĕ-hō'văh. And Săm'ū-ĕl judged the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl in Mĭz'păh. 7 And when the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes heard that the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl were gathered together to Mĭz'păh, the lords of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes went up against Ĭs'rā-ĕl. And when the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl heard it, they were afraid of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. 8 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl said to Săm'ū-ĕl, Cease not to cry unto Jĕ-hō'văh our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. 9 And Săm'ū-ĕl took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a whole burnt-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh: and Săm'ū-ĕl cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh for Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and Jĕ-hō'văh answered him. 10 And as Săm'ū-ĕl was offering up the burnt-offering, the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes drew near to battle against Ĭs'rā-ĕl; but Jĕ-hō'văh thundered with a great [1]thunder on that day upon the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and discomfited them; and they were smitten down before Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 11 And the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl went out of Mĭz'păh, and pursued the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and smote them, until they came under Bĕth'-căr.

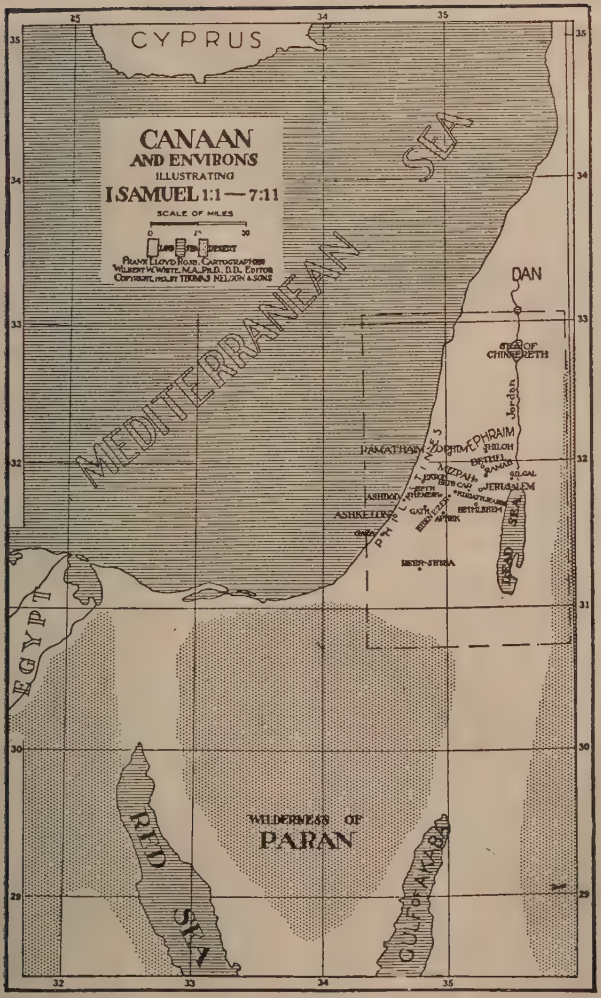
12 Then Săm'ū-ĕl took a stone, and set it between Mĭz'păh and Shen, and called the name of it [2]Ĕb'ĕn-ē'zĕr, saying, Hitherto hath Jĕ-hō'văh helped us. 13 So the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes were subdued, and they came no more within the border of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh was against the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes all the days of Săm'ū-ĕl. 14 And the cities which the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes had taken from Ĭs'rā-ĕl were restored to Ĭs'rā-ĕl, from Ĕk'rŏn even unto Gath; and the border thereof did Ĭs'rā-ĕl deliver out of the hand of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. And there was peace between Ĭs'rā-ĕl and the Ăm'ŏr-ītes.

15 And Săm'ū-ĕl judged Ĭs'rā-ĕl all the days of his life. 16 And he went from year to year in circuit to Bĕth'-ĕl, and Gĭl'găl, and Mĭz'păh; and he judged Ĭs'rā-ĕl in all those places. 17 And his return was to Rā'măh, for there was his house; and there he judged Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and he built there an altar unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

8 And it came to pass, when Săm'ū-ĕl was old, that he made his sons judges over Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 2 Now the name of his first-born was Jō'ĕl; and the name of his second, Ă-bī'jăh: they were judges in Bē'ĕr-shĕ'bà. 3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted justice.

4 Then all the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl gathered themselves together, and came to Săm'ū-ĕl unto Rā'măh; 5 and they said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. 6 But the thing displeased Săm'ū-ĕl, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Săm'ū-ĕl prayed unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 7 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Săm'ū-ĕl, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee; for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not be king over them. 8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Ē'gўpt even unto this day, in that they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto

[1] Heb. *voice* [2] That is, *The stone of help*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thee. 9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit thou shalt protest solemnly unto them, and shalt show them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

10 And Săm'ū-ĕl told all the words of Jĕ-hō'văh unto the people that asked of him a king. 11 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: he will take your sons, and appoint them unto him, [1]for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and they shall run before his chariots; 12 and he will appoint them unto him for captains of thousands, and captains of fifties; and *he will set some* to plow his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and the instruments of his chariots. 13 And he will take your daughters to be perfumers, and to be cooks, and to be bakers. 14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. 15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his [2]officers, and to his servants. 16 And he will take your men-servants, and your maid-servants, and your goodliest [3]young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. 17 He will take the tenth of your flocks: and ye shall be his servants. 18 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king whom ye shall have chosen you; and Jĕ-hō'văh will not answer you in that day.

19 But the people refused to hearken unto the voice of Săm'ū-ĕl; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us, 20 that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles. 21 And Săm'ū-ĕl heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of Jĕ-hō'văh. 22 And Jĕ-hō'văh said to Săm'ū-ĕl, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Săm'ū-ĕl said unto the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Go ye every man unto his city.

9 Now there was a man of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, whose name was Kĭsh, the son of Ă-bī'ĕl, the son of Zĕ'rôr, the son of Bĕ-cō'răth, the son of Ă-phī'ăh, the son of a Bĕn'jă-mīte, a mighty man of [4]valor. 2 And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a [5]young man and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people. 3 And the asses of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses. 4 And he passed through the hill-country of Ē'phră-ĭm, and passed through the land of Shăl'ĭ-shăh, but they found them not: then they passed through the land of Shā'ă-lĭm, and there they were not: and he passed through the land of the Bĕn'jă-mītes, but they found them not.

5 When they were come to the land of Zŭph, Saul said to his servant that was with him, Come, and let us return, lest my father leave off caring for the asses, and be anxious for us. 6 And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is a man that is held in honor; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can tell us concerning our journey whereon we go. 7 Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we? 8 And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have in my hand the fourth part of a shĕk'ĕl of silver: that will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way. 9 (Beforetime in Ĭs'rā-ĕl, when a man went to

[1] Or, *over his chariots, and over his horses*
[2] Or, *eunuchs*
[3] The Sept. has, *herds*
[4] Or, *wealth*
[5] Or, *choice*

inquire of God, thus he said, Come, and let us go to the seer; for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer). 10 Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God was.

11 As they went up the ascent to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here? 12 And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, *he is* before thee: make haste now, for he is come to-day into the city; for the people have a sacrifice to-day in the high place. 13 As soon as ye are come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he goeth up to the high place to eat; for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; *and* afterwards they eat that are bidden. Now therefore get you up; for at this time ye shall find him. 14 And they went up to the city; *and* as they came within the city, behold, Săm'ū-ĕl came out toward them, to go up to the high place.

15 Now Jĕ-hō'văh had [1]revealed unto Săm'ū-ĕl a day before Saul came, saying, 16 To-morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, and thou shalt anoint him to be [2]prince over my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and he shall save my people out of the hand of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me. 17 And when Săm'ū-ĕl saw Saul, Jĕ-hō'văh [3]said unto him, Behold, the man [4]of whom I spake to thee! this same shall have authority over my people. 18 Then Saul drew near to Săm'ū-ĕl in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is. 19 And Săm'ū-ĕl answered Saul, and said, I am the seer; go up before me unto the high place, for ye shall eat with me to-day: and in the morning I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thy heart. 20 And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And [5]for whom is all that is desirable in Ĭs'rā-ĕl? Is it not for thee, and for all thy father's house? 21 And Saul answered and said, Am not I a Bĕn'jă-mīte, of the smallest of the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? and my family the least of all the families of the [6]tribe of Bĕn'jă-mĭn? wherefore then speakest thou to me after this manner?

22 And Săm'ū-ĕl took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the guest-chamber, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, who were about thirty persons. 23 And Săm'ū-ĕl said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee. 24 And the [7]cook took up the [7]thigh, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And *Sam'u-el* said, Behold, that which hath been reserved! set it before thee and eat; because unto the appointed time hath it been kept for thee, [8]for I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Săm'ū-ĕl that day.

25 And when they were come down from the high place into the city, he communed with Saul upon the housetop. 26 And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Săm'ū-ĕl called to Saul on the housetop, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Săm'ū-ĕl, abroad. 27 As they were going down at the end of the city, Săm'ū-ĕl said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us (and he passed on), but stand thou still [9]first, that I may cause thee to hear the word of God.

10 Then Săm'ū-ĕl took the vial of oil, and poured it upon

[1] Heb. *uncovered the ear of Samuel* [2] Or, *leader* [3] Heb. *answered him* [4] Or, *of whom I said unto thee, This same &c.*
[5] Or, *on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on thee, and on all &c.?* [6] Heb. *tribes* [7] Or, *shoulder* [8] Heb. *saying* [9] Heb. *to-day*

his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not that Jĕ-hō'văh hath anointed thee to be prince over his inheritance? 2 When thou art departed from me to-day, then thou shalt find two men by Rā'chĕl's sepulchre, in the border of Bĕn'-jă-mĭn at Zĕl'zăh; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found; and, lo, thy father hath left off caring for the asses, and is anxious for you, saying, What shall I do for my son? 3 Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the [1]oak of Tā'bôr; and there shall meet thee there three men going up to God to Bĕth'-ĕl, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a [2]bottle of wine: 4 and they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread, which thou shalt receive of their hand. 5 After that thou shalt come to [3]the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Phĭ-lĭs'tines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a band of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a timbrel, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they will be prophesying: 6 and the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh will come mightily upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man. 7 And [4]let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, [5]that thou do as occasion shall serve thee; for God is with thee. 8 And thou shalt go down before me to Gĭl'găl; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt-offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace-offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come unto thee, and show thee what thou shalt do.

9 And it was so, that, when he had turned his back to go from Săm'ū-ĕl, God [6]gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day. 10 And when they came thither to [7]the hill, behold, a band of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came mightily upon him, and he prophesied among them. 11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied with the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets? 12 And one of the same place answered and said, And who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets? 13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

14 And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses; and when we saw that they were not found, we came to Săm'ū-ĕl. 15 And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Săm'ū-ĕl said unto you. 16 And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But concerning the matter of the kingdom, whereof Săm'-ū-ĕl spake, he told him not.

17 And Săm'ū-ĕl called the people together unto Jĕ-hō'văh to Mĭz'păh; 18 and he said unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, I brought up Ĭs'rā-ĕl out of Ē'gўpt, and I delivered you out of the hand of the Ē-gўp'tiăns, and out of the hand of all the kingdoms that oppressed you: 19 but ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saveth you out of all your calamities and your distresses; and ye have said unto him, *Nay*, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before Jĕ-hō'văh by your tribes, and by your thousands. 20 So Săm'ū-ĕl brought all the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl near, and the tribe of Bĕn'jă-mĭn was taken. 21 And he brought the tribe of Bĕn'jă-mĭn near by their families; and the

[1] Or, *terebinth* [2] Or, *skin* [3] Or, *Gibeah*
[4] Heb. *it shall come to pass, that when these signs &c.* [5] Heb. *do for thee as thy hand shall find* [6] Heb. *turned*
[7] Or, *Gibeah*

family of the Măt'rītes was taken; and Saul the son of Kish was taken: but when they sought him, he could not be found. 22 Therefore they asked of Jĕ-hō'văh further, [1]Is there yet a man to come hither? And Jĕ-hō'văh answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the baggage. 23 And they ran and fetched him thence; and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. 24 And Săm'ū-ĕl said to all the people, See ye him whom Jĕ-hō'văh hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, *Long* live the king.

25 Then Săm'ū-ĕl told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in [2]a book, and laid it up before Jĕ-hō'văh. And Săm'ū-ĕl sent all the people away, every man to his house. 26 And Saul also went to his house to Gĭb'ĕ-ăh; and there went with him the [3]host, whose hearts God had touched. 27 But certain worthless fellows said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no present. [4]But he held his peace.

11 Then Nā'hăsh the Ăm'mŏn-īte came up, and encamped against Jā'bĕsh-gĭl'ĕ-ăd: and all the men of Jā'bĕsh said unto Nā'hăsh, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee. 2 And Nā'hăsh the Ăm'mŏn-īte said unto them, On this condition will I make it with you, that all your right eyes be put out; and I will lay it for a reproach upon all Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 3 And the elders of Jā'bĕsh said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the borders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and then, if there be none to save us, we will come out to thee. 4 Then came the messengers to Gĭb'ĕ-ăh of Saul, and spake these words in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voice, and wept. 5 And, behold, Saul came following the oxen out of the field; and Saul said, What aileth the people that they weep? And they told him the words of the men of Jā'bĕsh.

6 And the Spirit of God came mightily upon Saul when he heard those words, and his anger was kindled greatly. 7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the borders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl by the hand of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Săm'ū-ĕl, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And [5]the dread of Jĕ-hō'văh fell on the people, and they came out as one man. 8 And he numbered them in Bĕ'zĕk; and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl were three hundred thousand, and the men of Jū'dăh thirty thousand. 9 And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jā'bĕsh-gĭl'ĕ-ăd, To-morrow, by the time the sun is hot, ye shall have deliverance. And the messengers came and told the men of Jā'bĕsh; and they were glad. 10 Therefore the men of Jā'bĕsh said, To-morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you. 11 And it was so on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and smote the Ăm'mŏn-ītes until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they that remained were scattered, so that not two of them were left together.

12 And the people said unto Săm'ū-ĕl, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death. 13 And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day; for to-day Jĕ-hō'văh hath wrought [6]deliverance in Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

14 Then said Săm'ū-ĕl to the people, Come, and let us go to Gĭl'găl, and renew the kingdom

[1] Or, *Is the man yet come hither?* [2] Or, *the* [3] Or, men of *valor* [4] Or, *But he was as though he had been deaf*
[5] Or, *a terror from Jehovah* [6] Heb. *salvation*

there. 15 And all the people went to Gĭl'găl; and there they made Saul king before Jĕ-hō'văh in Gĭl'găl; and there they offered sacrifices of peace-offerings before Jĕ-hō'văh; and there Saul and all the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl rejoiced greatly.

12 And Săm'ū-ĕl said unto all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you. 2 And now, behold, the king walketh before you; and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my youth unto this day. 3 Here I am: witness against me before Jĕ-hō'văh, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I taken a [1]ransom [2]to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you. 4 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken aught of any man's hand. 5 And he said unto them, Jĕ-hō'văh is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found aught in my hand. And they said, He is witness.

6 And Săm'ū-ĕl said unto the people, It is Jĕ-hō'văh that [3]appointed Mō'sĕs and Aär'ŏn, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Ē'gўpt. 7 Now therefore stand still, that I may plead with you before Jĕ-hō'văh concerning all the righteous acts of Jĕ-hō'văh, which he did to you and to your fathers. 8 When Jacob was come into Ē'gўpt, and your fathers cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh, then Jĕ-hō'văh sent Mō'sĕs and Aär'ŏn, who brought forth your fathers out of Ē'gўpt, and made them to dwell in this place. 9 But they forgat Jĕ-hō'văh their God; and he sold them into the hand of Sĭs'ĕ-rà, captain of the host of Hā'zôr, and into the hand of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and into the hand of the king of Mō'ăb; and they fought against them. 10 And they cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken Jĕ-hō'văh, and have served the Bā'ăl-ĭm and the Ash'tă-rŏth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee. 11 And Jĕ-hō'văh sent Jĕr-ŭb-bā'ăl, and [4]Bē'dăn, and Jĕph'thăh, and Săm'ū-ĕl, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side; and ye dwelt in safety. 12 And when ye saw that Nā'hăsh the king of the children of Ăm'mŏn came against you, ye said unto me, Nay, but a king shall reign over us; when Jĕ-hō'văh your God was your king. 13 Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have asked for: and, behold, Jĕ-hō'văh hath set a king over you. 14 If ye will fear Jĕ-hō'văh, and serve him, and hearken unto his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh, [5]and both ye and also the king that reigneth over you be followers of Jĕ-hō'văh your God, *well*: 15 but if ye will not hearken unto the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh, but rebel against the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh, then will the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh be against you, as it was against your fathers. 16 Now therefore stand still and see this great thing, which Jĕ-hō'văh will do before your eyes. 17 Is it not wheat harvest to-day? I will call unto Jĕ-hō'văh, that he may send thunder and rain; and ye shall know and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, in asking you a king. 18 So Săm'ū-ĕl called unto Jĕ-hō'văh; and Jĕ-hō'văh sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared Jĕ-hō'văh and Săm'ū-ĕl.

19 And all the people said unto Săm'ū-ĕl, Pray for thy servants unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, that we

[1] Or, *bribe* [2] Or, *that I should hide mine eyes at him* [3] Or, *made*

[4] Acc. to Sept. and Syr., *Barak* [5] Or, *then shall both ye . . . Jehovah your God: but &c.*

die not; for we have added unto all our sins *this* evil, to ask us a king. 20 And Săm'ū-ĕl said unto the people, Fear not: ye have indeed done all this evil; yet turn not aside from following Jĕ-hō'văh, but serve Jĕ-hō'văh with all your heart; 21 and turn ye not aside; for *then would ye go* after vain things which cannot profit nor deliver, for they are vain. 22 For Jĕ-hō'văh will not forsake his people for his great name's sake, because it hath pleased Jĕ-hō'văh to make you a people unto himself. 23 Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against Jĕ-hō'văh in ceasing to pray for you: but I will instruct you in the good and the right way. 24 Only fear Jĕ-hō'văh, and serve him in truth with all your heart; for consider how great things he hath done for you. 25 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

13 Saul was [1]*forty*] years old when he began to reign; and when he had reigned two years over Ĭs'rā-ĕl, 2 Saul chose him three thousand men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, whereof two thousand were with Saul in Mĭch'măsh and in the mount of Bĕth'-ĕl, and a thousand were with Jŏn'ă-thăn in Gĭb'ē-ăh of Bĕn'jă-mĭn: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent. 3 And Jŏn'ă-thăn smote the garrison of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes that was in Gĕ'bà; and the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear. 4 And all Ĭs'rā-ĕl heard say that Saul had smitten the garrison of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and also that Ĭs'rā-ĕl was had in abomination with the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. And the people were gathered together after Saul to Gĭl'găl.

5 And the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes assembled themselves together to fight with Ĭs'rā-ĕl, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea-shore in multitude: and they came up, and encamped in Mĭch'măsh, eastward of Bĕth-ā'vĕn. 6 When the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl saw that they were in a strait (for the people were distressed), then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in coverts, and in [2]pits. 7 Now some of the Hebrews had gone over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gĭl'ĕ-ăd; but as for Saul, he was yet in Gĭl'găl, and all the people followed him trembling.

8 And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Săm'ū-ĕl *had appointed*: but Săm'ū-ĕl came not to Gĭl'găl; and the people were scattered from him. 9 And Saul said, Bring hither the burnt-offering to me, and the peace-offerings. And he offered the burnt-offering. 10 And it came to pass that, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, behold, Săm'ū-ĕl came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might [3]salute him. 11 And Săm'ū-ĕl said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes assembled themselves together at Mĭch'măsh; 12 therefore said I, Now will the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes come down upon me to Gĭl'găl, and I have not entreated the favor of Jĕ-hō'văh: I forced myself therefore, and offered the burnt-offering. 13 And Săm'ū-ĕl said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly; thou hast not kept the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would Jĕ-hō'văh have established thy kingdom upon Ĭs'rā-ĕl for ever. 14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: Jĕ-hō'văh hath sought him a man after his own heart, and Jĕ-hō'văh hath appointed him to be prince over his people, because thou hast not kept that which Jĕ-hō'văh commanded

[1] The number is lacking in the Heb. text, and is supplied conjecturally.

[2] Or, *cisterns*

[3] Or, *bless*

thee. 15 And Săm'ū-ĕl arose, and gat him up from Gĭl'găl unto Gĭb'ē-ăh of Bĕn'jă-mĭn.

And Saul numbered the people that were present with him, about six hundred men. 16 And Saul, and Jŏn'ă-thăn his son, and the people that were present with them, abode in Gē'bá of Bĕn'jă-mĭn: but the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes encamped in Mĭch'măsh. 17 And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes in three companies: one company turned unto the way that leadeth to Ŏph'răh, unto the land of Shu'ăl; 18 and another company turned the way to Bĕth-hō'rŏn; and another company turned the way of the border that looketh down upon the valley of Zĕ-bō'ĭm toward the wilderness.

19 Now there was no smith found through all the land of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; for the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears: 20 but all the Ĭs'rā-ĕl-ītes went down to the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock; 21 yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to set the goads. 22 So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jŏn'ă-thăn: but with Saul and with Jŏn'ă-thăn his son was there found. 23 And the garrison of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes went out unto the pass of Mĭch'măsh.

14 Now it fell upon a day, that Jŏn'ă-thăn the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armor, Come, and let us go over to the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes' garrison, that is on yonder side. But he told not his father. 2 And Saul abode in the uttermost part of Gĭb'ē-ăh under the pomegranate-tree which is in Mĭg'rŏn: and the people that were with him were about six hundred men; 3 and Ă-hī'jăh, the son of Ă-hī'tŭb, Ĭch'-ă-bŏd's brother, the son of Phĭn'-ē-hăs, the son of Ē'lī, the priest of Jĕ-hō'văh in Shī'lōh, wearing an ĕph'ŏd. And the people knew not that Jŏn'ă-thăn was gone. 4 And between the passes, by which Jŏn'ă-thăn sought to go over unto the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes' garrison, there was a rocky crag on the one side, and a rocky crag on the other side: and the name of the one was Bō'-zĕz, and the name of the other Sĕ'nĕh. 5 The one crag rose up on the north in front of Mĭch'-măsh, and the other on the south in front of Gē'bá.

6 And Jŏn'ă-thăn said to the young man that bare his armor, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that Jĕ-hō'văh will work for us; for there is no restraint to Jĕ-hō'văh to save by many or by few. 7 And his armorbearer said unto him, Do all that is in thy heart: turn thee, behold, I am with thee according to thy heart. 8 Then said Jŏn'ă-thăn, Behold, we will pass over unto the men, and we will disclose ourselves unto them. 9 If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them. 10 But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath delivered them into our hand: and this shall be the sign unto us. 11 And both of them disclosed themselves unto the garrison of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes: and the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves. 12 And the men of the garrison answered Jŏn'ă-thăn and his armorbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will show you a thing. And Jŏn'ă-thăn said unto his armorbearer, Come up after me; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath delivered them into the hand of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 13 And Jŏn'ă-thăn climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armorbearer after him: and they fell before Jŏn'ă-thăn;

[1] Or, *when the edges of the mattocks . . . and of the axes were blunt* The Hebrew text is obscure

and his armorbearer slew them after him. 14 And that first slaughter, which Jŏn'ă-thăn and his armorbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were [1]half a furrow's length in an acre of land. 15 And there was a trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people; the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled; and the earth quaked: so there was [2]an exceeding great trembling.

16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gĭb'ĕ-ăh of Bĕn'jă-mĭn looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went *hither* and thither. 17 Then said Saul unto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jŏn'ă-thăn and his armorbearer were not there. 18 And Saul said unto Ă-hi'jăh, [3]Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was *there* at that time [4]with the children of Is'rā-ĕl. 19 And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the tumult that was in the camp of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thy hand. 20 And Saul and all the people that were with him were gathered together, and came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, *and there was* a very great discomfiture. 21 Now the Hebrews that were with the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes as beforetime, and that went up with them [5]into the camp, *from the country* round about, even they also *turned* to be with the Is'rā-ĕl-ītes that were with Saul and Jŏn'ă-thăn. 22 Likewise all the men of Is'rā-ĕl that had hid themselves in the hill-country of E'phrā-ĭm, when they heard that the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle. 23 So Jē-hō'văh saved Is'rā-ĕl that day: and the battle passed over by Bĕth-ā'vĕn.

24 And the men of Is'rā-ĕl were distressed that day; for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food until it be evening, and I be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted food. 25 And all [6]the people came into the forest; and there was honey upon the ground. 26 And when the people were come unto the forest, behold, [7]the honey dropped: but no man put his hand to his mouth; for the people feared the oath. 27 But Jŏn'ă-thăn heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in the honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened. 28 Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth food this day. And the people were faint. 29 Then said Jŏn'ă-thăn, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey. 30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to-day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? [8]for now hath there been no great slaughter among the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes.

31 And they smote of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes that day from Mĭch'măsh to Ă-ĭ'jă-lŏn. And the people were very faint; 32 and the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground; and the people did eat them with the blood. 33 Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against Jē-hō'văh, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have dealt treacherously: roll a great stone unto me this day. 34 And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me

[1] Or, *half an acre of land* [2] Heb. *a trembling of God* [3] Some editions of Sept. have, *Bring hither the ephod. For he wore the ephod at that time before Israel* [4] Heb. *and* [5] Or, *in the camp, round about*
[6] Heb. *the land* [7] Or, *a stream of honey* [8] Or, *for had there not been now a much greater slaughter &c.?*

hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and sin not against Jĕ-hō'văh in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew them there. 35 And Saul built an altar unto Jĕ-hō'văh: the same was the first altar that he built unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

36 And Saul said, Let us go down after the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes by night, and take spoil among them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God. 37 And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? But he answered him not that day. 38 And Saul said, Draw nigh hither, all ye [1]chiefs of the people; and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day. 39 For, as Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, who saveth Ĭs'rā-ĕl, though it be in Jŏn'ă-thăn my son, he shall surely die. But there was not a man among all the people that answered him. 40 Then said he unto all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Be ye on one side, and I and Jŏn'ă-thăn my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee. 41 Therefore Saul said unto Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, [2]Show the right. And Jŏn'ă-thăn and Saul were taken *by lot*; but the people escaped. 42 And Saul said, Cast *lots* between me and Jŏn'ă-thăn my son. And Jŏn'ă-thăn was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jŏn'ă-thăn, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jŏn'ă-thăn told him, and said, I did certainly taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand; and, lo, I must die. 44 And Saul said, God do so and more also; for thou shalt surely die, Jŏn'ă-thăn. 45 And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jŏn'ă-thăn die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Ĭs'rā-ĕl? Far from it: as Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people [3]rescued Jŏn'ă-thăn, that he died not. 46 Then Saul went up from following the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes; and the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes went to their own place.

47 Now when Saul had taken the kingdom over Ĭs'rā-ĕl, he fought against all his enemies on every side, against Mō'ăb, and against the children of Ăm'mŏn, and against Ē'dŏm, and against the kings of Zō'băh, and against the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes: and whithersoever he turned himself, he put *them* to the worse. 48 And he did valiantly, and smote the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes, and delivered Ĭs'rā-ĕl out of the hands of them that despoiled them.

49 Now the sons of Saul were Jŏn'ă-thăn, and Ĭsh'vī, and Măl'-chĭ-shu'ă; and the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the first-born Mē'răb, and the name of the younger Mĭ'chăl: 50 and the name of Saul's wife was Ă-hĭn'ŏ-ăm the daughter of Ă-hĭm'ă-ăz. And the name of the captain of his host was Ăb'nēr the son of Nēr, Saul's uncle. 51 And Kĭsh was the father of Saul; and Nēr the father of Ăb'nēr was the son of Ă-bĭ'ĕl.

52 And there was sore war against the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any mighty man, or any valiant man, he [4]took him unto him.

15 And Săm'ū-ĕl said unto Saul, Jĕ-hō'văh sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Ĭs'rā-ĕl: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of Jĕ-hō'văh. 2 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, I [5]have marked that which Ăm'ă-lĕk did to Ĭs'rā-ĕl, how he set himself against him in the way, when he came up out of Ē'gўpt. 3 Now go and smite Ăm'ă-lĕk, and [6]ut-

[1] Heb. *corners*
[2] Or, *Give a perfect lot*
[3] Heb. *ransomed*
[4] Heb. *gathered*
[5] Or, *will visit*
[6] Heb. *devote*

terly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

4 And Saul summoned the people, and numbered them in Tĕ-lā'-ĭm, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Jū'dăh. 5 And Saul came to the city of Ăm'ă-lĕk, and [1]laid wait in the valley. 6 And Saul said unto the Kĕn'ītes, Go, depart, get you down from among the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes, lest I destroy you with them; for ye showed kindness to all the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, when they came up out of Ē'gўpt. So the Kĕn'ītes departed from among the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes. 7 And Saul smote the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes, from Hăv'ĭ-lăh as thou goest to Shûr, that is before Ē'gўpt. 8 And he took Ā'găg king of the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes alive, and [2]utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. 9 But Saul and the people spared Ā'găg, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not [3]utterly destroy them: but everything that was vile and refuse, that they [2]destroyed utterly.

10 Then came the word of Jĕ-hō'văh unto Săm'ū-ĕl, saying, 11 It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king; for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And Săm'ū-ĕl was wroth; and he cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh all night. 12 And Săm'ū-ĕl rose early to meet Saul in the morning; and it was told Săm'ū-ĕl, saying, Saul came to Căr'mĕl, and, behold, he set him up a [4]monument, and turned, and passed on, and went down to Gĭl'găl. 13 And Săm'-ū-ĕl came to Saul; and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of Jĕ-hō'văh: I have performed the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh. 14 And Săm'ū-ĕl said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? 15 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God; and the rest we have [2]utterly destroyed. 16 Then Săm'ū-ĕl said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what Jĕ-hō'văh hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

17 And Săm'ū-ĕl said, [5]Though thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? And Jĕ-hō'-văh anointed thee king over Ĭs'rā-ĕl; 18 and Jĕ-hō'văh sent thee on a journey, and said, Go, and utterly destroy the sinners the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes, and fight against them until they be consumed. 19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh? 20 And Saul said unto Săm'ū-ĕl, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh, and have gone the way which Jĕ-hō'văh sent me, and have brought Ā'găg the king of Ăm'ă-lĕk, and have [3]utterly destroyed the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes. 21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the devoted things, to sacrifice unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God in Gĭl'găl. 22 And Săm'-ū-ĕl said, Hath Jĕ-hō'văh as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of [6]witchcraft, and stubbornness is as [7]idolatry and tĕr'ă-phim. Because thou hast rejected the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

24 And Saul said unto Săm'-ū-ĕl, I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh, and thy words, because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. 25 Now there-

[1] Or, *strove* [2] Heb. *devoted* [3] Heb. *devote*
[4] Heb. *hand* [5] Or, *Though thou be little . . . art thou not head of the tribes of Israel?* [6] Heb. *divination* [7] Or, *iniquity*

fore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship Jĕ-hō'văh. 26 And Săm'-ū-ĕl said unto Saul, I will not return with thee; for thou hast rejected the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, and Jĕ-hō'văh hath rejected thee from being king over ĭs'rā-ĕl. 27 And as Săm'ū-ĕl turned about to go away, *Saul* laid hold upon the skirt of his robe, and it rent. 28 And Săm'ū-ĕl said unto him, Jĕ-hō'văh hath rent the kingdom of ĭs'rā-ĕl from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbor of thine, that is better than thou. 29 And also the [1]Strength of ĭs'rā-ĕl will not lie nor repent; for he is not a man, that he should repent. 30 Then he said, I have sinned: yet honor me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before ĭs'rā-ĕl, and turn again with me, that I may worship Jĕ-hō'văh thy God. 31 So Săm'ū-ĕl turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped Jĕ-hō'văh.

32 Then said Săm'ū-ĕl, Bring ye hither to me Ā'găg the king of the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes. And Ā'găg came unto him cheerfully. And Ā'găg said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. 33 And Săm'-ū-ĕl said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Săm'ū-ĕl hewed Ā'găg in pieces before Jĕ-hō'văh in Gĭl'găl.

34 Then Săm'ū-ĕl went to Rā'măh; and Saul went up to his house to Gĭb'ē-ăh of Saul. 35 And Săm'ū-ĕl came no more to see Saul until the day of his death; [2]for Săm'ū-ĕl mourned for Saul: and Jĕ-hō'văh repented that he had made Saul king over ĭs'rā-ĕl.

16 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Săm'ū-ĕl, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over ĭs'rā-ĕl? fill thy horn with oil, and go: I will send thee to Jĕs'sĕ the Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm-ite; for I have provided me a king among his sons. 2 And Săm'ū-ĕl said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And Jĕ-hō'văh said, Take a heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to Jĕ-hō'văh. 3 And call Jĕs'sĕ to the sacrifice, and I will show thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee. 4 And Săm'ū-ĕl did that which Jĕ-hō'văh spake, and came to Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm. And the elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, Comest thou peaceably? 5 And he said, Peaceably; I am come to sacrifice unto Jĕ-hō'văh: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jĕs'sĕ and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on [3]Ē-lī'ăb, and said, Surely Jĕ-hō'-văh's anointed is before him. 7 But Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Săm'-ū-ĕl, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have rejected him: for *Je-ho'vah seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but Jĕ-hō'văh looketh on the heart. 8 Then Jĕs'sĕ called Ă-bĭn'ă-dăb, and made him pass before Săm'ū-ĕl. And he said, Neither hath Jĕ-hō'văh chosen this. 9 Then Jĕs'sĕ made [4]Shăm'-măh to pass by. And he said, Neither hath Jĕ-hō'văh chosen this. 10 And Jĕs'sĕ made seven of his sons to pass before Săm'ū-ĕl. And Săm'ū-ĕl said unto Jĕs'sĕ, Jĕ-hō'văh hath not chosen these. 11 And Săm'ū-ĕl said unto Jĕs'sĕ, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he is keeping the sheep. And Săm'ū-ĕl said unto Jĕs'sĕ, Send and fetch him; for we will not sit [5]down till he come hither. 12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal [6]of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look upon. And Jĕ-hō'văh said, Arise, anoint him; for this is he. 13 Then Săm'ū-ĕl took the horn of oil, and

[1] Or, *Victory*, Or, *Glory* [2] Or, *but*
[3] In 1 Chr. 27. 18, *Elihu* [4] In 2 S. 13. 3, *Shimeah* In 1 Chr. 2. 13, *Shimea*
[5] Heb. *around* [6] Heb. *fair of eyes*

anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'-văh came mightily upon David from that day forward. So Săm'-ū-ĕl rose up, and went to Rā'măh.

14 Now the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from Jĕ-hō'văh [1]troubled him. 15 And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. 16 Let our lord now command thy servants, that are before thee, to seek out a man who is a skilful player on the harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. 17 And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me. 18 Then answered one of the young men, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jĕs'sĕ the Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm-īte, that is skilful in playing, and a mighty man of valor, and a man of war, and [2]prudent in [3]speech, and a comely person; and Jĕ-hō'văh is with him. 19 Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jĕs'sĕ, and said, Send me David thy son, who is with the sheep. 20 And Jĕs'sĕ took an ass *laden* with bread, and a [4]bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul. 21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armorbearer. 22 And Saul sent to Jĕs'sĕ, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favor in my sight. 23 And it came to pass, when the *evil* spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took the harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

17 Now the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes gathered together their armies to battle; and they were gathered together at Sō'cōh, which belongeth to Jū'dăh, and encamped between Sō'cōh and Ā-zē'kăh, in Ĕ'phĕs-dăm'mĭm. 2 And Saul and the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl were gathered together, and encamped in the vale of [5]Ē'lăh, and set the battle in array against the Phĭ'lĭs'tĭnes. 3 And the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes stood on the mountain on the one side, and Ĭs'rā-ĕl stood on the mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them. 4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, named Gō-lī'ăth, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. 5 And he had a helmet of brass upon his head, and he was clad with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shĕk'ĕls of brass. 6 And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a javelin of brass between his shoulders. 7 And the [6]staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shĕk'ĕls of iron: and his shield-bearer went before him. 8 And he stood and cried unto the [7]armies of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Phĭ-lĭs'-tĭne, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. 9 If he be able to fight with me, and kill me, then will we be your servants; but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. 10 And the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭne said, I [8]defy the armies of Ĭs'rā-ĕl this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. 11 And when Saul and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl heard those words of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭne, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

12 Now David was the son of that Ĕph'răth-īte of Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm-jū'dăh, whose name was Jĕs'sĕ; and he had eight sons: and the man was an old man in the days of Saul, stricken *in years* among men. 13 And the three eldest sons of Jĕs'sĕ had gone after Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were

[1] Or, *terrified* [2] Or, *skilful* [3] Or, *business* [4] Or, *skin*
[5] Or, *the terebinth* [6] Or, according to another reading, *blade* [7] Heb. *ranks* (and so in ver. 10, 21, 22, 26, &c.). [8] Or, *reproach*

Ĕ-lī'ăb the first-born, and next unto him Ă-bĭn'ă-dăb, and the third Shăm'măh. 14 And David was the youngest; and the three eldest followed Saul. 15 Now David went to and fro from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm. 16 And the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭne drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

17 And Jĕs'sĕ said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ē'phăh of this parched grain, and these ten loaves, and carry *them* quickly to the camp to thy brethren; 18 and bring these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge. 19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of ĭs'rā-ĕl, [1]were in the vale of Ē'lăh, fighting with the Phĭ-lĭs'-tĭnes. 20 And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jĕs'sĕ had commanded him; and he came to the [2]place of the wagons, as the host which was going forth to the [3]fight shouted for the battle. 21 And ĭs'rā-ĕl and the Phĭ-lĭs'tines put the battle in array, army against army. 22 And David left his baggage in the hand of the keeper of the baggage, and ran to the army, and came and saluted his brethren. 23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Phĭ-lĭs'tine of Gath, Gō-lī'ăth by name, out of the ranks of the Phi-lĭs'tines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them. 24 And all the men of ĭs'rā-ĕl, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. 25 And the men of ĭs'rā-ĕl said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to [4]defy ĭs'rā-ĕl is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in ĭs'rā-ĕl. 26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Phĭ-lĭs'tĭne, and taketh away the reproach from ĭs'rā-ĕl? for who is this uncircumcised Phĭ-lĭs'tĭne, that he should [4]defy the armies of the living God? 27 And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.

28 And Ĕ-lī'ăb his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Ĕ-lī'ăb's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why art thou come down? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thy heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. 29 And David said, What have I now done? [5]Is there not a cause? 30 And he turned away from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul; and he sent for him. 32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail [6]because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Phĭ-lĭs'-tĭne. 33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Phĭ-lĭs'tĭne to fight with him; for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. 34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant was keeping his father's sheep; [7]and when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock, 35 I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth; and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. 36 Thy servant smote both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Phĭ-lĭs'tĭne shall be as one of them, seeing he hath [4]defied the armies of the living God. 37 And David said, Jĕ-

[1] Or, *are ground* [2] Or, *barricade* [3] Or, *battle* [4] Or, *reproach*
[5] Or, *Was it not* but *a word?* [6] Or, *within him* [7] Or, *and there came a lion and a bear . . . and I went out &c.* [8] Or, *reproached*

hō′văh that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Phĭ-lĭs′tĭne. And Saul said unto David, Go, and Jĕ-hō′văh shall be with thee. 38 And Saul clad David with his apparel, and he put a helmet of brass upon his head, and he clad him with a coat of mail. 39 And David girded his sword upon his apparel, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him. 40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the [1]brook, and put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in his wallet; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭne.

41 And the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭne came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him. 42 And when the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭne looked about, and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and withal of a fair countenance. 43 And the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭne said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭne cursed David by his gods. 44 And the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭne said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the birds of the heavens, and to the beasts of the field. 45 Then said David to the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭne, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a javelin: but I come to thee in the name of Jĕ-hō′văh of hosts, the God of the armies of Ĭs′rā-ĕl, whom thou hast [2]defied. 46 This day will Jĕ-hō′văh deliver thee into my hand; and I will smite thee, and take thy head from off thee; and I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭnes this day unto the birds of the heavens, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Ĭs′rā-ĕl, 47 and that all this assembly may know that Jĕ-hō′văh saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is Jĕ-hō′văh's, and he will give you into our hand. 48 And it came to pass, when the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭne arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭne. 49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭne in his forehead; and the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So David prevailed over the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭne with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭne, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. 51 Then David ran, and stood over the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭne, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭnes saw that their [3]champion was dead, they fled. 52 And the men of Ĭs′rā-ĕl and of Jū′dăh arose, and shouted, and pursued the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭnes, until thou comest to [4]Gā′ĭ, and to the gates of Ĕk′rŏn. And the wounded of the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭnes fell down by the way to [5]Shā-ă-rā′ĭm, even unto Gath, and unto Ĕk′rŏn. 53 And the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl returned from chasing after the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭnes, and they plundered their camp. 54 And David took the head of the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭne, and brought it to Jĕ-ru′sā-lĕm; but he put his armor in his tent.

55 And when Saul saw David go forth against the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭne, he said unto Ăb′nēr, the captain of the host, Ăb′nēr, whose son is this youth? And Ăb′nēr said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell. 56 And the king said, Inquire thou whose son the stripling is. 57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭne, Ăb′nēr took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of

[1] Or, *torrent bed* [2] Or, *reproached*
[3] Or, *mighty man* [4] The Syr. and some editions of Sept. have *Gath* [5] Or, *the two gates*

the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭne in his hand. 58 And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, thou young man? And David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jĕs'sē the Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm-ĭte.

18 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jŏn'ă-thăn was knit with the soul of David, and Jŏn'ă-thăn loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. 3 Then Jŏn'ă-thăn and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 4 And Jŏn'ă-thăn stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his apparel, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle. 5 And David [1]went out whithersoever Saul sent him, *and* [2]behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and it was good in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

6 And it came to pass as they came, when David returned from the slaughter of the [3]Phĭ-lĭs'tĭne, that the women came out of all the cities of ĭs'ră-ĕl, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with timbrels, with joy, and with [4]instruments of music. 7 And the women [5]sang one to another as they played, and said,

Saul hath slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and this saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom? 9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he [6]prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as he did day by day. And Saul had his spear in his hand; 11 and Saul cast the spear; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall. And David avoided out of his presence twice. 12 And Saul was afraid of David, because Jĕ-hō'văh was with him, and was departed from Saul. 13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. 14 And David [2]behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and Jĕ-hō'văh was with him. 15 And when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he stood in awe of him. 16 But all ĭs'ră-ĕl and Jū'dăh loved David; for he went out and came in before them.

17 And Saul said to David, Behold, my elder daughter Mē'răb, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight Jĕ-hō'văh's battles. For Saul said, Let not my hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes be upon him. 18 And David said unto Saul, Who am I, and [7]what is my life, *or* my father's family in ĭs'ră-ĕl, that I should be son-in-law to the king? 19 But it came to pass at the time when Mē'răb, Saul's daughter, should have been given to David, that she was given unto Ā'drĭ-ĕl the Mĕ-hō'lăth-ĭte to wife. 20 And Mī'chăl, Saul's daughter, loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. 21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son-in-law a second time.

22 And Saul commanded his servants, *saying*, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son-in-law. 23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you

[1] Or, *went out: whithersoever Saul sent him, he &c.* [2] Or, *prospered* [3] Or, *Philistines*
[4] Or, *triangles* Or, *three-stringed instruments* [5] Or, *answered one another*
[6] Or, *raved*
[7] Or, *who are my kinsfolk*

a light thing to be the king's son-in-law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed? 24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David. 25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but a hundred foreskins of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, to be avenged of the king's enemies. Now Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. 26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son-in-law. And the days were not expired; 27 and David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full number to the king, that he might be the king's son-in-law. And Saul gave him Mī'chăl his daughter to wife. 28 And Saul saw and knew that Jĕ-hō'văh was with David; and Mī'chăl, Saul's daughter, loved him. 29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul was David's enemy continually.

30 Then the princes of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes went forth: and it came to pass, as often as they went forth, that David [1]behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much [2]set by.

19 And Saul spake to Jŏn'ă-thăn his son, and to all his servants, that they should slay David. But Jŏn'ă-thăn, Saul's son, delighted much in David. 2 And Jŏn'ă-thăn told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to slay thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself in the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself: 3 and I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and if I see aught, I will tell thee. 4 And Jŏn'ă-thăn spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good: 5 for he put his life in his hand, and smote the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭne, and Jĕ-hō'văh wrought a great [3]victory for all Ĭs'rā-ĕl: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice; wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause? 6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jŏn'ă-thăn: and Saul sware, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, he shall not be put to death. 7 And Jŏn'ă-thăn called David, and Jŏn'ă-thăn showed him all those things. And Jŏn'ă-thăn brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as beforetime.

8 And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled before him. 9 And [4]an evil spirit from Jĕ-hō'văh was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David was playing with his hand. 10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the spear; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the spear into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night. 11 And Saul sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Mī'chăl, David's wife, told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to-night, to-morrow thou wilt be slain. 12 So Mī'chăl let David down through the window: and he went, and fled, and escaped. 13 And Mī'chăl took the tĕr'ă-phĭm, and laid it in the bed, and put a [5]pillow of goats' *hair* at the head thereof, and covered it with the clothes. 14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. 15 And Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed,

[1] Or, *prospered more than* [2] Heb. *precious*
[3] Heb. *salvation* [4] Or, *the spirit of Jehovah was evil toward Saul* [5] Or, *quilt* Or, *network*

that I may slay him. 16 And when the messengers came in, behold, the tĕr'ā-phīm was in the bed, with the [1]pillow of goats' *hair* at the head thereof. 17 And Saul said unto Mī'chăl, Why hast thou deceived me thus, and let mine enemy go, so that he is escaped? And Mī'chăl answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

18 Now David fled, and escaped, and came to Săm'ū-ĕl to Rā'măh, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Săm'ū-ĕl went and dwelt in Nā'-iŏth. 19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Nā'-iŏth in Rā'măh. 20 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Săm'ū-ĕl standing as head over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. 21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied. 22 Then went he also to Rā'măh, and came to the great [2]well that is in Sē'cū: and he asked and said, Where are Săm'ū-ĕl and David? And one said, Behold, they are at Nā'iŏth in Rā'măh. 23 And he went thither to Nā'-iŏth in Rā'măh: and the Spirit of God came upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Nā'iŏth in Rā'măh. 24 And he also stripped off his clothes, and he also prophesied before Săm'ū-ĕl, and [3]lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

20 And David fled from Nā'-iŏth in Rā'măh, and came and said before Jŏn'ă-thăn, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life? 2 And he said unto him, Far from it; thou shalt not die: behold, my father doeth nothing either great or small, but that he [4]discloseth it unto me; and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so. 3 And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father knoweth well that I have found favor in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jŏn'ă-thăn know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death. 4 Then said Jŏn'ă-thăn unto David, [5]Whatsoever thy soul [6]desireth, I will even do it for thee. 5 And David said unto Jŏn'ă-thăn, Behold, to-morrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even. 6 If thy father miss me at all, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm his city; for it is the yearly sacrifice there for all the family. 7 If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be wroth, then know that evil is determined by him. 8 Therefore deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh with thee: but if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father? 9 And Jŏn'ă-thăn said, Far be it from thee; for if I should at all know that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee? 10 Then said David to Jŏn'ă-thăn, Who shall tell me if perchance thy father answer thee roughly? 11 And Jŏn'ă-thăn said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

12 And Jŏn'ă-thăn said unto David, Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Is'-rā-ĕl, *be witness*: when I have sounded my father about this time to-morrow, *or* the third day, behold, if there be good toward David, shall I not then send unto

[1] Or, *quilt* [2] Or, *cistern* [3] Or, *fell* [4] Heb. *uncovereth mine ear* [5] Or, *What doth thy soul desire, that I should do it for thee?* [6] Heb. *saith*

thee, and disclose it unto thee? 13 Jĕ-hō'văh do so to Jŏn'ă-thăn, and more also, should it please my father to do thee evil, if I disclose it not unto thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and Jĕ-hō'văh be with thee, as he hath been with my father. 14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live show me the loving-kindness of Jĕ-hō'văh, that I die not; 15 but also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever; no, not when Jĕ-hō'văh hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth. 16 So Jŏn'ă-thăn made a covenant with the house of David, *saying*, And Jĕ-hō'văh will require it at the hand of David's enemies.

17 And Jŏn'ă-thăn caused David to swear again, [1]for the love that he had to him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul. 18 Then Jŏn'ă-thăn said unto him, To-morrow is the new moon: and thou wilt be missed, because thy seat will be [2]empty. 19 And when thou hast stayed three days, thou shalt go down [3]quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself [4]when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone Ē'zĕl. 20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark. 21 And, behold, I will send the lad, *saying*, Go, find the arrows. If I say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of thee; take [5]them, and come; for there is peace to thee and [6]no hurt, as Jĕ-hō'văh liveth. 22 But if I say thus unto the boy, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee; go thy way; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath sent thee away. 23 And as touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, Jĕ-hō'văh is between thee and me for ever.

24 So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat food. 25 And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, even upon the seat by the wall; and Jŏn'ă-thăn stood up, and Ăb'-nĕr sat by Saul's side: but David's place was empty. 26 Nevertheless Saul spake not anything that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean. 27 And it came to pass on the morrow after the new moon, *which was* the second *day*, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jŏn'ă-thăn his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jĕs'sĕ to meat, neither yesterday, nor to-day? 28 And Jŏn'ă-thăn answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm: 29 and he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me *to be there*: and now, if I have found favor in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he is not come unto the king's table.

30 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jŏn'ă-thăn, and he said unto him, Thou son of a perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jĕs'sĕ to thine own shame, and unto the shame of thy mother's nakedness? 31 For as long as the son of Jĕs'sĕ liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he [7]shall surely die. 32 And Jŏn'ă-thăn answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore should he be put to death? what hath he done? 33 And Saul cast his spear at him to smite him; whereby Jŏn'ă-thăn knew that it was determined of his father to put David to death. 34 So Jŏn'ă-thăn arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no food the second day of the month; for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 And it came to pass in the morning, that Jŏn'ă-thăn went out

[1] Or, *by his love toward him* [2] Heb. *missed* [3] Heb. *greatly* [4] Heb. *in the day of the business* See ch. 19. 2 [5] Or, *him* [6] Heb. *not* any *thing* [7] Or, *is worthy to die* Heb. *is a son of death*

into the field [1]at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him. 36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow [2]beyond him. 37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jŏn'ă-thăn had shot, Jŏn'ă-thăn cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee? 38 And Jŏn'ă-thăn cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jŏn'ă-thăn's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master. 39 But the lad knew not anything: only Jŏn'ă-thăn and David knew the matter. 40 And Jŏn'ă-thăn gave his weapons unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city. 41 And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose [3]out of *a place* toward the South, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded. 42 And Jŏn'ă-thăn said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, Jĕ-hō'văh shall be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed, for ever. *And he arose and departed: and Jŏn'ă-thăn went into the city.

21 Then came David to Nŏb to Ă-hĭm'ĕ-lĕch the priest: and Ă-hĭm'ĕ-lĕch came to meet David trembling, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee? 2 And David said unto Ă-hĭm'ĕ-lĕch the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know anything of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed the young men to such and such a place. 3 Now therefore what is under thy hand? give me five loaves of bread in my hand, or whatsoever there is present. 4 And the priest answered David, and said, There is no common bread under my hand, but there is holy bread; if only the young men have kept themselves from women. 5 And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women have been kept from us about these three days; when I came out, the vessels of the young men were holy, [4]though it was but a common journey; how much more then to-day shall their vessels be holy? 6 So the priest gave him holy *bread*; for there was no bread there but the showbread, that was taken from before Jĕ-hō'văh, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before Jĕ-hō'văh; and his name was Dō'ĕg the Ē'dŏm-īte, [5]chiefest of the herdsmen that belonged to Saul. 8 And David said unto Ă-hĭm'ĕ-lĕch, And is there not here under thy hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste. 9 And the priest said, The sword of Gō-lī'ăth the Phĭ-lĭs'tīne, whom thou slewest in the vale of [6]Ē'lăh, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ĕph'ŏd: if thou wilt take that, take it; for there is no other save that here. And David said, There is none like that; give it me.

10 And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Ā'chĭsh the king of Gath. 11 And the servants of Ā'chĭsh said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying,

Saul hath slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands?

12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Ā'chĭsh the king of Gath. 13 And he changed his behavior before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and [7]scrabbled on the

[1] Or, *to the place* [2] Heb. *making it pass over him* [3] Heb. *from beside the South* * [Ch. 21.1 in Heb.]
[4] Or, *and it may be used as common* bread; *and especially since to-day it will be holy in respect of their vessels* [5] Or, *mightiest* [6] Or, *the terebinth* [7] Or, *made marks*

doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard. 14 Then said Ā'chĭsh unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad; wherefore then have ye brought him to me? 15 Do I lack madmen, that ye have brought this fellow to play the madman in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?

22 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave of Ā-dŭl'lăm: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. 2 And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was [1]discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

3 And David went thence to Mĭz'pĕh of Mō'ăb: and he said unto the king of Mō'ăb, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, *and be* with you, till I know what God will do for me. 4 And he brought them before the king of Mō'ăb: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the stronghold. 5 And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the stronghold; depart, and get thee into the land of Jū'dăh. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hē'reth.

6 And Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that were with him: now Saul was sitting in Gĭb'ē-ăh, under the tamarisk-tree [2]in Rā'măh, with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him. 7 And Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Bĕn'jă-mītes; will the son of Jĕs'sĕ give every one of you fields and vineyards, will he make you all captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, 8 that all of you have conspired against me, and [3]there is none that discloseth to me when my son maketh a league with the son of Jĕs'sĕ, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or discloseth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day? 9 Then answered Dō'ĕg the Ē'dŏm-īte, who [4]stood by the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jĕs'sĕ coming to Nŏb, to Ā-hĭm'ĕ-lĕch the son of Ā-hī'tŭb. 10 And he inquired of Jĕ-hō'văh for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Gō-lī'-ăth the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭne.

11 Then the king sent to call Ā-hĭm'ĕ-lĕch the priest, the son of Ā-hī'tŭb, and all his father's house, the priests that were in Nŏb: and they came all of them to the king. 12 And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ā-hī'tŭb. And he answered, Here I am, my lord. 13 And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jĕs'sĕ, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast inquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day? 14 Then Ā-hĭm'ĕ-lĕch answered the king, and said, And who among all thy servants is so faithful as David, who is the king's son-in-law, and is taken into thy council, and is honorable in thy house? 15 Have I to-day begun to inquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute anything unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father; for thy servant knoweth nothing of all this, less or more. 16 And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ā-hĭm'ĕ-lĕch, thou, and all thy father's house. 17 And the king said unto the [5]guard that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of Jĕ-hō'văh; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew that he fled, and did not disclose it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of Jĕ-hō'văh. 18 And the king said to Dō'ĕg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And

[1] Heb. *bitter of soul* [2] Or, *on the height* [3] Or, *there was none that disclosed it to me when my son made &c.* [4] Or, *was set over* [5] Heb. *runners*

Dŏ'ĕg the E'dŏm-īte turned, and he fell upon the priests, and he slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ĕph'ŏd. 19 And Nŏb, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen and asses and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

20 And one of the sons of Ă-hĭm'ĕ-lĕch the son of Ă-hī'tŭb, named Ă-bī'ă-thär, escaped, and fled after David. 21 And Ă-bī'ă-thär told David that Saul had slain Jĕ-hō'văh's priests. 22 And David said unto Ă-bī'ă-thär, I knew on that day, when Dŏ'ĕg the E'dŏm-īte was there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned *the death* of all the persons of thy father's house. 23 Abide thou with me, fear not; for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: for with me thou shalt be in safeguard.

23 And they told David, saying, Behold, the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes are fighting against Kē'lăh, and are robbing the threshing-floors. 2 Therefore David inquired of Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, Shall I go and smite these Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes? And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto David, Go, and smite the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and save Kē'lăh. 3 And David's men said unto him, Behold, we are afraid here in Jū'dăh: how much more then if we go to Kē'lăh against the armies of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes? 4 Then David inquired of Jĕ-hō'văh yet again. And Jĕ-hō'văh answered him, and said, Arise, go down to Kē'lăh; for I will deliver the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes into thy hand. 5 And David and his men went to Kē'lăh, and fought with the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and brought away their cattle, and slew them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Kē'lăh. 6 And it came to pass, when Ă-bī'ă-thär the son of Ă-hĭm'ĕ-lĕch fled to David to Kē'lăh, that he came down with an ĕph'ŏd in his hand.

7 And it was told Saul that David was come to Kē'lăh. And Saul said, God hath [1]delivered him into my hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars. 8 And Saul summoned all the people to war, to go down to Kē'lăh, to besiege David and his men. 9 And David knew that Saul was devising mischief against him; and he said to Ă-bī'ă-thär the priest, Bring hither the ĕph'ŏd. 10 Then said David, O Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, thy servant hath surely heard that Saul seeketh to come to Kē'lăh, to destroy the city for my sake. 11 Will the men of Kē'lăh deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And Jĕ-hō'văh said, He will come down. 12 Then said David, Will the men of Kē'lăh deliver up me and my men into the hand of Saul? And Jĕ-hō'văh said, They will deliver thee up. 13 Then David and his men, who were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Kē'lăh, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Kē'lăh; and he forbare to go forth. 14 And David abode in the wilderness in the strongholds, and remained in the hill-country in the wilderness of Zĭph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand.

15 And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David was in the wilderness of Zĭph in [2]the wood. 16 And Jŏn'ă-thăn, Saul's son, arose, and went to David into [2]the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. 17 And he said unto him, Fear not; for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over ĭs'rā-ĕl, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth. 18 And they two made a covenant before Jĕ-hō'văh: and David abode in [2]the wood, and Jŏn'ă-thăn went to his house.

[1] The Sept. has, *sold* [2] Or, *Horesh*

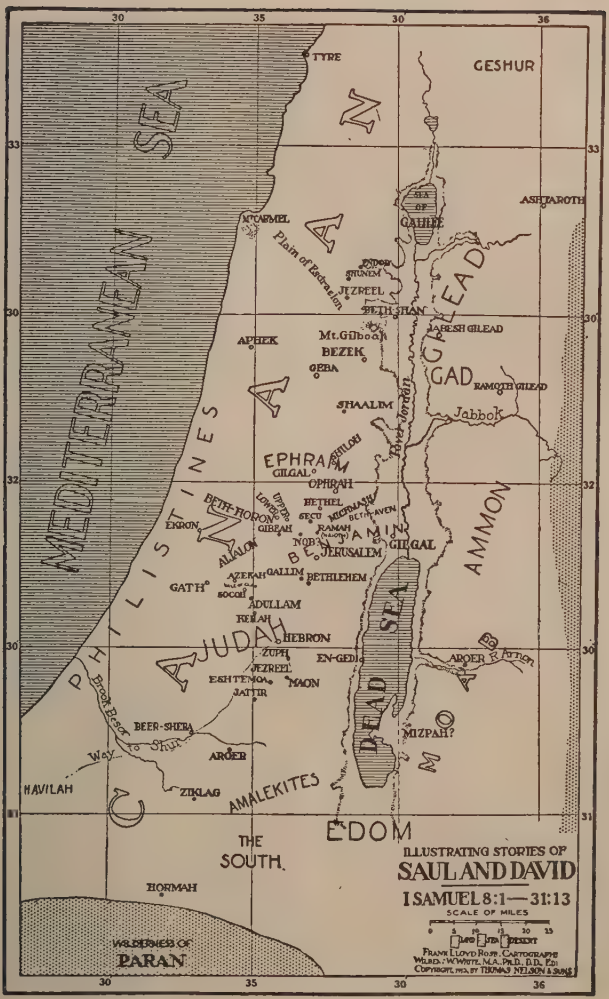
19 Then came up the Zĭph'ītes
to Saul to Gĭb'ē-ăh, saying, Doth
not David hide himself with us in
the strongholds in [1]the wood, in
the hill of Hăch'ī-lăh, which is on
the south of [2]the desert? 20 Now
therefore, O king, come down, ac-
cording to all the desire of thy
soul to come down; and our part
shall be to deliver him up into the
king's hand. 21 And Saul said,
Blessed be ye of Jĕ-hō'văh; for ye
have had compassion on me. 22
Go, I pray you, make yet more
sure, and know and see his place
where his [3]haunt is, *and* who hath
seen him there; for it is told me
that he dealeth very subtly. 23 See
therefore, and take knowledge of
all the lurking-places where he hid-
eth himself, and come ye again to
me [4]of a certainty, and I will go
with you: and it shall come to pass,
if he be in the land, that I will
search him out among all the
[5]thousands of Jū'dăh.

24 And they arose, and went to
Zĭph before Saul: but David and
his men were in the [6]wilderness of
Mā'ŏn, in the Ăr'ă-băh on the
south of [2]the desert. 25 And
Saul and his men went to seek
him. And they told David: where-
fore he came down to the rock,
and abode in the wilderness of
Mā'ŏn. And when Saul heard
that, he pursued after David in the
wilderness of Mā'ŏn. 26 And
Saul went on this side of the
mountain, and David and his men
on that side of the mountain: and
David made haste to get away for
fear of Saul; for Saul and his men
compassed David and his men
round about to take them. 27 But
there came a messenger unto Saul,
saying, Haste thee, and come; for
the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes have made a raid
upon the land. 28 So Saul re-
turned from pursuing after David,
and went against the Phi-lis'tines:
therefore they called that place
[7]Sē'lă-hăm-măh-lē'kŏth. *29 And
David went up from thence, and
dwelt in the strongholds of Ĕn-
gē'dī.

24 And it came to pass, when
Saul was returned from fol-
lowing the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, that it was
told him, saying, Behold, David
is in the wilderness of Ĕn-gē'dī.
2 Then Saul took three thousand
chosen men out of all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and
went to seek David and his men
upon the rocks of the wild goats.
3 And he came to the sheepcotes
by the way, where was a cave; and
Saul went in to cover his feet.
Now David and his men were
[7]abiding in the innermost parts of
the cave. 4 And the men of Da-
vid said unto him, Behold, the
day of which Jĕ-hō'văh said unto
thee, Behold, I will deliver thine
enemy into thy hand, and thou
shalt do to him as it shall seem
good unto thee. Then David
arose, and cut off the skirt of
Saul's robe privily. 5 And it came
to pass afterward, that David's
heart smote him, because he had
cut off Saul's skirt. 6 And he
said unto his men, Jĕ-hō'văh for-
bid that I should do this thing un-
to my lord, Jĕ-hō'văh's anointed,
to put forth my hand against him,
seeing he is Jĕ-hō'văh's anointed.
7 So David checked his men with
these words, and suffered them
not to rise against Saul. And Saul
rose up out of the cave, and went
on his way.

8 David also arose afterward,
and went out of the cave, and cried
after Saul, saying, My lord the
king. And when Saul looked be-
hind him, David bowed with his
face to the earth, and did obei-
sance. 9 And David said to Saul,
Wherefore hearkenest thou to
men's words, saying, Behold, Da-
vid seeketh thy hurt? 10 Behold,
this day thine eyes have seen how
that Jĕ-hō'văh had delivered thee
to-day into my hand in the cave:
and some bade me kill thee; but
mine eye spared thee; and I said,
I will not put forth my hand
against my lord; for he is Jĕ-hō'-
văh's anointed. 11 Moreover, my

[1] Or, *Horesh* [2] Or, *Jeshimon* [3] Heb *foot*
[4] Or, *with the certainty* Or, *to a set place*
[5] Or, *families* [6] That is, *The rock of divisions*
(or, *escape*) [7] Or, *sitting*
*[Ch. 24.1 in Heb.]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father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand; for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in my hand, and I have not sinned against thee, though thou [1]huntest after my life to take it. 12 Jĕ-hō'văh judge between me and thee, and Jĕ-hō'văh avenge me of thee; but my hand shall not be upon thee. 13 As saith the proverb of the ancients, Out of the wicked cometh forth wickedness; but my hand shall not be upon thee. 14 After whom is the king of ĭs'rā-ĕl come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea. 15 Jĕ-hō'văh therefore be judge, and give sentence between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and [2]deliver me out of thy hand.

16 And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. 17 And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I; for thou hast rendered unto me good, whereas I have rendered unto thee evil. 18 And thou hast declared this day how that thou hast dealt well with me, forasmuch as when Jĕ-hō'văh had delivered me up into thy hand, thou killedst me not. 19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore Jĕ-hō'văh reward thee good for that which thou hast done unto me this day. 20 And now, behold, I know that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of ĭs'rā-ĕl shall be established in thy hand. 21 Swear now therefore unto me by Jĕ-hō'văh, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house. 22 And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the stronghold.

25 And Săm'ū-ĕl died; and all ĭs'rā-ĕl gathered themselves together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Rā'-măh. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Pā'răn.

2 And there was a man in Mā'-ŏn, whose [3]possessions were in Căr'mĕl; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Căr'-mĕl. 3 Now the name of the man was Nā'băl; and the name of his wife Ăb'ĭ-gāil; and the woman was of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Cā'lĕb. 4 And David heard in the wilderness that Nā'băl was shearing his sheep. 5 And David sent ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Căr'mĕl, and go to Nā'băl, and greet him in my name: 6 and [4]thus shall ye say to him that liveth *in prosperity*, Peace be unto thee, and peace be to thy house, and peace be [5]unto all that thou hast. 7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: thy shepherds have now been with us, and we [6]did them no hurt, neither was there aught missing unto them, all the while they were in Căr'mĕl. 8 Ask thy young men, and they will tell thee: wherefore let the young men find favor in thine eyes; for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thy hand, unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

9 And when David's young men came, they spake to Nā'băl according to all those words in the name of David, and [6]ceased. 10 And Nā'băl answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jĕs'sĕ? there are many servants now-a-days that break away every man from his master. 11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my [7]flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men of

[1] Or, *layest wait for* [2] Heb. *give sentence for me*
[3] Or, *business was* [4] Or, *thus shall ye say, All hail! and peace be unto thee &c.*
[5] Heb. *put them not to shame*
[6] Or, *remained quiet* [7] Heb. *slaughter*

whom I know not whence they are? 12 So David's young men turned on their way, and went back, and came and told him according to all these words. 13 And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the baggage.

14 But one of the young men told Ăb'ĭ-gāil, Nā'băl's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to [1]salute our master; and he railed at them. 15 But the men were very good unto us, and we were not [2]hurt, neither missed we anything, as long as we went with them, when we were in the fields: 16 they were a wall unto us both by night and by day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. 17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his house: for he is such a worthless fellow, that one cannot speak to him.

18 Then Ăb'ĭ-gāil made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two [3]bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched grain, and a hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses. 19 And she said unto her young men, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nā'băl. 20 And it was so, as she rode on her ass, and came down by the covert of the mountain, that, behold, David and his men came down toward her; and she met them. 21 Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath returned me evil for good. 22 God do so [4]unto the enemies of David, and more also, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light so much as one manchild.

23 And when Ăb'ĭ-gāil saw David, she hasted, and alighted from her ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground. 24 And she fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me be the iniquity; and let thy handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine ears, and hear thou the words of thy handmaid. 25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this worthless fellow, even Nā'băl; for as his name is, so is he; [5]Nā'băl is his name, and folly is with him: but I thy handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. 26 Now therefore, my lord, as Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing Jĕ-hō'văh hath withholden thee [6]from bloodguiltiness, and from [7]avenging thyself with thine own hand, now therefore let thine enemies, and them that seek evil to my lord, be as Nā'băl. 27 And now this [8]present which thy servant hath brought unto my lord, let it be given unto the young men that follow my lord. 28 Forgive, I pray thee, the trespass of thy handmaid: for Jĕ-hō'văh will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord fighteth the battles of Jĕ-hō'văh; and evil shall not be found in thee all thy days. 29 And though man be risen up to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul, yet the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of [9]life with Jĕ-hō'văh thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as from the hollow of a sling. 30 And it shall come to pass, when Jĕ-hō'văh shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee prince over Ĭs'rā-ĕl, 31 that this shall be no [10]grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord,

[1] Heb. *bless* [2] Heb. *put to shame* [3] Or, *skins* [4] The Syr. and some editions of Sept. have, *unto David*
[5] That is, *Fool* [6] Heb. *from coming into blood* [7] Heb. *thine own hand saving thee* [8] Heb. *blessing* [9] Or, *the living* [10] Heb. cause of *staggering*

[1]either that thou hast shed blood without cause, or that my lord hath avenged himself. And when Jĕhō'vāh shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thy handmaid.

32 And David said to Ăb'ĭ-gāil, Blessed be Jĕ-hō'vāh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, who sent thee this day to meet me: 33 and blessed be thy discretion, and blessed be thou, that hast kept me this day from bloodguiltiness, and from avenging myself with mine own hand. 34 For in very deed, as Jĕ-hō'vāh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, liveth, who hath withholden me from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nā'băl by the morning light so much as one manchild. 35 So David received of her hand that which she had brought him: and he said unto her, Go up in peace to thy house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.

36 And Ăb'ĭ-gāil came to Nā'băl; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nā'băl's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. 37 And it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nā'băl, that his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. 38 And it came to pass about ten days after, that Jĕ-hō'vāh smote Nā'băl, so that he died.

39 And when David heard that Nā'băl was dead, he said, Blessed be Jĕ-hō'vāh, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nā'băl, and hath kept back his servant from evil: and the evildoing of Nā'băl hath Jĕ-hō'vāh returned upon his own head. And David sent and spake concerning Ăb'ĭ-gāil, to take her to him to wife. 40 And when the servants of David were come to Ăb'ĭ-gāil to Cär'mĕl, they spake unto her, saying, David hath sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife. 41 And she arose, and bowed herself with her face to the earth, and said, Behold, thy handmaid is a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. 42 And Ăb'ĭ-gāil hasted, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that followed her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.

43 David also took Ă-hĭn'ŏ-ăm of Jĕz'rĕ-ĕl; and they became both of them his wives. 44 Now Saul had given Mī'chăl his daughter, David's wife, to [2]Păl'tĭ the son of Lā'ĭsh, who was of Găl'lĭm.

26 And the Zĭph'ītes came unto Saul to Gĭb'ĕ-ăh, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hăch'ĭ-lăh, which is before [3]the desert? 2 Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Zĭph, having three thousand chosen men of ĭs'rā-ĕl with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Zĭph. 3 And Saul encamped in the hill of Hăch'ĭ-lăh, which is before [3]the desert, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. 4 David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come [4]of a certainty. 5 And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had encamped; and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Ăb'nĕr the son of Nēr, the captain of his host: and Saul lay within the [5]place of the wagons, and the people were encamped round about him.

6 Then answered David and said to Ă-hĭm'ĕ-lĕch the Hĭt'tīte, and to Ă-bī'shāi the son of Zĕ-ru'ĭăh, brother to Jō'ăb, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Ă-bī'shāi said, I will go down with thee. 7 So David and Ă-bī'shāi came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the [5]place of the wagons, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Ăb'nĕr

[1] Or, *so that thou shouldest shed &c.*

[2] In 2 S. 3. 15, *Paltiel* See ch. 23. 19

[3] Or, *Jeshimon*

[4] Or, *to a set place* See ch. 23. 23

[5] Or, *barricade*

and the people lay round about him. 8 Then said Ăb-ī'shāi to David, God hath delivered up thine enemy into thy hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear to the earth at one stroke, and I will not smite him the second time. 9 And David said to Ă-bī'shāi, Destroy him not; for who can put forth his hand against Jĕ-hō'văh's anointed, and be guiltless? 10 And David said, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, Jĕ-hō'văh will smite him; [1]or his day shall come to die; or he shall go down into battle, and perish. 11 Jĕ-hō'văh forbid that I should put forth my hand against Jĕ-hō'văh's anointed: but now take, I pray thee, the spear that is at his head, and the cruse of water, and let us go. 12 So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's head; and they gat them away: and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither did any awake; for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from Jĕ-hō'văh was fallen upon them.

13 Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of the mountain afar off; a great space being between them; 14 and David cried to the people, and to Ăb'nĕr the son of Nĕr, saying, Answerest thou not, Ăb'nĕr? Then Ăb'nĕr answered and said, Who art thou that criest to the king? 15 And David said to Ăb'nĕr, Art not thou a *valiant* man? and who is like to thee in Ĭs'rā-ĕl? wherefore then hast thou not kept watch over thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord. 16 This thing is not good that thou hast done. As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, ye are [2]worthy to die, because ye have not kept watch over your lord, Jĕ-hō'văh's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his head.

17 And Saul knew David's voice, and said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And David said, It is my voice, my lord, O king. 18 And he said, Wherefore doth my lord pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil is in my hand? 19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If it be Jĕ-hō'văh that hath stirred thee up against me, let him [3]accept an offering: but if it be the children of men, cursed be they before Jĕ-hō'văh; for they have driven me out this day that I should [4]not cleave unto the inheritance of Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, Go, serve other gods. 20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth away from the presence of Jĕ-hō'văh: for the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl is come out to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.

21 Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David; for I will no more do thee harm, because my life was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly. 22 And David answered and said, Behold [5]the spear, O king! let then one of the young men come over and fetch it. 23 And Jĕ-hō'văh will render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness; forasmuch as Jĕ-hō'văh delivered thee into my hand to-day, and I would not put forth my hand against Jĕ-hō'văh's anointed. 24 And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation. 25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do mightily, and shalt surely prevail. So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

27 And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should escape into the land of the Phĭ-lĭs'tines; and Saul will despair of me, to seek me any more in all the borders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: so shall I escape out of his hand. 2 And David

[1] Or, *either*
[2] Heb. *sons of death*
[3] Heb. *smell*
[4] Or, *have no share in*
[5] Another reading is, *the king's spear*

arose, and passed over, he and the six hundred men that were with him, unto Ā'chĭsh the son of Mā'ŏch, king of Gath. 3 And David dwelt with Ā'chĭsh at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ă-hĭn'ō-ăm the Jĕz'rē-ĕl-ī-tĕss, and Ăb'ĭ-gāil the Căr'mĕl-ī-tĕss, Nā'băl's wife. 4 And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

5 And David said unto Ā'chĭsh, If now I have found favor in thine eyes, lĕt them give me a place in one of the cities in the [1]country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee? 6 Then Ā'chĭsh gave him Zĭk'lăg that day: wherefore Zĭk'lăg pertaineth unto the kings of Jū'dăh unto this day. 7 And the number of the days that David dwelt in the [1]country of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes was a full year and four months.

8 And David and his men went up, and made a raid upon the Gĕsh'ū-rītes, and the [2]Gĭr'zītes, and the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes; for those *nations* were the inhabitants of the land, who were of old, as thou goest to Shûr, even unto the land of Ē'gўpt. 9 And David smote the land, and saved neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel; and he returned, and came to Ā'chĭsh. 10 And Ā'chĭsh said, [3]Against whom have ye made a raid to-day? And David said, Against the South of Jū'dăh, and against the South of the Jĕ-răh'mē-ĕl-ītes, and against the South of the Kĕn'ītes. 11 And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring them to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell of us, saying, So did David, and so hath been his manner all the while he hath dwelt in the [1]country of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. 12 And Ā'chĭsh believed David, saying, He hath made his people ĭs'rā-ĕl utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant for ever.

28 And it came to pass in those days, that the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes gathered their [4]hosts together for warfare, to fight with ĭs'rā-ĕl. And Ā'chĭsh said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me in the host, thou and thy men. 2 And David said to Ā'chĭsh, Therefore thou shalt know what thy servant will do. And Ā'chĭsh said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of my head for ever.

3 Now Săm'ū-ĕl was dead, and all ĭs'rā-ĕl had lamented him, and buried him in Rā'măh, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. 4 And the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes gathered themselves together, and came and encamped in Shu'nĕm: and Saul gathered all ĭs'rā-ĕl together, and they encamped in Gĭl-bō'ă. 5 And when Saul saw the host of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. 6 And when Saul inquired of Jĕ-hō'vāh, Jĕ-hō'vāh answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Ū'rĭm, nor by prophets. 7 Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Ĕn'-dôr.

8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and went, he and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, Divine unto me, I pray thee, by the familiar spirit, and bring me up whomsoever I shall name unto thee. 9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die? 10 And Saul sware to

[1] Heb. *field*. [2] Another reading is, *Gizrites*. [3] So Sept. and Vulg. [4] Heb. *camps*

her by Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, there shall no [1]punishment happen to thee for this thing. 11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Săm'-ū-ĕl. 12 And when the woman saw Săm'ū-ĕl, she cried with a loud voice; and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul. 13 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what seest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I see [2]a god coming up out of the earth. 14 And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a robe. And Saul perceived that it was Săm'ū-ĕl, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance.

15 And Săm'ū-ĕl said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do. 16 And Săm'ū-ĕl said, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing Jĕ-hō'văh is departed from thee, and is become thine adversary? 17 And Jĕ-hō'văh hath done unto [3]thee, as he spake by me: and Jĕ-hō'văh hath rent the kingdom out of thy hand, and given it to thy neighbor, even to David. 18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh, and didst not execute his fierce wrath upon Ăm'-ă-lĕk, therefore hath Jĕ-hō'văh done this thing unto thee this day. 19 Moreover Jĕ-hō'văh will deliver Ĭs'rā-el also with thee into the hand of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes: and to-morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: Jĕ-hō'văh will deliver the host of Ĭs'rā-ĕl also into the hand of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes.

20 Then Saul fell straightway his full length upon the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Săm'ū-ĕl: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night. 21 And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thy handmaid hath hearkened unto thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me. 22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thy handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way. 23 But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, constrained him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed. 24 And the woman had a fatted calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it; and she took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof: 25 and she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

29 Now the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes gathered together all their hosts to Ā'phĕk: and the Ĭs'rā-ĕl-ītes encamped by the fountain which is in Jĕz'rē-ĕl. 2 And the lords of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes passed on by hundreds, and by thousands; and David and his men passed on in the rearward with Ā'chĭsh. 3 Then said the princes of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, What *do* these Hebrews *here*? And Ā'chĭsh said unto the princes of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, Is not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, who hath been with me these days, or *rather* these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell away *unto me* unto this day? 4 But the princes of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes were wroth with him; and the princes of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes said unto him, Make the man return, that he may go back to his place where thou hast appointed

[1] Or, *guilt come upon thee* [2] Or, *gods*
[3] So Vulg. and some editions of Sept. The Heb. has *him*

him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become an adversary to us: for wherewith should this *fellow* reconcile himself unto his lord? should it not be with the heads of these men? 5 Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying,

Saul hath slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands?

6 Then Ā'chĭsh called David, and said unto him, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host is good in my sight; for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless the lords favor thee not. 7 Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. 8 And David said unto Ā'chĭsh, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been before thee unto this day, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king? 9 And Ā'chĭsh answered and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle. 10 Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with the servants of thy lord that are come with thee; and as soon as ye are up early in the morning, and have light, depart. 11 So David rose up early, he and his men, to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. And the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes went up to Jĕz'rĕ-ĕl.

30 And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Zĭk'lăg on the third day, that the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes had made a raid upon the South, and upon Zĭk'lăg, and had smitten Zĭk'lăg, and burned it with fire, 2 and had taken captive the women *and all* that were therein, both small and great: they slew not any, but carried them off, and went their way. 3 And when David and his men came to the city, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captive. 4 Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. 5 And David's two wives were taken captive, Ă-hĭn'ō-ăm the Jĕz'rĕ-ĕl-ĭ-tĕss, and Ăb'ĭ-găil the wife of Nā'băl the Căr'mĕl-īte. 6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David strengthened himself in Jĕ-hō'văh his God.

7 And David said to Ă-bī'ă-thär the priest, the son of Ă-hĭm'ĕ-lĕch, I pray thee, bring me hither the ĕph'ŏd. And Ă-bī'ă-thär brought thither the ĕph'ŏd to David. 8 And David inquired of Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, [1]If I pursue after this troop, shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue; for thou shalt surely overtake *them*, and shalt without fail recover *all*. 9 So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Bē'sôr, where those that were left behind stayed. 10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed behind, who were so faint that they could not go over the brook Bē'sôr.

11 And they found an Ē-gўp'tiăn in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they gave him water to drink; 12 and they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him; for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights. 13 And David said unto him, To whom belongest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Ē'gўpt, servant to an Ăm'ă-lĕk-īte; and my master left me, because three days

[1] Or, *Shall I pursue*

ago I fell sick. 14 We made a raid upon the South of the Chĕr'ĕ-thītes, and upon that which belongeth to Jū'dăh, and upon the South of Cā'lĕb; and we burned Zĭk'lăg with fire. 15 And David said to him, Wilt thou bring me down to this troop? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me up into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this troop.

16 And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad over all the ground, eating and drinking, and dancing, [1]because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and out of the land of Jū'dăh. 17 And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, who rode upon camels and fled. 18 And David recovered all that the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ites had taken; and David rescued his two wives. 19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor anything that they had taken to them: David brought back all. 20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, *which* they drove before those *other* cattle, and said, This is David's spoil.

21 And David came to the two hundred men, who were so faint that they could not follow David, whom also they had made to abide at the brook Bē'sôr; and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him: and when David came near [2]to the people, he [3]saluted them. 22 Then answered all the wicked men and base fellows, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them aught of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that he may lead them away, and depart. 23 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which Jĕ-hō'văh hath given unto us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the troop that came against us into our hand. 24 And who will hearken unto you in this matter? for as his share is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his share be that tarrieth by the baggage: they shall share alike. 25 And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Ĭs'rā-ĕl unto this day.

26 And when David came to Zĭk'lăg, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Jū'dăh, even to his friends, saying, Behold, a [4]present for you of the spoil of the enemies of Jĕ-hō'văh: 27 to them that were in Bĕth'-ĕl, and to them that were in Rā'mŏth of the South, and to them that were in Jăt'tĭr, 28 and to them that were in Ăr'ō-ĕr, and to them that were in Sĭph'mŏth, and to them that were in ĕsh-tĕ-mō'ă, 29 and to them that were in Rā'căl, and to them that were in the cities of the Jĕ-răh'mĕ-ĕl-ītes, and to them that were in the cities of the Kĕn'ītes, 30 and to them that were in Hôr'măh, and to them that were in Bôr-ā'shăn, and to them that were in Ā'thăch, 31 and to them that were in Hē'brŏn, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

31 Now the Phĭ-lĭs-tĭnes fought against Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl fled from before the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and fell down [5]slain in mount Gĭl-bō'ă. 2 And the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes slew Jŏn'ă-thăn, and [6]Ă-bĭn'ă-dăb, and Măl'chĭ-shu'ă, the sons of Saul. 3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers overtook him; and he was greatly distressed by reason of the archers. 4 Then said Saul to his armorbearer, Draw thy sword,

[1] Or, *amidst*
[2] Or, *with*
[3] Or, *asked them of their welfare*
[4] Heb. *blessing*
[5] Or, *wounded*
[6] In ch. 14. 49, *Ishvi*

They are buried at Jabesh-Gilead

and thrust me through therewith, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and [1]abuse me. But his armorbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took his sword, and fell upon it. 5 And when his armorbearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell upon his sword, and died with him. 6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armorbearer, and all his men, that same day together.

7 And when the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were beyond the Jordan, saw that the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes came and dwelt in them. 8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gĭl-bō'ā. 9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armor, and sent into the land of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes round about, to carry the tidings unto the house of their idols, and to the people. 10 And they put his armor in the house of the Ăsh'tă-rŏth; and they fastened his body to the wall of Bĕth'-shăn. 11 And when the inhabitants of Jā'bĕsh-gĭl'ĕ-ăd heard concerning him that which the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes had done to Saul, 12 all the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bĕth'-shăn; and they came to Jā'bĕsh, and burnt them there. 13 And they took their bones, and buried them under the tamarisk-tree in Jā'bĕsh, and fasted seven days.

[1] Or, *make a mock of me*

THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

David learns of the Battle of Gilboa

1 And it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes, and David had abode two days in Zĭk'lăg; 2 it came to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul, with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance. 3 And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Ĭs'rā-ĕl am I escaped. 4 And David said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, The people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jŏn'ă-thăn his son are dead also. 5 And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jŏn'ă-thăn his son are dead? 6 And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gĭl-bō'ā, behold, Saul was leaning upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and the horsemen followed hard after him. 7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, Here am I. 8 And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an Ăm'ă-lĕk-īte. 9 And he said unto me, Stand, I pray thee, [1]beside me, and slay me; for [2]anguish hath taken hold of me, because my life is yet whole in me. 10 So I stood [1]beside him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took

[1] Or, *over* [2] Or, *giddiness*

the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.

11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him: 12 and they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jŏn'ă-thăn his son, and for the people of Jĕ-hō'văh, and for the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; because they were fallen by the sword. 13 And David said unto the young man that told him, Whence art thou? And he answered, I am the son of a sojourner, an Ăm'ă-lĕk-īte. 14 And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to put forth thy hand to destroy Jĕ-hō'văh's anointed? 15 And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him, so that he died. 16 And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain Jĕ-hō'văh's anointed.

17 And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jŏn'ă-thăn his son 18 (and he bade them teach the children of Jū'dăh *the song of* the bow: behold, it is written in the book of [1]Jā'shär):

19 [2]Thy glory, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl, is slain
upon thy high places!
How are the mighty fallen!
20 Tell it not in Gath,
Publish it not in the streets of
Ăsh'kĕ-lŏn;
Lest the daughters of the Phĭ-
lĭs'tĭnes rejoice,
Lest the daughters of the un-
circumcised triumph.
21 Ye mountains of Gĭl-bō'ă,
Let there be no dew nor rain
upon you, neither fields of
offerings:
For there the shield of the
mighty was [3]vilely cast away,
The shield of Saul, [4]not anointed
with oil.
22 From the blood of the slain,
from the fat of the mighty,
The bow of Jŏn'ă-thăn turned
not back,
And the sword of Saul returned
not empty.
23 Saul and Jŏn'ă-thăn were
lovely and pleasant in their
lives,
And in their death they were
not divided:
They were swifter than eagles,
They were stronger than lions.
24 Ye daughters of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, weep
over Saul,
Who clothed you in scarlet
[5]delicately,
Who put ornaments of gold
upon your apparel.
25 How are the mighty fallen in
the midst of the battle!
[6]Jŏn'ă-thăn is slain upon thy
high places.
26 I am distressed for thee, my
brother Jŏn'ă-thăn:
Very pleasant hast thou been
unto me:
Thy love to me was wonderful,
Passing the love of women.
27 How are the mighty fallen,
And the weapons of war per-
ished!

2 And it came to pass after this, that David inquired of Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Jū'dăh? And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hē'brŏn. 2 So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ă-hĭn'ō-ăm the Jĕz'rē-ĕl-ĭ-tĕss, and Ăb'ĭ-gāil the wife of Nā'băl the Cär'mĕl-īte. 3 And his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hē'brŏn. 4 And the men of Jū'dăh came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Jū'dăh.

And they told David, saying, The men of Jā'bĕsh-gĭl'ē-ăd were they that buried Saul. 5 And David sent messengers unto the men of Jā'bĕsh-gĭl'ē-ăd, and said unto them, Blessed be ye of Jĕ-hō'văh, that ye have showed this

[1] Or, *The Upright* [2] Or, *The gazelle*
[3] Or, *defiled* [4] Or, as of one *not anointed*
[5] Heb. *with delights*
[6] Or, *O Jonathan, slain &c.*

kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him. 6 And now Jĕ-hō'văh show lovingkindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing. 7 Now therefore let your hands be strong, and be ye valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, and also the house of Jū'dăh have anointed me king over them.

8 Now Ăb'nĕr the son of Nĕr, captain of Saul's host, had taken [1]Ĭsh-bō'shĕth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mā-hă-nā'ĭm; 9 and he made him king over Gĭl'-ē-ăd, and over the [2]Ash'ŭr-ītes, and over Jĕz'rē-ĕl, and over E'phrā-ĭm, and over Bĕn'jă-mĭn, and over all Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 10 Ĭsh-bō'shĕth, Saul's son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and he reigned two years. But the house of Jū'dăh followed David. 11 And the time that David was king in Hē'brŏn over the house of Jū'dăh was seven years and six months.

12 And Ăb'nĕr the son of Nĕr, and the servants of Ĭsh-bō'shĕth the son of Saul, went out from Mā-hă-nā'ĭm to Gĭb'ē-ŏn. 13 And Jō'ăb the son of Zĕ-rū'ĭăh, and the servants of David, went out, and met [3]them by the pool of Gĭb'ē-ŏn: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool. 14 And Ăb'nĕr said to Jō'ăb, Let the young men, I pray thee, arise and play before us. And Jō'ăb said, Let them arise. 15 Then they arose and went over by number: twelve for Bĕn'jă-mĭn, and for Ĭsh-bō'shĕth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David. 16 And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and *thrust* his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore that place was called [4]Hĕl'kăth-hăz'-zū-rĭm, which is in Gĭb'ē-ŏn. 17 And the battle was very sore that day; and Ăb'nĕr was beaten, and the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, before the servants of David.

18 And the three sons of Zĕ-rū'-ĭăh were there, Jō'ăb, and Ă-bī'-shāi, and Ā'să-hĕl: and Ā'să-hĕl was as light of foot [5]as a wild roe. 19 And Ā'să-hĕl pursued after Ăb'nĕr; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Ăb'nĕr. 20 Then Ăb'nĕr looked behind him, and said, Is it thou, Ā'să-hĕl? And he answered, It is I. 21 And Ăb'nĕr said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his [6]armor. But Ā'să-hĕl would not turn aside from following him. 22 And Ăb'nĕr said again to Ā'să-hĕl, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Jō'ăb thy brother? 23 Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Ăb'nĕr with the hinder end of the spear smote him in the body, so that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, that as many as came to the place where Ā'să-hĕl fell down and died stood still.

24 But Jō'ăb and Ă-bī'shāi pursued after Ăb'nĕr: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ăm'măh, that lieth before Gī'ăh by the way of the wilderness of Gĭb'ē-ŏn. 25 And the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn gathered themselves together after Ăb'-nĕr, and became one band, and stood on the top of a hill. 26 Then Ăb'nĕr called to Jō'ăb, and said, Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren? 27 And Jō'ăb said, As God liveth, if thou hadst not spoken, surely then [7]in the morning the people had gone away, nor followed every one his brother.

[1] In 1 Chr. 8. 33; 9. 39, *Eshbaal*
The Vulg. and Syr. have, *Geshurites*
[3] Heb. *them together* [4] That is, *The field of the sharp knives*
[5] Heb. *as one of the roes that are in the field*
[6] Or, *spoil* See Judg. 14. 19
[7] Heb. *from the morning*

28 So Jō'ăb blew the trumpet; and all the people stood still, and pursued after Ĭs'rā-ĕl no more, neither fought they any more. 29 And Ăb'nēr and his men went all that night through the Ăr'ă-băh; and they passed over the Jordan, and went through all Bĭth'rŏn, and came to Mā-hă-nā'ĭm.

30 And Jō'ăb returned from following Ăb'nēr: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Ā'să-hĕl. 31 But the servants of David had smitten of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, and of Ăb'nēr's men, *so that* three hundred and threescore men died. 32 And they took up Ā'să-hĕl, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which was in Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm. And Jō'ăb and his men went all night, and the day brake upon them at Hē'brŏn.

3 Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: and David waxed stronger and stronger, but the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

2 And unto David were sons born in Hē'brŏn: and his first-born was Ăm'nŏn, of Ă-hĭn'ō-ăm the Jĕz'rē-ĕl-ĭ-tĕss; 3 and his second, Chĭl'ĕ-ăb, of Ăb'ĭ-gāil the wife of Nā'băl the Căr'mĕl-ite; and the third, Ăb'să-lŏm the son of Mā'-ă-căh the daughter of Tăl'māi king of Gē'shŭr; 4 and the fourth, Ăd-ō-nī'jăh the son of Hăg'gĭth; and the fifth, Shĕph-ă-tī'ăh the son of Ăb'ĭ-tăl; 5 and the sixth, ĭth'rĕ-ăm, of Ĕg'lăh, David's wife. These were born to David in Hē'brŏn.

6 And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Ăb'nēr [1]made himself strong in the house of Saul. 7 Now Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rĭz'păh, the daughter of Ā'ĭăh: and *Ish-bo'sheth* said to Ăb'nēr, Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine? 8 Then was Ăb'nēr very wroth for the words of Ĭsh-bō'shĕth, and said, Am I a dog's head that belongeth to Jū'dăh? This day do I show kindness unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David; and yet thou chargest me this day with [2]a fault concerning this woman. 9 God do so to Ăb'nēr, and more also, if, as Jĕ-hō'văh hath sworn to David, I do not even so to him; 10 to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Ĭs'rā-ĕl and over Jū'dăh, from Dan even to Bē'ĕr-shĕ'bă. 11 And he could not answer Ăb'nēr another word, because he feared him.

12 And Ăb'nēr sent messengers to David [3]on his behalf, saying, Whose is the land? saying *also*, Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with thee, to bring about all Ĭs'rā-ĕl unto thee. 13 And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee; but one thing I require of thee: that is, thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Mī'chăl, Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face. 14 And David sent messengers to Ĭsh-bō'shĕth, Saul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Mi'chăl, whom I betrothed to me for a hundred foreskins of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. 15 And Ĭsh-bō'shĕth sent, and took her from her husband, even from [4]Păl'tĭ-ĕl the son of Lā'ĭsh. 16 And her husband went with her, weeping as he went, and followed her to Bă-hū'rĭm. Then said Ăb'nēr unto him, Go, return: and he returned.

17 And Ăb'nēr had communication with the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, In times past ye sought for David to be king over you: 18 now then do it; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl out of the hand of the Phĭ'lĭs'tĭnes, and out of the hand of all their enemies. 19 And Ăb'nēr also spake in the

[1] Or, *showed himself strong for*

[2] Or, *the fault of this woman*

[3] Or, *where he was*

[4] In 1 Sam. 25. 44, *Palti*

ears of Běn'jă-mĭn: and Ăb'nēr went also to speak in the ears of David in Hē'brŏn all that seemed good to ĭs'rā-ĕl, and to the whole house of Běn'jă-mĭn. 20 So Ăb'nēr came to David to Hē'brŏn, and twenty men with him. And David made Ăb'nēr and the men that were with him a feast. 21 And Ăb'nēr said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all ĭs'rā-ĕl unto my lord the king, that they may make a covenant with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thy soul desireth. And David sent Ăb'nēr away; and he went in peace.

22 And, behold, the servants of David and Jō'ăb came from [1]a foray, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Ăb'nēr was not with David in Hē'brŏn; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace. 23 When Jō'ăb and all the host that was with him were come, they told Jō'ăb, saying, Ăb'nēr the son of Nēr came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace. 24 Then Jō'ăb came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Ăb'nēr came unto thee; why is it that thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone? 25 Thou knowest Ăb'nēr the son of Nēr, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest. 26 And when Jō'ăb was come out from David, he sent messengers after Ăb'nēr, and they brought him back from the [2]well of Sī'răh: but David knew it not.

27 And when Ăb'nēr was returned to Hē'brŏn, Jō'ăb took him aside into the midst of the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there in the body, so that he died, for the blood of Ā'să-hĕl his brother. 28 And afterward, when David heard it, he said, I and my kingdom are guiltless before Jĕ-hō'văh for ever of the blood of Ăb'nēr the son of Nēr: 29 let it fall upon the head of Jō'ăb, and upon all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Jō'ăb one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth by the sword, or that lacketh bread. 30 So Jō'ăb and Ă-bī'shāi his brother slew Ăb'nēr, because he had killed their brother Ā'să-hĕl at Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn in the battle.

31 And David said to Jō'ăb, and to all the people that were with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Ăb'nēr. And king David followed the bier. 32 And they buried Ăb'nēr in Hē'brŏn: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Ăb'nēr; and all the people wept. 33 And the king lamented for Ăb'nēr, and said,

Should Ăb'nēr die as a fool dieth?
34 Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters:
As a man falleth before the children of iniquity, so didst thou fall.

And all the people wept again over him. 35 And all the people came to cause David to eat bread while it was yet day; but David sware, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or aught else, till the sun be down. 36 And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them; as whatsoever the king did pleased all the people. 37 So all the people and all ĭs'rā-ĕl understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Ăb'nēr the son of Nēr. 38 And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in ĭs'rā-ĕl? 39 And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zĕ-rū'ĭăh are too hard for me: Jĕ-hō'văh reward the evil-doer according to his wickedness.

4 And when *Ish-bo'sheth*, Saul's son, heard that Ăb'nēr was dead in Hē'brŏn, his hands became feeble, and all the ĭs'rā-ĕl-ites were troubled. 2 And *Ish-bo'sheth*, Saul's son, *had* two men that were captains of bands: the name of the one was Bā'ă-năh, and the name of the other Rē'chăb, the sons of

[1] Heb. *the troop* [2] Or, *cistern*

Rĭm'mŏn the Bĕ-ē'rŏth-īte, of the children of Bĕn'jă-min (for Bĕ-ē'rŏth also is reckoned to Bĕn'jă-min: 3 and the Bĕ-ē'rŏth-ītes fled to Gĭt'tă-ĭm, and have been sojourners there until this day).

4 Now Jŏn'ă-thăn, Saul's son, had a son that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jŏn'ă-thăn out of Jĕz'rĕ-ĕl; and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was [1]Mĕ-phĭb'ō-shĕth.

5 And the sons of Rĭm'mŏn the Bĕ-ē'rŏth-īte, Rē'chăb and Bā'ă-năh, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ish-bō'shĕth, as he took his rest at noon. 6 And [2]they came thither into the midst of the house, as though they would have fetched wheat; and they smote him in the body: and Rē'chăb and Bā'ă-năh his brother escaped. 7 Now when they came into the house, as he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and went by the way of the Ăr'ă-băh all night. 8 And they brought the head of Ish-bō'shĕth unto David to Hē'brŏn, and said to the king, Behold, the head of Ish-bō'shĕth, the son of Saul, thine enemy, who sought thy life; and Jĕ-hō'văh hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed. 9 And David answered Rē'chăb and Bā'ă-năh his brother, the sons of Rĭm'mŏn the Bĕ-ē'rŏth-īte, and said unto them, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, 10 when one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Zĭk'lăg, which was the reward I gave him for his tidings. 11 How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed, shall I not now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth? 12 And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up beside the pool in Hē'brŏn. But they took the head of Ish-bō'shĕth, and buried it in the grave of Ăb'nĕr in Hē'brŏn.

5 Then came all the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl to David unto Hē'brŏn, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. 2 In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was thou that leddest out and broughtest in Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and Jĕ-hō'văh said to thee, Thou shalt be shepherd of my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and thou shalt be [3]prince over Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 3 So all the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl came to the king to Hē'brŏn; and king David made a covenant with them in Hē'brŏn before Jĕ-hō'văh: and they anointed David king over Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. 5 In Hē'brŏn he reigned over Jū'dăh seven years and six months; and in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm he reigned thirty and three years over all Ĭs'rā-ĕl and Jū'dăh.

6 And the king and his men went to Jĕ-rū'să-lĕm against the Jĕb'ū-sītes, the inhabitants of the land, who spake unto David, saying, [4]Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither; thinking, David cannot come in hither. 7 Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zī'ŏn; the same is the city of David. 8 And David said on that day, Whosoever smiteth the Jĕb'ū-sītes, let him get up to the watercourse, [5]and *smite* the lame and the blind, [6]that are hated of David's soul. Wherefore they say, [7]There are the blind and the lame; he cannot come into the house. 9 And David dwelt in the stronghold, and

[1] In 1 Chr. 8. 34; 9.40, *Merib-baal*
[2] Or, *there came . . . men fetching wheat*
[3] Or, *leader*
[4] Or, *Thou shalt not come in hither, but the blind and the lame shall turn thee away*
[5] Or, *and as for the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's soul—*
[6] Another reading is, *that hate David's soul*
[7] Or, *The blind and the lame shall not come into the house*

called it the city of David. And David built round about from Mĭl'lō and inward. 10 And David waxed greater and greater; for Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of hosts, was with him.

11 And Hī'răm king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar-trees, and carpenters, and masons; and they built David a house. 12 And David perceived that Jĕ-hō'văh had established him king over ĭs'rā-ĕl, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people ĭs'rā-ĕl's sake.

13 And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, after he was come from Hē'brŏn; and there were yet sons and daughters born to David. 14 And these are the names of those that were born unto him in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm: Shăm-mū'ă, and Shō'băb, and Nā'thăn, and Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, 15 and ĭb'hăr, and ĕl-ĭ-shu'ă, and Nē'phĕg, and Jā-phī'ă, 16 and E-lĭsh'ă-mă, and [1]E-lī'ă-dă, and E-lĭph'ĕ-lĕt.

17 And when the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes heard that they had anointed David king over ĭs'rā-ĕl, all the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes went up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the stronghold. 18 Now the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes had come and spread themselves in the valley of Rĕph'ă-ĭm. 19 And David inquired of Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, Shall I go up against the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes? wilt thou deliver them into my hand? And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto David, Go up; for I will certainly deliver the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes into thy hand. 20 And David came to Bā'ăl-pĕr'ă-zĭm, and David smote them there; and he said, Jĕ-hō'văh hath [2]broken mine enemies before me, like the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place [3]Bā'ăl-pĕr'ă-zĭm. 21 And they left their images there; and David and his men took them away.

22 And the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rĕph'ă-ĭm. 23 And when David inquired of Jĕ-hō'văh, he said, Thou shalt not go up: make a circuit behind them, and come upon them over against the [4]mulberry-trees. 24 And it shall be, when thou hearest the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry-trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself; for then is Jĕ-hō'văh gone out before thee to smite the host of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. 25 And David did so, as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded him, and smote the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes from [5]Gē'bā until thou come to Gē'zēr.

6 And David again gathered together all the chosen men of ĭs'rā-ĕl, thirty thousand. 2 And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him, from Bā'ăl-ē-jū'dăh, to bring up from thence the ark of God, [6]which is called by the Name, even the name of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts that [7]sitteth *above* the chĕr'ū-bĭm. 3 And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of A-bĭn'ă-dăb that was in [8]the hill: and ŭz'zăh and A-hī'ō, the sons of A-bĭn'ă-dăb, drove the new cart. 4 And they brought it out of the house of A-bĭn'ă-dăb, which was in [8]the hill, with the ark of God: and A-hī'ō went before the ark. 5 And David and all the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl played before Jĕ-hō'văh with all manner of *instruments made of* [9]fir-wood, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with [10]castanets, and with cymbals.

6 And when they came to the threshing-floor of Nā'cŏn, ŭz'zăh put forth *his hand* to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen [11]stumbled. 7 And the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh was kindled against ŭz'zăh; and God smote him there for his [12]error; and there he died by the ark of God. 8 And David was displeased, because Jĕ-hō'văh had

[1] In 1 Chr. 14. 7, *Beeliada*
[2] Or, *broken forth upon mine enemies*
[3] That is, *The place of breakings forth*
[4] Or, *balsam-trees*
[5] In 1 Chr. 14. 16, *Gibeon*
[6] Heb. *whereupon is called the Name*
[7] Or, *is enthroned*
[8] Or, *Gibeah*
[9] Or, *cypress-wood*
[10] Or, *sistra*
[11] Or, *were restive*
[12] Or, *threw it down*
[13] Or, *rashness*

broken forth upon Ŭz'zăh; and he called that place [1]Pĕ'rĕz-ŭz'zăh, unto this day. 9 And David was afraid of Jĕ-hō'văh that day; and he said, How shall the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh come unto me? 10 So David would not remove the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh unto him into the city of David; but David carried it aside into the house of Ō'bĕd-ē'dŏm the Gĭt'tīte. 11 And the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh remained in the house of Ō'bĕd-ē'dŏm the Gĭt'tīte three months: and Jĕ-hō'văh blessed Ō-bĕd-ē'dŏm, and all his house.

12 And it was told king David, saying, Jĕ-hō'văh hath blessed the house of Ō'bĕd-ē'dŏm, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. And David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Ō'bĕd-ē'dŏm into the city of David with joy. 13 And it was so, that, when they that bare the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. 14 And David danced before Jĕ-hō'văh with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ĕph'ŏd. 15 So David and all the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl brought up the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

16 And it was so, as the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh came into the city of David, that Mī'chăl the daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before Jĕ-hō'văh; and she despised him in her heart. 17 And they brought in the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh, and set it in its place, in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before Jĕ-hō'văh. 18 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt-offering and the peace-offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. 19 And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, both to men and women, to every one a cake of bread, and a portion [2]*of flesh*, and a cake of raisins. So all the people departed every one to his house.

20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Mī'chăl the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl to-day, who uncovered himself to-day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! 21 And David said unto Mī'chăl, *It was* before Jĕ-hō'văh, who chose me above thy father, and above all his house, to appoint me prince over the people of Jĕ-hō'văh, over Ĭs'rā-ĕl: therefore will I play before Jĕ-hō'văh. 22 And I will be yet more vile than this, and will be base in mine own sight: but of the handmaids of whom thou hast spoken, of them shall I be had in honor. 23 And Mī'chăl the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

7 And it came to pass, when the king dwelt in his house, and Jĕ-hō'văh had given him rest from all his enemies round about, 2 that the king said unto Nā'thăn the prophet, See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. 3 And Nā'thăn said to the king, Go, do all that is in thy heart; for Jĕ-hō'văh is with thee. 4 And it came to pass the same night, that the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto Nā'thăn, saying, 5 Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Shalt thou build me a house for me to dwell in? 6 for I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl out of Ē'gўpt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. 7 In all places wherein I have walked with all the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, spake I a word with [3]any of the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, whom I commanded to be shepherd of my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, Why have ye not built me a house of cedar? 8 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'-

[1] That is, *The breach of Uzzah* [2] Or, of wine
[3] In 1 Chr. 17. 6, *any of the judges*

văh of hosts, I took thee from the [1]sheepcote, from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be [2]prince over my people, over Ĭs'rā-ĕl; 9 and I have been with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee; and I will make thee a great name, like unto the name of the great ones that are in the earth. 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as at the first, 11 and *as* from the day that I commanded judges to be over my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and I [3]will cause thee to rest from all thine enemies. Moreover Jĕ-hō'văh telleth thee that Jĕ-hō'văh will make thee a house. 12 When thy days are fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, that shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. 14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son: if he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men; 15 but my lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put way before thee. 16 And thy house and thy kingdom shall be made sure for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. 17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nā'thăn speak unto David.

18 Then David the king went in, and sat before Jĕ-hō'văh; and he said, Who am I, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, and what is my house, that thou hast brought me thus far? 19 And this was yet a small thing in thine eyes, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come; [4]and this *too* after the manner of men, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh! 20 And what can David say more unto thee? for thou knowest thy servant, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh. 21 For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou wrought all this greatness, to make thy servant know it. 22 Wherefore thou art great, O Jĕ-hō'văh God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God besides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 23 [5]And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Ĭs'rā-ĕl, whom God went to redeem unto himself for a people, and to make him a name, and to do great things for you, and terrible things for thy land, before thy people, whom thou redeemedst to thee out of Ĕ'gўpt, *from* the nations and their gods? 24 And thou didst establish to thyself thy people Ĭs'rā-ĕl to be a people unto thee for ever; and thou, Jĕ-hō'văh, becamest their God. 25 And now, O Jĕ-hō'văh God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, confirm thou it for ever, and do as thou hast spoken. 26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts is God over Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and the house of thy servant David shall be established before thee. 27 For thou, O Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee a house: therefore hath thy servant [6]found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee. 28 And now, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, thou art God, and thy words are truth, and thou hast promised this good thing unto thy servant: 29 now therefore [7]let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee; for thou, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

[1] Or, *pasture* [2] Or, *leader* [3] Or, *have caused*
[4] Or, *and is this the law of man, O Lord Jehovah?* [5] Or, *And who is like thy people, like Israel, a nation that is alone in the earth &c.* [6] Or, *been bold* [7] Or, *begin and bless*

8 And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Phĭ-lĭs'-tĭnes, and subdued them: and David took [1]the bridle of the mother city out of the hand of the Phĭ-lĭs'-tĭnes.

2 And he smote Mō'ăb, and measured them with the line, making them to lie down on the ground; and he measured two lines to put to death, and one full line to keep alive. And the Mō'ăb-ītes became servants to David, and brought tribute.

3 David smote also Hăd-ăd-ē'-zĕr the son of Rē'hŏb, king of Zō'băh, as he went to recover his dominion at [2]the River. 4 And David took from him a thousand and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David hocked all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for a hundred chariots. 5 And when [3]the Sўr'ĭ-ăns of Dă-măs'cŭs came to succor Hăd-ăd-ē'zĕr king of Zō'băh, David smote of [3]the Sўr'-ĭ-ăns two and twenty thousand men. 6 Then David put garrisons in [3]Sўr'ĭ-a of Dă-măs'cŭs; and [3]the Sўr'ĭ-ăns became servants to David, and brought tribute. And Jĕ-hō'văh [4]gave victory to David whithersoever he went. 7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hăd-ăd-ē'zĕr, and brought them to Jĕ-ru'-să-lĕm. 8 And from [5]Bĕ'tăh and from Bĕr'ō-thāi, cities of Hăd-ăd-ē'zĕr, king David took exceeding much brass.

9 And when Tō'ĭ king of Hā'-măth heard that David had smitten all the host of Hăd-ăd-ē'zĕr, 10 then Tō'ĭ sent [6]Jō'răm his son unto king David, to [7]salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hăd-ăd-ē'zĕr and smitten him: for Hăd-ăd-ē'zĕr [8]had wars with Tō'ĭ. And [9]*Jo'ram* brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass: 11 these also did king David dedicate unto Jĕ-hō'văh, with the silver and gold that he dedicated of all the nations which he subdued; 12 of Sўr'ĭ-a, and of Mō'ăb, and of the children of Ăm'-mŏn, and of the Phĭ-lĭs'tines, and of Ăm'ă-lĕk, and of the spoil of Hăd-ăd-ē'zĕr, son of Rē'hŏb, king of Zō'băh.

13 And David gat him a name when he returned from smiting [11]the Sўr'ĭ-ăns in the Valley of Salt, even eighteen thousand men. 14 And he put garrisons in Ē'dŏm; throughout all Ē'dŏm put he garrisons, and all the Ē'dŏm-ītes became servants to David. And Jĕ-hō'văh [12]gave victory to David whithersoever he went.

15 And David reigned over all Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and David executed justice and righteousness unto all his people. 16 And Jō'ăb the son of Zĕ-ru'ĭăh was over the host; and Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt the son of Ă-hĭ'lŭd was [13]recorder; 17 and Zā'dŏk the son of Ă-hĭ'tŭb, and Ă-hĭm'ĕ-lĕch the son of Ă-bĭ'ă-thär, were priests; and Sĕ-rā'ĭăh was [14]scribe; 18 and Bĕ-nā'ĭah the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dă [15]*was over* the Chĕr'ĕ-thītes and the Pĕl'ĕ-thītes; and David's sons were [16]chief ministers.

9 And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jŏn'ă-thăn's sake? 2 And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Zĭ'bà, and they called him unto David; and the king said unto him, Art thou Zĭ'bà? And he said, Thy servant is he. 3 And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God unto him? And Zĭ'bà said unto the king, Jŏn'ă-thăn hath yet a son, who is lame of his feet. 4 And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Zĭ'bà said unto the king, Behold, he is

[1] Or, *Metheg-ammah* [2] Another reading is, *the river Euphrates* [3] Heb. *Aram* [4] Or, *saved David* [5] In 1 Chr. 18. 8, *Tibhath* [6] In 1 Chr. 18, 10, *Hadoram* [7] Heb. *ask him of his welfare* [8] Heb. *was a man of wars* [9] Heb. *in his hand were*

[10] Heb. *Aram* [11] *Edom*, in 1 Chr. 18. 11, 12; Ps. 60. *title* [12] Or, *saved David* [13] Or, *chronicler* [14] Or, *secretary* [15] So in ch. 20. 23, and 1 Chr. 18. 17. The Hebrew text has, *and the Cherethites &c.* [16] Or, *priests*

in the house of Mā'chĭr the son of Ăm'mi-ĕl, in Lō-dē'bär. 5 Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Mā'chĭr the son of Ăm'mĭ-ĕl, from Lō-dē'bär. 6 And Mĕ-phĭb'ō-shĕth, the son of Jŏn'ă-thăn, the son of Saul, came unto David, and fell on his face, and did obeisance. And David said, Mĕ-phĭb'ō-shĕth. And he answered, Behold, thy servant! 7 And David said unto him, Fear not; for I will surely show thee kindness for Jŏn'ă-thăn thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the [1]land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually. 8 And he did obeisance, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?

9 Then the king called to Zī'bà, Saul's servant, and said unto him, All that pertained to Saul and to all his house have I given unto thy master's son. 10 And thou shalt till the land for him, thou, and thy sons, and thy servants; and thou shalt bring in *the fruits*, that thy master's son may have bread to eat: but Mĕ-phĭb'ō-shĕth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Zī'bà had fifteen sons and twenty servants. 11 Then said Zī'bà unto the king, According to all that my lord the king commandeth his servant, so shall thy servant do. [2]As for Mĕ-phĭb'ō-shĕth, *said the king*, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons. 12 And Mĕ-phĭb'ō-shĕth had a young son, whose name was Mī'cà. And all that dwelt in the house of Zī'bà were servants unto Mĕ-phĭb'ō-shĕth. 13 So Mĕ-phĭb'ō-shĕth dwelt in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; for he did eat continually at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet.

10 And it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ăm'mŏn died, and Hā'nŭn his son reigned in his stead. 2 And David said, I will show kindness unto Hā'nŭn the son of Nā'hăsh, as his father showed kindness unto me. So David sent by his servants to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ăm'mŏn. 3 But the princes of the children of Ăm'mŏn said unto Hā'nŭn their lord, Thinkest thou that David doth honor thy father, in that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David sent his servants unto thee to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it? 4 So Hā'nŭn took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. 5 When they told it unto David, he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jĕr'ĭ-chō until your beards be grown, and then return.

6 And when the children of Ăm'mŏn saw that they were become odious to David, the children of Ăm'mŏn sent and hired the Sўr'ĭ-ăns of Bĕth-rē'hŏb, and the Sўr'ĭ-ăns of Zō'băh, twenty thousand footmen, and the king of Mā'ă-căh with a thousand men, and the men of Tŏb twelve thousand men. 7 And when David heard of it, he sent Jō'ăb, and all the host of the mighty men. 8 And the children of Ăm'mŏn came out, and put the battle in array at the entrance of the gate: and the Sўr'ĭ-ăns of Zō'băh and of Rē'hŏb, and the men of Tŏb and Mā'ă-căh, were by themselves in the field.

9 Now when Jō'ăb saw that [3]the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Ĭs'rà-ĕl, and put them in array against the Sўr'ĭ-ăns: 10 and the rest of the people he committed into the hand of [4]Ă-bĭ'shāi his brother; and he put them in array against the children of Ăm'mŏn. 11 And he said, If the Sўr'ĭ-ăns be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me; but if the chil-

[1] Heb. *field* [2] Or, *But Mephibosheth eateth &c.*
[3] Heb. *the face of the battle was against*
[4] Heb. *Abshai*

dren of Ăm'mŏn be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee. 12 Be of good courage, and let us play the man for our people, and for the cities of our God: and Jĕ-hō'văh do that which seemeth him good. 13 So Jō'ăb and the people that were with him drew nigh unto the battle against the Sȳr'ĭ-ănș: and they fled before him. 14 And when the children of Ăm'mŏn saw that the Sȳr'ĭ-ănș were fled, they likewise fled before Ă-bī'shāi, and entered into the city. Then Jō'ăb returned from the children of Ăm'mŏn, and came to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

15 And when the Sȳr'ĭ-ănș saw that they were put to the worse before ĭs'rā-ĕl, they gathered themselves together. 16 And [1]Hăd-ăr-ē'zĕr sent, and brought out the Sȳr'ĭ-ănș that were beyond the River: and they came to Hē'lăm, with Shō'băch the captain of the host of Hăd-ăr-ē'zĕr at their head. 17 And it was told David; and he gathered all ĭs'rā-ĕl together, and passed over the Jordan, and came to Hē'lăm. And the Sȳr'ĭ-ănș set themselves in array against David, and fought with him. 18 And the Sȳr'ĭ-ănș fled before ĭs'rā-ĕl; and David slew of the Sȳr'ĭ-ănș *the men of* seven hundred chariots, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shō'băch the captain of their host, so that he died there. 19 And when all the kings that were servants to Hăd-ăr-ē'zĕr saw that they were put to the worse before ĭs'rā-ĕl, they made peace with ĭs'rā-ĕl, and served them. So the Sȳr'ĭ-ănș feared to help the children of Ăm'mŏn any more.

11 And it came to pass, at the return of the year, at the time when kings go out *to battle*, that David sent Jō'ăb, and his servants with him, and all ĭs'rā-ĕl; and they destroyed the children of Ăm'mŏn, and besieged Răb'băh. But David tarried at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

2 And it came to pass at eventide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. 3 And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Băth-shĕ'bà, the daughter of Ĕ-lī'ăm, the wife of Ū-rī'ăh the Hĭt'tīte? 4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her (for she was purified from her uncleanness); and she returned unto her house. 5 And the woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, I am with child.

6 And David sent to Jō'ăb, *saying*, Send me Ū-rī'ăh the Hĭt'tīte. And Jō'ăb sent Ū-rī'ăh to David. 7 And when Ū-rī'ăh was come unto him, David asked of him how Jō'ăb did, and how the people fared, and how the war prospered. 8 And David said to Ū-rī'ăh, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Ū-rī'ăh departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a [2]mess *of food* from the king. 9 But Ū-rī'ăh slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. 10 And when they had told David, saying, Ū-rī'ăh went not down unto his house, David said unto Ū-rī'ăh, Art thou not come from a journey? wherefore didst thou not go down unto thy house? 11 And Ū-rī'ăh said unto David, The ark, and ĭs'rā-ĕl, and Jū'dăh, abide in booths; and my lord Jō'ăb, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open field; shall I then go into my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing. 12 And David said to Ū-rī'ăh, Tarry here to-day also, and to-morrow I will let thee depart. So Ū-rī'ăh abode in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm [3]that day, and the morrow. 13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he

[1] In ch. 8. 3, *Hadadezer*

[2] Or, *present from* [3] Or, *that day. And on the morrow David called him, and he &c.*

went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

14 And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Jō'ăb, and sent it by the hand of Ū-rī'ăh. 15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Ū-rī'ăh in the forefront of the [1]hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die. 16 And it came to pass, when Jō'ăb [2]kept watch upon the city, that he assigned Ū-rī'ăh unto the place where he knew that valiant men were. 17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Jō'ăb: and there fell some of the people, even of the servants of David; and Ū-rī'ăh the Hĭt'tīte died also. 18 Then Jō'ăb sent and told David all the things concerning the war; 19 and he charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling all the things concerning the war unto the king, 20 it shall be that, if the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore went ye so nigh unto the city to fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall? 21 who smote Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch the son of [3]Jĕ-rŭb'bĕ-shĕth? did not a woman cast an upper millstone upon him from the wall, so that he died at Thĕ'bĕz? why went ye so nigh the wall? then shalt thou say, Thy servant Ū-rī'ăh the Hĭt'tīte is dead also.

22 So the messenger went, and came and showed David all that Jō'ăb had sent him for. 23 And the messenger said unto David, The men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entrance of the gate. 24 And the shooters shot at thy servants from off the wall; and some of the king's servants are dead, and thy servant Ū-rī'ăh the Hĭt'tīte is dead also. 25 Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Jō'ăb, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another; make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.

26 And when the wife of Ū-rī-ăh heard that Ū-rī'ăh her husband was dead, she made lamentation for her husband. 27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and took her home to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased Jĕ-hō'văh.

12 And Jĕ-hō'văh sent Nā'thăn unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. 2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds; 3 but the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own morsel, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. 4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him, but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. 5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nā'thăn, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, the man that hath done this is [4]worthy to die: 6 and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

7 And Nā'thăn said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, I anointed thee king over Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; 8 and I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and of Jū'dăh; and if that had been too little, I would have added unto thee such and such things. 9 Wherefore hast thou despised the word of

[1] Heb. *strong* [2] Or, *observed* [3] In Judg. 6. 32, *Jerubbaal*
[4] Heb. *a son of death*

Jĕ-hō'văh, to do that which is evil in his sight? thou hast smitten Ū-rī'ăh the Hĭt'tite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ăm'mŏn. 10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thy house, because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Ū-rī'ăh the Hĭt'tite to be thy wife. 11 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house; and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbor, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and before the sun. 13 And David said unto Nā'thăn, I have sinned against Jĕ-hō'văh. And Nā'thăn said unto David, Jĕ-hō'văh also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. 14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of Jĕ-hō'văh to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die. 15 And Nā'thăn departed unto his house.

And Jĕ-hō'văh struck the child that Ū-rī'ăh's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick. 16 David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. 17 And the elders of his house arose, *and stood* beside him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. 18 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead; for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he hearkened not unto our voice: [1]how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead! 19 But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; and David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. 20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel; and he came into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. 21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. 22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who knoweth whether Jĕ-hō'văh will not be gracious to me, that the child may live? 23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me.

24 And David comforted Băth-shĕ'bà his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and [2]he called his name Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn. And Jĕ-hō'văh loved him; 25 and he sent by the hand of Nā'thăn the prophet; and he called his name [3]Jĕd-ĭ-dī'ăh, for Jĕ-hō'văh's sake.

26 Now Jō'ăb fought against Răb'băh of the children of Ăm'mŏn, and took the royal city. 27 And Jō'ăb sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Răb'băh; yea, I have taken the city of waters. 28 Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it; lest I take the city, and [4]it be called after my name. 29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to Răb'băh, and fought against it, and took it. 30 And he took the crown of [5]their king from off his head; and the weight thereof was a talent of gold, and *in it were* precious stones; and it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city, exceed-

[1] Or, *how then shall we tell him that the child is dead, so that he do himself some harm?*
[2] Another reading is, *she called*
[3] That is, *Beloved of Jehovah*
[4] Heb. *my name be called upon it*
[5] Or, *Malcam* See Zeph 1. 5

ing much. 31 And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them [1]under saws, and [1]under harrows of iron, and [1]under axes of iron, and [2]made them pass through the [3]brickkiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ăm'mŏn. And David and all the people returned unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

13 And it came to pass after this, that Ăb'să-lŏm the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tā'mär; and Ăm'nŏn the son of David loved her. 2 And Ăm'nŏn was so vexed that he fell sick because of his sister Tā'mär; for she was a virgin; and it seemed hard to Ăm'nŏn to do anything unto her. 3 But Ăm'nŏn had a friend, whose name was Jŏn'ă-dăb, the son of Shĭm'ĕ-ăh, David's brother: and Jŏn'ă-dăb was a very subtle man. 4 And he said unto him, Why, O son of the king, art thou thus lean [4]from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Ăm'nŏn said unto him, I love Tā'mär, my brother Ăb'să-lŏm's sister. 5 And Jŏn'ă-dăb said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and feign thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, Let my sister Tā'mär come, I pray thee, and give me bread to eat, and dress the food in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it from her hand. 6 So Ăm'nŏn lay down, and feigned himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Ăm'nŏn said unto the king, Let my sister Tā'mär come, I pray thee, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand.

7 Then David sent home to Tā'mär, saying, Go now to thy brother Ăm'nŏn's house, and dress him food. 8 So Tā'mär went to her brother Ăm'nŏn's house; and he was laid down. And she took dough, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes. 9 And she took the pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Ăm'nŏn said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him. 10 And Ăm'nŏn said unto Tā'mär, Bring the food into the chamber, that I may eat from thy hand. And Tā'mär took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Ăm'nŏn her brother. 11 And when she had brought them near unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come, lie with me, my sister. 12 And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not [5]force me; for no such thing ought to be done in ĭs'rā-ĕl: do not thou this folly. 13 And I, whither shall I carry my shame? and as for thee, thou wilt be as one of the fools in ĭs'rā-ĕl. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee. 14 Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice; but being stronger than she, he forced her, and lay with her.

15 Then Ăm'nŏn hated her with exceeding great hatred; for the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Ăm'nŏn said unto her, Arise, be gone. 16 And she said unto him, [6]Not so, because this great wrong in putting me forth is *worse* than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her. 17 Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her. 18 And she had [7]a garment of divers colors upon her; for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her. 19 And Tā'mär put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colors that was on her; and she laid her hand on her head, and went her way, crying aloud as she went.

[1] Or, *to* [2] Or, with a slight change in the Hebrew text, *made them labor at* [3] Or, *brick-mould* [4] Heb. *morning by morning* [5] Heb. *humble* [6] Or, Think *not* [1] *there is occasion for this great wrong in putting me forth*, which is worse &c. [7] Or, *a long garment with sleeves*

20 And Ăb'să-lŏm her brother said unto her, Hath [1]Ăm'nŏn thy brother been with thee? but now hold thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; take not this thing to heart. So Tā'mär remained desolate in her brother Ăb'să-lŏm's house. 21 But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth. 22 And Ăb'să-lŏm spake unto Ăm'nŏn neither good nor bad; for Ăb'să-lŏm hated Ăm'nŏn, because he had forced his sister Tā'mär.

23 And it came to pass after two full years, that Ăb'să-lŏm had sheep-shearers in Bā'ăl-hā'zôr, which is beside Ē'phrăi-ĭm: and Ăb'să-lŏm invited all the king's sons. 24 And Ăb'să-lŏm came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheep-shearers; let the king, I pray thee, and his servants go with thy servant. 25 And the king said to Ăb'să-lŏm, Nay, my son, let us not all go, lest we be burdensome unto thee. And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but blessed him. 26 Then said Ăb'să-lŏm, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Ăm'nŏn go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee? 27 But Ăb'să-lŏm pressed him, and he let Ăm'nŏn and all the king's sons go with him. 28 And Ăb'să-lŏm commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now, when Ăm'nŏn's heart is merry with wine; and when I say unto you, Smite Ăm'nŏn, then kill him; fear not; have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant. 29 And the servants of Ăb'să-lŏm did unto Ăm'nŏn as Ăb'să-lŏm had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled.

30 And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that the tidings came to David, saying, Ăb'să-lŏm hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left. 31 Then the king arose, and rent his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent. 32 And Jŏn'ă-dăb, the son of Shĭm'ĕ-ăh, David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose that they have killed all the young men the king's sons; for Ăm'nŏn only is dead: for by the appointment of Ăb'să-lŏm this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tā'mär. 33 Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead; for Ăm'nŏn only is dead.

34 But Ăb'să-lŏm fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the hill-side behind him. 35 And Jŏn'ă-dăb said unto the king, Behold, the king's sons are come: as thy servant said, so it is. 36 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice, and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept [2]very sore.

37 But Ăb'să-lŏm fled, and went to Tăl'māi the son of [3]Ăm-mī'hŭr, king of Gē'shŭr. And *David* mourned for his son every day. 38 So Ăb'să-lŏm fled, and went to Gē'shŭr, and was there three years. 39 And *the soul of* king David longed to go forth unto Ăb'să-lŏm: for he was comforted concerning Ăm'nŏn, seeing he was dead.

14 Now Jō'ăb the son of Zĕ-ru'iăh perceived that the king's heart was toward Ăb'să-lŏm. 2 And Jō'ăb sent to Tĕ-kō'ă, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on mourning apparel, I pray thee, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that hath a long time mourned for the dead: 3 and go in to the king, and speak on this manner unto him. So Jō'ăb put the words in her mouth.

4 And when the woman of Tĕ-kō'ă spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did

[1] Heb. *Aminon*

[2] Heb. *with a very great weeping*

[3] Another reading is, *Ammihud*

obeisance, and said, Help, O king. 5 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, Of a truth I am a widow, and my husband is dead. 6 And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and there was none to part them, but the one smote the other, and killed him. 7 And, behold, the whole family is risen against thy handmaid, and they say, Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him for the life of his brother whom he slew, and so destroy the heir also. Thus will they quench my coal which is left, and will leave to my husband neither name nor remainder upon the face of the earth.

8 And the king said unto the woman, Go to thy house, and I will give charge concerning thee. 9 And the woman of Tĕ-kō'á said unto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house; and the king and his throne be guiltless. 10 And the king said, Whosoever saith aught unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more. 11 Then said she, I pray thee, let the king remember Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, that the avenger of blood destroy not any more, lest they destroy my son. And he said, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth.

12 Then the woman said, Let thy handmaid, I pray thee, speak a word unto my lord the king. And he said, Say on. 13 And the woman said, Wherefore then hast thou devised such a thing against the people of God? for in speaking this word the king is as one that is guilty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished one. 14 For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God take away life, but deviseth means, that he that is banished be not an outcast from him. 15 Now therefore seeing that I am come to speak this word unto my lord the king, it is because the people have made me afraid: and thy handmaid said, I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his servant. 16 For the king will hear, to deliver his servant out of the hand of the man that would destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God. 17 Then thy handmaid said, Let, I pray thee, the word of my lord the king be [1]comfortable; for as [2]an angel of God, so is my lord the king [3]to discern good and bad: and Jĕ-hō'văh thy God be with thee.

18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, aught that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak. 19 And the king said, Is the hand of Jō'ăb with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, As thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from aught that my lord the king hath spoken; for thy servant Jō'ăb, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thy handmaid; 20 to change the face of the matter hath thy servant Jō'ăb done this thing: and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of [2]an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth.

21 And the king said unto Jō'ăb, Behold now, [4]I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Ăb'să-lŏm back. 22 And Jō'ăb fell to the ground on his face, and did obeisance, and blessed the king; and Jō'ăb said, To-day thy servant knoweth that I have found favor in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath performed the request of [5]his servant. 23 So Jō'ăb arose and went to Gē'shŭr, and brought Ăb'să-lŏm to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 24 And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, but let him not see my face. So Ăb'să-lŏm turned to his own

[1] Heb. *for rest* [2] Or, *the* [3] Heb. *to hear* [4] Another reading is, *thou hast done* [5] Another reading is, *thy*

house, and saw not the king's face.
25 Now in all Ĭs'rà-ĕl there was none to be so much praised as Ăb'să-lŏm for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. 26 And when he cut the hair of his head (now it was at every year's end that he cut it; because it was heavy on him, therefore he cut it); he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shĕk'ĕls, after the king's weight. 27 And unto Ăb'să-lŏm there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tā'mär: she was a woman of a fair countenance.
28 And Ăb'să-lŏm dwelt two full years in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and he saw not the king's face. 29 Then Ăb'să-lŏm sent for Jō'ăb, to send him to the king; but he would not come to him: and he sent again a second time, but he would not come. 30 Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Jō'ăb's field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. And Ăb'să-lŏm's servants set the field on fire. 31 Then Jō'ăb arose, and came to Ăb'să-lŏm unto his house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire? 32 And Ăb'să-lŏm answered Jō'ăb, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Gē'shŭr? it were better for me to be there still. Now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there be iniquity in me, let him kill me. 33 So Jō'ăb came to the king, and told him; and when he had called for Ăb'să-lŏm, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Ăb'să-lŏm.

15 And it came to pass after this, that Ăb'să-lŏm prepared him a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him. 2 And Ăb'să-lŏm rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that, when any man had a suit which should come to the king for judgment, then Ăb'să-lŏm called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Ĭs'rà-ĕl. 3 And Ăb'să-lŏm said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee. 4 Ăb'să-lŏm said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man who hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! 5 And it was so, that, when any man came nigh to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took hold of him, and kissed him. 6 And on this manner did Ăb'să-lŏm to all Ĭs'rà-ĕl that came to the king for judgment: so Ăb'să-lŏm stole the hearts of the men of Ĭs'rà-ĕl.
7 And it came to pass at the end of [1]forty years, that Ăb'să-lŏm said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto Jĕ-hō'văh, in Hē'brŏn. 8 For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Gē'shŭr in [2]Sўr'ĭ-à, saying, If Jĕ-hō'văh shall indeed bring me again to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, then I will [3]serve Jĕ-hō'văh. 9 And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hē'brŏn. 10 But Ăb'să-lŏm sent spies throughout all the tribes of Ĭs'rà-ĕl, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Ăb'să-lŏm is king in Hē'brŏn. 11 And with Ăb'să-lŏm went two hundred men out of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, that were invited, and went in their simplicity; and they knew not anything. 12 And Ăb'să-lŏm [4]sent for Ă-hĭth'ō-phĕl the Gī'lō-nīte, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Gī'lōh, while he was offering the sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Ăb'să-lŏm.
13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Ĭs'rà-ĕl are after Ăb'să-lŏm. 14 And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jĕ-ru'-

[1] According to Syr. and some editions of Sept., *four* [2] Heb. *Aram* [3] Or, *worship*
[4] Or, *sent Ahithophel*

să-lĕm, Arise, and let us flee; for else none of us shall escape from Ăb'să-lŏm: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us quickly, and bring down evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword. 15 And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall choose. 16 And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, that were concubines, to keep the house. 17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him; and they tarried [1]in Bĕth'-mĕr'hăk. 18 And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Chĕr'ĕthītes, and all the Pĕl'ĕ-thītes, and all the Gĭt'tītes, six hundred men that came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

19 Then said the king to Ĭt'tāi the Gĭt'tīte, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return, and abide with the king: for thou art a foreigner, and also an exile; *return* to thine own place. 20 Whereas thou camest but yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us, seeing I go whither I may? return thou, and take back thy brethren; mercy and truth be with thee. 21 And Ĭt'tāi answered the king, and said, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, even there also will thy servant be. 22 And David said to Ĭt'tāi, Go and pass over. And Ĭt'tāi the Gĭt'tīte passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him. 23 And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kĭd'rŏn, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

24 And, lo, Zā'dŏk also *came*, and all the Lĕ'vītes with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God; and they set down the ark of God; and Ă-bī'ă-thär went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city. 25 And the king said unto Zā'dŏk, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favor in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh, he will bring me again, and show me both it, and his habitation: 26 but if he say thus, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him. 27 The king said also unto Zā'dŏk the priest, [2]Art thou *not* a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ă-hĭm'ă-ăz thy son, and Jŏn'ă-thăn the son of Ă-bī'ă-thär. 28 See, I will tarry [3]at the fords of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify me. 29 Zā'dŏk therefore and Ă-bī'ă-thär carried the ark of God again to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and they abode there.

30 And David went up by the ascent of the *mount of* Ŏl'ĭves, and wept as he went up; and he had his head covered, and went barefoot: and all the people that were with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up. 31 And one told David, saying, Ă-hĭth'ŏ-phĕl is among the conspirators with Ăb'să-lŏm. And David said, O Jĕ-hō'văh, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ă-hĭth'ŏ-phĕl into foolishness. 32 And it came to pass, that, when David was come to the top *of the ascent*, [4]where God was worshipped, behold, Hū'shāi the Ăr'chīte came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head. 33 And David said unto him, If thou passest on with me, then thou wilt be a burden unto me: 34 but if thou return to the city, and say unto Ăb'să-lŏm, I will be thy servant, O king; as I have been thy father's servant in time past, so will I now be thy servant; then wilt thou defeat for me the counsel of Ă-hĭth'ŏ-phĕl. 35 And hast thou not there with thee Zā'dŏk and Ă-bī'ă-thär the priests? therefore it shall be, that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou

[1] Or, *at the Far House*

[2] Or, *Seest thou?* [3] Another reading is, *in the plains* [4] Or, *where he was wont to worship God*

shalt tell it to Zā'dŏk and Ă-bī'ă-thär the priests. 36 Behold, they have there with them their two sons, Ă-hĭm'ă-ăz, Zā'dŏk's son, and Jŏn'ă-thăn, Ă-bī-ă-thär's son; and by them ye shall send unto me everything that ye shall hear. 37 So Hū'shāi, David's friend, came into the city; and Ăb'să-lŏm came into Jĕ-rū'să-lĕm.

16 And when David was a little past the top *of the ascent*, behold, Zĭ'bà the servant of Mĕ-phĭb'ō-shĕth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and a hundred clusters of raisins, and a hundred of summer fruits, and a [1]bottle of wine. 2 And the king said unto Zĭ'bà, What meanest thou by these? And Zĭ'bà said, The asses are for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as are faint in the wilderness may drink. 3 And the king said, And where is thy master's son? And Zĭ'bà said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; for he said, To-day will the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl restore me the kingdom of my father. 4 Then said the king to Zĭ'bà, Behold, thine is all that pertaineth unto Mĕ-phĭb'ō-shĕth. And Zĭ'bà said, I do obeisance; let me find favor in thy sight, my lord, O king.

5 And when king David came to Bă-hū'rĭm, behold, there came out thence a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shĭm'ĕ-ī, the son of Gē'rà; he came out, and cursed still as he came. 6 And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. 7 And thus said Shĭm'ĕ-ī when he cursed, Begone, begone, thou man of blood, and base fellow: 8 Jĕ-hō'văh hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and Jĕ-hō'văh hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Ăb'să-lŏm thy son and, behold, thou art *taken* in thine own mischief, because thou art a man of blood.

9 Then said Ă-bī'shāi the son of Zĕ-ru'iăh unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head. 10 And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zĕ-ru'iăh? [2]Because he curseth, and because Jĕ-hō'văh hath said unto him, Curse David; who then shall say, Wherefore hast thou done so? 11 And David said to Ă-bī'shāi, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth from my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more may this Bĕn'jă-mīte now *do it*? let him alone, and let him curse; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath bidden him. 12 It may be that Jĕ-hō'văh will look on the wrong done unto me, and that Jĕ-hō'văh will requite me good for *his* cursing of me this day. 13 So David and his men went by the way; and Shĭm'ĕ-ī went along on the hillside over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones [3]at him, and cast dust. 14 And the king, and all the people that were with him, came [4]weary, and he refreshed himself there.

15 And Ăb'să-lŏm, and all the people, the men of ĭs'rā-ĕl, came to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and Ă-hĭth'ō-phel with him. 16 And it came to pass, when Hū'shāi the Ăr'chīte, David's friend, was come unto Ăb'să-lŏm, that Hū'shāi said unto Ăb'să-lŏm, *Long* live the king, *Long* live the king. 17 And Ăb'să-lŏm said to Hū'shāi, Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend? 18 And Hū'shāi said unto Ăb'să-lŏm, Nay; but whom Jĕ-hō'văh, and this people, and all the men of ĭs'rā-ĕl have chosen, his will I be, and with him will I abide. 19 And again, whom should I serve? *should I* not *serve* in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy

[1] Or, *skin*

[2] Or, *When he curseth, and when &c.* Another reading is, *So let him curse, because*
[3] Heb. *over against*
[4] Or, *to Ayephi*

father's presence, so will I be in thy presence.

20 Then said Ăb'să-lŏm to Ă-hĭth'ō-phĕl, Give your counsel what we shall do. 21 And Ă-hĭth'ō-phĕl said unto Ăb'să-lŏm, Go in unto thy father's concubines, that he hath left to keep the house; and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl will hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then will the hands of all that are with thee be strong. 22 So they spread Ăb'să-lŏm a tent upon the top of the house; and Ăb'să-lŏm went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 23 And the counsel of Ă-hĭth'ō-phĕl, which he gave in those days, was as if a man inquired at the [1]oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ă-hĭth'ō-phĕl both with David and with Ăb'să-lŏm.

17 Moreover Ă-hĭth'ō-phĕl said unto Ăb'să-lŏm, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night: 2 and I will come upon him while he is weary and weak-handed, and will make him afraid; and all the people that are with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only; 3 and I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest is as if all returned: *so* all the people shall be in peace. 4 And the saying pleased Ăb'să-lŏm well, and all the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

5 Then said Ăb'să-lŏm, Call now Hū'shāi the Ăr'chīte also, and let us hear likewise what he saith. 6 And when Hū'shāi was come to Ăb'să-lŏm, Ăb'să-lŏm spake unto him, saying, Ă-hĭth'ō-phĕl hath spoken after this manner: shall we do *after* his saying? if not, speak thou. 7 And Hū'shāi said unto Ăb'să-lŏm, The counsel that Ă-hĭth'ō-phĕl hath given this time is not good. 8 Hū'shāi said moreover, Thou knowest thy father and his men, that they are mighty men, and they are [2]chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field; and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people. 9 Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some *other* place: and it will come to pass, [3]when some of them are fallen at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Ăb'să-lŏm. 10 And even he that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, will utterly melt; for all Ĭs'rā-ĕl knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they that are with him are valiant men. 11 But I counsel that all Ĭs'rā-ĕl be gathered together unto thee, from Dan even to Bē'ĕr-shē'bà, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and [4]that thou go to battle in thine own person. 12 So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground; and of him and of all the men that are with him we will not leave so much as one. 13 Moreover, if he [5]be gotten into a city, then shall all Ĭs'rā-ĕl bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there. 14 And Ăb'să-lŏm and all the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl said, The counsel of Hū'shāi the Ăr'chīte is better than the counsel of Ă-hĭth'ō-phĕl. For Jĕ-hō'văh had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ă-hĭth'ō-phĕl, to the intent that Jĕ-hō'văh might bring evil upon Ăb'să-lŏm.

15 Then said Hū'shāi unto Zā'dŏk and to Ă-bī'ă-thär the priests, Thus and thus did Ă-hĭth'ō-phĕl counsel Ăb'să-lŏm and the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and thus and thus have I counselled. 16 Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night [6]at the fords of the wilderness, but by all means pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that are with him. 17 [7]Now Jŏn'ă-thăn and Ă-hĭm'ă-ăz were staying by Ēn-rō'ĕgĕl; and a maid-ser-

[1] Heb. *word* [2] Heb. *bitter of soul*
[3] Or, *when he falleth upon them* [4] Or, *that thy presence* (Heb. *face*) *go to the battle*
[5] Or, *withdraw himself* [6] Another reading is, *in the plains* [7] Or, *Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz are staying by Enrogel; so let the maid-servant go and tell them, and let them go and tell king David; for they may not be seen to come into the city*

vant used to go and tell them; and they went and told king David: for they might not be seen to come into the city. 18 But a lad saw them, and told Ăb'să-lŏm: and they went both of them away quickly, and came to the house of a man in Bă-hū'rĭm, who had a well in his court; and they went down thither. 19 And the woman took and spread the covering over the well's mouth, and strewed bruised grain thereon; and nothing was known. 20 And Ăb'să-lŏm's servants came to the woman to the house; and they said, Where are Ă-hĭm'ă-ăz and Jŏn'ă-thăn? And the woman said unto them, They are gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jē-ru'să-lĕm.

21 And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David; and they said unto David, Arise ye, and pass quickly over the water; for thus hath Ă-hĭth'ō-phĕl counselled against you. 22 Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over the Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over the Jordan. 23 And when Ă-hĭth'ō-phĕl saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and gat him home, unto his city, and set his house in order, and hanged himself; and he died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

24 Then David came to Mā-hă-nā'ĭm. And Ăb'să-lŏm passed over the Jordan, he and all the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl with him. 25 And Ăb'să-lŏm set Ăm'ă-să over the host instead of Jō'ăb. Now Ăm'ă-să was the son of a man, whose name was [1]Ĭth'rā the Ĭs'rā-ĕl-ĭte, that went in to [2]Ăb'ĭ-găl the daughter of Nā'hăsh, sister to Zĕ-rū'ĭăh, Jō'ăb's mother. 26 And Ĭs'rā-ĕl and Ăb'să-lŏm encamped in the land of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd.

[1] In 1 Chr. 2. 17, *Jether the Ishmaelite*
[2] In 1 Chr. 2. 16, 17, *Abigail*

27 And it came to pass, when David was come to Mā-hă-nā'ĭm, that Shō'bī the son of Nā'hăsh of Răb'băh of the children of Ăm'mŏn, and Mā'chĭr the son of Ăm'mĭ-ĕl of Lō-dē'băr, and Bär-zĭl'lāi the Gĭl'ĕ-ăd-ĭte of Rō-gē'lĭm, 28 brought beds, and basins, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and meal, and parched *grain*, and beans, and lentils, and parched *pulse*, 29 and honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of the herd, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, The people are hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

18 And David numbered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. 2 And David sent forth the people, a third part under the hand of Jō'ăb, and a third part under the hand of Ă-bī'shāi the son of Zĕ-ru'ĭăh, Jō'ăb's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ĭt'tāi the Gĭt'tīte. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also. 3 But the people said, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: [3]but thou art worth ten thousand of us; therefore now it is better that thou be ready to succor us out of the city. 4 And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate-side, and all the people went out by hundreds and by thousands. 5 And the king commanded Jō'ăb and Ă-bī'shāi and Ĭt'tāi, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Ăb'să-lŏm. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Ăb'să-lŏm.

6 So the people went out into the field against Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and the battle was in the forest of Ē'phrā-ĭm. 7 And the people of Ĭs'rā-ĕl

[3] So Vulg. and some editions of Sept. The Hebrew text has, *for now are there ten thousand such as we*

were smitten there before the servants of David, and there was a great slaughter there that day of twenty thousand men. 8 For the battle was there spread over the face of all the country; and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

9 And Ăb'să-lŏm chanced to meet the servants of David. And Ăb'să-lŏm was riding upon his mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great [1]oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between heaven and earth; and the mule that was under him went on. 10 And a certain man saw it, and told Jō'ăb, and said, Behold, I saw Ăb'să-lŏm hanging in an oak. 11 And Jō'ăb said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest it, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten *pieces of* silver, and a girdle. 12 And the man said unto Jō'ăb, Though I should receive a thousand *pieces of* silver in my hand, yet would I not put forth my hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and Ă-bī'shāi and Ĭt'tāi, saying, [2]Beware that none touch the young man Ăb'să-lŏm. 13 Otherwise if I had dealt falsely against [3]his life (and there is no matter hid from the king), then thou thyself wouldest have set thyself against *me*. 14 Then said Jō'ăb, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three [4]darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Ăb'să-lŏm, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak. 15 And ten young men that bare Jō'ăb's armor compassed about and smote Ăb'să-lŏm, and slew him.

16 And Jō'ăb blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Ĭs'rā-ĕl; for Jō'ăb [5]held back the people. 17 And they took Ăb'să-lŏm, and cast him into the great pit in the forest, and raised over him a very great heap of stones: and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl fled every one to his tent. 18 Now Ăb'să-lŏm in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself the pillar, which is in the king's dale; for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name; and it is called Ăb'să-lŏm's monument, unto this day.

19 Then said Ă-hĭm'ă-ăz the son of Zā'dŏk, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that Jĕ-hō'văh hath [6]avenged him of his enemies. 20 And Jō'ăb said unto him, Thou shalt not be the bearer of tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day; but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead. 21 Then said Jō'ăb to the Cŭsh'īte, Go, tell the king what thou hast seen. And the Cŭsh'īte bowed himself unto Jō'ăb, and ran. 22 Then said Ă-hĭm'ă-ăz the son of Zā'dŏk yet again to Jō'ăb, But come what may, let me, I pray thee, also run after the Cŭsh'īte. And Jō'ăb said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou [7]wilt have no reward for the tidings? 23 But come what may, *said he*, I will run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ă-hĭm'ă-ăz ran by the way of the Plain, and outran the Cŭsh'īte.

24 Now David was sitting between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof of the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, a man running alone. 25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near. 26 And the watchman saw another man running; and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold, *another* man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings. 27 And the watchman said, I think the running of the foremost is like the

[1] Or, *terebinth* [2] Heb. *Have a care, whosoever ye be, of &c.* [3] Another reading is, *my* [4] Heb. *staves* [5] Or, *spared*

[6] Heb. *judged him from the hand &c.* [7] Or, *hast no sufficient tidings*

running of Ă-hĭm'ă-ăz the son of Zā'dŏk. And the king said, He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings.

28 And Ă-hĭm'ă-ăz called, and said unto the king, [1]All is well. And he bowed himself before the king with his face to the earth, and said, Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, who hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king. 29 And the king said, [2]Is it well with the young man Ăb'să-lŏm? And Ă-hĭm'-ă-ăz answered, When Jō'ăb sent the king's servant, [3]even me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was. 30 And the king said, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still.

31 And, behold, the Cŭsh'ite came; and the Cŭsh'ite said, Tidings for my lord the king; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee. 32 And the king said unto the Cŭsh'ite, Is it well with the young man Ăb'să-lŏm? And the Cŭsh'ite answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise up against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is. *33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Ăb'să-lŏm, my son, my son Ăb'-să-lŏm! would I had died for thee, O Ăb'să-lŏm, my son, my son!

19 And it was told Jō'ăb, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Ăb'să-lŏm. 2 And the [4]victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people; for the people heard say that day, The king grieveth for his son. 3 And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people that are ashamed steal away when they flee in battle. 4 And the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Ăb'să-lŏm, O Ăb'să-lŏm, my son, my son!

5 And Jō'ăb came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, who this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines; 6 in that thou lovest them that hate thee, and hatest them that love thee. For thou hast declared this day, that princes and servants are nought unto thee: for this day I perceive, that if Ăb'-să-lŏm had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well. 7 Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants; for I swear by Jĕ-hō'văh, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry a man with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that hath befallen thee from thy youth until now. 8 Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king is sitting in the gate: and all the people came before the king.

Now ĭs'rā-ĕl had fled every man to his tent. 9 And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, The king delivered us out of the hand of our enemies, and he saved us out of the hand of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes; and now he is fled out of the land from Ăb'să-lŏm. 10 And Ăb'să-lŏm, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?

11 And king David sent to Zā'-dŏk and to Ă-bī'ă-thär the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Jū'dăh, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all ĭs'rā-ĕl is come to the king, *to bring him* to his house. 12 Ye are my brethren, ye are my bone and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king? 13 And say ye to Ăm'ă-să, Art thou not my bone and my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host

[1] Heb. *Peace* [2] Heb. Is there *peace with &c.?*
[3] Or, *and* [4] Heb. *salvation* *[Ch.19.1 in Heb.]

before me continually in the room of Jō'ăb. 14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Jū'dăh, even as *the heart of* one man; so that they sent unto the king, *saying*, Return thou, and all thy servants. 15 So the king returned, and came to the Jordan. And Jū'dăh came to Gĭl'găl, to go to meet the king, to bring the king over the Jordan.

16 And Shĭm'ĕ-ī the son of Gē'rā, the Bĕn'jă-mīte, who was of Bă-hū'rĭm, hasted and came down with the men of Jū'dăh to meet king David. 17 And there were a thousand men of Bĕn'jă-mĭn with him, and Zī'bà the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went through the Jordan in the presence of the king. 18 And there went over [1]a ferry-boat to bring over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. And Shĭm'ĕ-ī the son of Gē'rā fell down before the king, when he [2]was come over the Jordan. 19 And he said unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, that the king should take it to his heart. 20 For thy servant doth know that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come this day the first of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.

21 But Ă-bī'shāi the son of Zĕ-ru'ĭăh answered and said, Shall not Shĭm'ĕ-ī be put to death for this, because he cursed Jĕ-hō'văh's anointed? 22 And David said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zĕ-ru'ĭăh, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me? shall there any man be put to death this day in ĭs'rā-ĕl? for do not I know that I am this day king over ĭs'rā-ĕl? 23 And the king said unto Shĭm'ĕ-ī, Thou shalt not die. And the king sware unto him.

[1] Or, *the convoy* [2] Or, *would go over*

24 And Mĕ-phĭb'ō-shĕth the son of Saul came down to meet the king; and he had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came home in peace. 25 And it came to pass, [3]when he was come to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mĕ-phĭb'ō-shĕth? 26 And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go [4]with the king; because thy servant is lame. 27 And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king is as [5]an angel of God: do therefore what is good in thine eyes. 28 For all my father's house were but [6]dead men before my lord the king; yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. What right therefore have I yet that I should cry any more unto the king? 29 And the king said unto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I say, Thou and Zī'bà divide the land. 30 And Mĕ-phĭb'ō-shĕth said unto the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come in peace unto his own house.

31 And Bär-zĭl'lāi the Gĭl'ĕ-ăd-īte came down from Rō-gē'lĭm; and he went over the Jordan with the king, to conduct him over the Jordan. 32 Now Bär-zĭl'lāi was a very aged man, even fourscore years old: and he had provided the king with sustenance while he lay at Mā-hă-nā'ĭm: for he was a very great man. 33 And the king said unto Bär-zĭl'lāi, Come thou over with me, and I will sustain thee with me in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 34 And Bär-zĭl'lāi said unto the king, How many are the days of the years of my life, that I should go up with the king unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm? 35 I am this day fourscore years old:

[3] Or, *when Jerusalem was come* [4] Another reading is, *to* [5] Or, *the men of death* [6] Heb.

can I discern between good and bad? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king? 36 Thy servant would but just go over the Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward? 37 Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, by the grave of my father and my mother. But behold, thy servant Chim'hăm; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee. 38 And the king answered, Chim'hăm shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt [1]require of me, that will I do for thee. 39 And all the people went over the Jordan, and the king went over: and the king kissed Bär-zĭl'lāi, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place.

40 So the king went over to Gĭl'găl, and Chim'hăm went over with him: and all the people of Jū'dăh brought the king over, and also half the people of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 41 And, behold, all the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Jū'dăh stolen thee away, and brought the king, and his household, over the Jordan, and all David's men with him? 42 And all the men of Jū'dăh answered the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Because the king is near of kin to us: wherefore then are ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all at the king's cost? or hath he given us any gift? 43 And the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl answered the men of Jū'dăh, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more *right* in David than ye: why then did ye despise us, [2]that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Jū'dăh were fiercer than the words of the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

20 And there happened to be there a base fellow, whose name was Shē'bā, the son of Bĭch'rī, a Bĕn'jă-mīte: and he blew the trumpet, and said, We have no portion in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jĕs'sĕ: every man to his tents, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 2 So all the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl went up from following David, and followed Shē'bā the son of Bĭch'rī; but the men of Jū'dăh clave unto their king, from the Jordan even to Jē-ru'să-lĕm.

3 And David came to his house at Jē-ru'să-lĕm; and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and provided them with sustenance, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, [3]living in widowhood.

4 Then said the king to Ăm'ă-să, Call me the men of Jū'dăh together within three days, and be thou here present. 5 So Ăm'ă-să went to call *the men of* Jū'dăh together; but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him. 6 And David said to Ă-bĭ'shāi, Now will Shē'bā the son of Bĭch'rī do us more harm than did Ăb'să-lŏm: take thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fortified cities, and escape out of our sight. 7 And there went out after him Jō'ăb's men, and the Chĕr'ē-thītes and the Pĕl'ē-thītes, and all the mighty men; and they went out of Jē-ru'să-lĕm, to pursue after Shē'bā the son of Bĭch'rī. 8 When they were at the great stone which is in Gĭb'ē-ŏn, Ăm'ă-să came to meet them. And Jō'ăb was girded with his apparel of war that he had put on, and thereon was a girdle with a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went forth it fell out. 9 And Jō'ăb said to Ăm'ă-să, Is it well with thee

[1] Heb. *choose* to lay *upon* [2] Or, *and were we not the first to speak of bringing back our king?*

[3] Heb. *in widowhood of life*

my brother? And Jō'ăb took Ăm'ă-să by the beard with his right hand to kiss him. 10 But Ăm'ă-să took no heed to the sword that was in Jō'ăb's hand: so he smote him therewith in the body, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died.

And Jō'ăb and Ă-bī'shāi his brother pursued after Shē'bà the son of Bĭch'rī. 11 And there stood by him one of Jō'ăb's young men, and said, He that favoreth Jō'ăb, and he that is for David, let him follow Jō'ăb. 12 And Ăm'ă-să lay wallowing in his blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he carried Ăm'ă-să out of the highway into the field, and cast a garment over him, when he saw that every one that came by him stood still. 13 When he was removed out of the highway, all the people went on after Jō'ăb, to pursue after Shē'bà the son of Bĭch'rī.

14 And he went through all the tribes of Ĭs'rà-ĕl unto Abel, and to Bĕth-mā'ă-căh, and all the Bē'rītes: and they were gathered together, and went also after him. 15 And they came and besieged him in Abel of Bĕth-mā'ă-căh, and they cast up a mound against the city, and it stood against the rampart; and all the people that were with Jō'ăb [1]battered the wall, to throw it down. 16 Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Jō'ăb, Come near hither, that I may speak with thee. 17 And he came near unto her; and the woman said, Art thou Jō'ăb? And he answered, I am. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thy handmaid. And he answered, I do hear. 18 Then she spake, saying, They were wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask *counsel* at Abel: and so they ended *the matter*. 19 I am of them that are peaceable and faithful in Ĭs'rà-ĕl: thou seekest to destroy a city and a mother in Ĭs'rà-ĕl: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of Jĕ-hō'văh? 20 And Jō'ăb answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy. 21 The matter is not so: but a man of the hill-country of Ē'phrà-ĭm, Shē'bà the son of Bĭch'rī by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, even against David; deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Jō'ăb, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall. 22 Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Shē'bà the son of Bĭch'rī, and threw it out to Jō'ăb. And he blew the trumpet, and they were dispersed from the city, every man to his tent. And Jō'ăb returned to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm unto the king.

23 Now Jō'ăb was over all the host of Ĭs'rà-ĕl; and Bĕ-nā'ĭăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà was over the [2]Chĕr'ĕ-thītes and over the Pĕl'ĕthītes; 24 and Ă-dō'răm was over the men subject to taskwork; and Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt the son of Ă-hĭ'lŭd was the [3]recorder; 25 and Shē'và was [4]scribe; and Zā'dŏk and Ă-bī'ă-thär were priests; 26 and also Ī'rà the Jā'ĭr-īte was [5]chief minister unto David.

21 And there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David sought the face of Jĕ-hō'văh. And Jĕhō'văh said, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he put to death the Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn-ītes. 2 And the king called the Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn-ītes, and said unto them (now the Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn-ites were not of the children of Ĭs'rà-ĕl, but of the remnant of the Ăm'ôr-ites; and the children of Ĭs'rà-ĕl had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal for the children of Ĭs'rà-ĕl and Jū'dăh): 3 and David said unto the Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn-ites, What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of Jĕ-hō'văh? 4 And

[1] Or, *undermined*

[2] Another reading is, *Carites* See 2 K. 11. 4 [3] Or, *chronicler* [4] Or, *secretary* [5] Or, *priest* See 1 Chr. 18. 17

the Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn-ītes said unto him, It is no matter of silver or gold between us and Saul, or his house; [1]neither is it for us to put any man to death in Ĭs'rā-ĕl. And he said, What ye shall say, that will I do for you. 5 And they said unto the king, The man that consumed us, and that devised against us, [2]*that* we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the borders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, 6 let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto Jĕ-hō'vāh in Gĭb'ĕ-āh of Saul, the chosen of Jĕ-hō'vāh. And the king said, I will give them.

7 But the king spared Mĕ-phĭb'-ō-shĕth, the son of Jŏn'ā-thăn the son of Saul, because of Jĕ-hō'vāh's oath that was between them, between David and Jŏn'ā-thăn the son of Saul. 8 But the king took the two sons of Rĭz'păh the daughter of Ā'ĭăh, whom she bare unto Saul, Ăr-mō'nī and Mĕ-phĭb'ō-shĕth; and the five sons of [3]Mī'chăl the daughter of Saul, whom she bare to Ā'drĭ-ĕl the son of Bär-zĭl'lāi the Mĕ-hō'lăth-ite: 9 and he delivered them into the hands of the Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn-ītes, and they hanged them in the mountain before Jĕ-hō'vāh, and they fell *all* seven together. And they were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, at the beginning of barley harvest.

10 And Rĭz'păh the daughter of Ā'ĭăh took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water was poured upon them from heaven; and she suffered neither the birds of the heavens to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night. 11 And it was told David what Rĭz'păh the daughter of Ā'ĭăh, the concubine of Saul, had done.

12 And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jŏn'ā-thăn his son from the men of Jā'bĕsh-gĭl'ĕ-ăd, who had stolen them from the [4]street of Bĕth-shăn, where the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes ha hanged them, in the day that th Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes slew Saul in Gĭl-bō' 13 and he brought up from then the bones of Saul and the bones Jŏn'ā-thăn his son: and the gathered the bones of them th were hanged. 14 And they buri the bones of Saul and Jŏn'ā-thă his son in the country of Bĕn'ja mĭn in Zĕ'lā, in the sepulchre Kish his father: and they pe formed all that the king co manded. And after that God wa entreated for the land.

15 And the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes ha war again with Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and Davi went down, and his servants wi him, and fought against the Ph lĭs'tĭnes. And David waxed fain 16 and Ĭsh'bĭ-bĕ'nŏb, who wa of the sons of the [5]giant, th weight of whose spear was thre hundred *shek'els* of brass i weight, he being girded with new *sword*, thought to have slai David. 17 But Ā-bī'shāi the so of Zĕ-ru'ĭăh succored him, an smote the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭne, and kille him. Then the men of David swar unto him, saying, Thou shalt go n more out with us to battle, that tho quench not the lamp of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

18 And it came to pass afte this, that there was again war wit the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes at [7]Gŏb: the Sĭb'bĕ-cāi the Hū'shăth-ite sle [8]Săph, who was of the sons of th [5]giant. 19 And there was agai war with the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes at Gŏb and Ĕl-hā'năn the son of Jā'ă-rĕ ŏr'ĕ-gĭm the Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm-ĭt slew [9]Gŏ-lī'ăth the Gĭt'tite, the sta of whose spear was like a weaver' beam. 20 And there was agai war at Gath, where was a man great stature, that had on ever hand six fingers, and on ever foot six toes, four and twenty i number; and he also was born t the [5]giant. 21 And when he [10]de fied Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Jŏn'ā-thăn the so

[1] Or, *neither for us shalt thou put any man to death in Israel* [2] Or, *so that we have been destroyed* [3] In 1 S. 18. 19, *Merab*

[4] Or, *broad place* [5] Heb. *Raphah* [6] O *new* armor [7] In 1 Chr. 20. 4, *Gezer* [8] In Chr. 20. 4, *Sippai*

[9] In 1 Chr. 20. 5, *the brother of Goliath*

[10] Or, *reproached*

David's Psalm of Praise

of [1]Shĭm'ĕ-ī, David's brother, slew him. 22 These four were born to the [2]giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

22 And David spake unto Jĕ-hō'văh the words of this song in the day that Jĕ-hō'văh delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: 2 and he said,

Jĕ-hō'văh is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, even mine;
3 God, my rock, in him will I take refuge;
My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge;
My saviour, thou savest me from violence.
4 I will call upon Jĕ-hō'văh, who is worthy to be praised:
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.
5 For the waves of death compassed me;
The floods of [3]ungodliness made me afraid:
6 The cords of Shĕ'ōl were round about me;
The snares of death came upon me.
7 In my distress I called upon Jĕ-hō'văh;
Yea, I called unto my God:
And he heard my voice out of his temple,
And my cry *came* into his ears.
8 Then the earth shook and trembled,
The foundations of heaven quaked
And were shaken, because he was wroth.
9 There went up a smoke [4]out of his nostrils,
And fire out of his mouth devoured:
Coals were kindled by it.
10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down;
And thick darkness was under his feet.
11 And he rode upon a chĕr'ŭb, and did fly;
Yea, he was seen upon the wings of the wind.
12 And he made darkness pavilions round about him,
Gathering of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
13 At the brightness before him
Coals of fire were kindled.
14 Jĕ-hō'văh thundered from heaven,
And the Most High uttered his voice.
15 And he sent out arrows, and scattered them;
Lightning, and discomfited them.
16 Then the channels of the sea appeared,
The foundations of the world were laid bare,
By the rebuke of Jĕ-hō'văh,
At the blast of the breath of his nostrils.
17 He sent from on high, he took me;
He drew me out of [5]many waters;
18 He delivered me from my strong enemy,
From them that hated me; for they were too mighty for me.
19 They came upon me in the day of my calamity;
But Jĕ-hō'văh was my stay.
20 He brought me forth also into a large place;
He delivered me, because he delighted in me.
21 Jĕ-hō'văh rewarded me according to my righteousness;
According to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.
22 For I have kept the ways of Jĕ-hō'văh,
And have not wickedly departed from my God.
23 For all his ordinances were before me;
And as for his statutes, I did not depart from them.
24 I was also perfect toward him;
And I kept myself from mine iniquity.

[1] In 1 Sam. 16. 9, *Shammah* In 1 Chr. 2. 13; 20. 7, *Shimea*
[2] Heb. *Raphah* [3] Heb. *Belial*
[4] Or, *in his wrath* [5] Or, *great*

25 Therefore hath Jĕ-hō'văh recompensed me according to my righteousness,
According to my cleanness in his eyesight.
26 With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful;
With the perfect man thou wilt show thyself perfect;
27 With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure;
And with the perverse thou wilt show thyself [1]froward.
28 And the afflicted people thou wilt save;
But thine eyes are upon the haughty, [2]that thou mayest bring them down.
29 For thou art my lamp, O Jĕ-hō'văh;
And Jĕ-hō'văh will lighten my darkness.
30 For by thee I run [3]upon a troop;
By my God do I leap over a wall.
31 As for God, his way is perfect:
The word of Jĕ-hō'văh is tried;
He is a shield unto all them that take refuge in him.
32 For who is God, save Jĕ-hō'văh?
And who is a rock, save our God?
33 God is my strong fortress;
And he [4]guideth the perfect in his way.
34 He maketh [5]his feet like hinds' *feet*,
And setteth me upon my high places.
35 He teacheth my hands to war,
So that mine arms do bend a bow of brass.
36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation;
And thy [6]gentleness hath made me great.
37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me;
And my [7]feet have not slipped.
38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them;
Neither did I turn again till they were consumed.
39 And I have consumed them, and smitten them through, so that they cannot arise:
Yea, they are fallen under my feet.
40 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle;
Thou hast [8]subdued under me those that rose up against me.
41 Thou hast also made mine enemies turn their backs unto me,
That I might cut off them that hate me.
42 They looked, but there was none to save;
Even unto Jĕ-hō'văh, but he answered them not.
43 Then did I beat them small as the dust of the earth,
I did crush them as the mire of the streets, and did spread them abroad.
44 Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people;
Thou [9]hast kept me to be the head of the nations:
A people whom I have not known shall serve me.
45 The foreigners shall [10]submit themselves unto me:
As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me.
46 The foreigners shall fade away,
And shall [11]come trembling out of their close places.
47 Jĕ-hō'văh liveth; and blessed be my rock;
And exalted be God, the rock of my salvation,
48 Even the God that executeth vengeance for me,
And that bringeth down peoples under me,
49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies:
Yea, thou liftest me up above them that rise up against me;
Thou deliverest me from the violent man.

[1] So Ps. 18. 26 The text has, *unsavory* [2] Or, *whom thou wilt bring down* [3] Or, *through* [4] Or, *setteth free* According to another reading *guideth my way in perfectness* [5] Another reading is, *my* [6] Or, *condescension* [7] Heb. *ankles*

[8] Heb. *caused to bow* [9] Or, *wilt keep* [10] Or, *yield feigned obedience* Heb. *lie* [11] So Ps. 18. 45. The text has, *gird themselves*

50 Therefore I will give thanks
unto thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
among the nations,
And will sing praises unto thy
name.
51 [1]Great [2]deliverance giveth he
to his king,
And showeth lovingkindness to
his anointed,
To David and to his seed, for
evermore.

23 Now these are the last
words of David.
David the son of Jĕs'sĕ saith,
And the man who was raised
on high saith,
The anointed of the God of
Jacob,
And [3]the sweet psalmist of
Ĭs'rā-ĕl:
2 The Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh spake
[4]by me,
And his word was upon my
tongue.
3 The God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl said,
The Rock of Ĭs'rā-ĕl spake to
me:
[5]One that ruleth over men
[6]righteously,
That ruleth in the fear of God,
4 *He shall be* as the light of the
morning, when the sun riseth,
A morning without clouds,
When the tender grass *spring-
eth* out of the earth,
Through clear shining after
rain.
5 [7]Verily my house is not so with
God;
Yet he hath made with me an
everlasting covenant,
Ordered in all things, and sure:
For it is all my salvation, and
all *my* desire,
Although he maketh it not to
grow.
6 But [8]the ungodly shall be all of
them as thorns to be thrust
away,
Because they cannot be taken
with the hand;
7 But the man that toucheth them
Must be [9]armed with iron and
the staff of a spear:
And they shall be utterly burn-
ed with fire in *their* place.

8 These are the names of the
mighty men whom David had: [10]Jō'-
shĕb-băs-shĕ'bĕth a Tăh-chē'-
mō-nīte, chief of the captains; the
same was Ăd'ĭ-nō the Ĕz'nīte,
against eight hundred slain at one
time.

9 And after him was Ē-lē-ā'zär
the son of Dō'dāi the son of
A-hō'hīte, one of the three mighty
men with David, when they defied
the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes that were there
gathered together to battle, and
the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl [11]were gone
away. 10 He arose, and smote
the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes until his hand was
weary, and his hand clave unto the
sword; and Jĕ-hō'văh wrought a
great [12]victory that day; and the
people returned after him only to
take spoil.

11 And after him was Shăm'-
măh the son of Ăg'ē-ē a Hā'rā-
rīte. And the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes were
gathered together [13]into a troop,
where was a plot of ground full of
lentils; and the people fled from
the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. 12 But he stood
in the midst of the plot, and de-
fended it, and slew the Phĭ-lĭs'-
tĭnes; and Jĕ-hō'văh wrought a
great [12]victory.

13 And three of the thirty chief
men went down, and came to Da-
vid in the harvest time unto the
cave of Ă-dŭl'lăm; and the troop
of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes was encamped
in the valley of Rĕph'ă-ĭm. 14 And
David was then in the stronghold;
and the garrison of the Phĭ-lĭs'-
tĭnes was then in Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm.
15 And David longed, and said,
Oh that one would give me water
to drink of the well of Bĕth'-lĕ-
hĕm, which is by the gate! 16 And
the three mighty men brake
through the host of the Phĭ-lĭs'-
tĭnes, and drew water out of the
well of Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm, that was by

[1] Another reading is, *He is a tower of deliverance* [2] Heb. *salvations* [3] Heb. *pleasant in the psalms of Israel* [4] Or, *in* [5] Or, There shall be *one . . . and* it shall be *as &c.* [6] Heb. *a righteous one* [7] Or, *For is not my house so with God? for he . . . for all my salvation, and all* my *desire, will he not make it to grow?* [8] Heb. *Belial*, that is, *worthlessness* [9] Heb. *filled* [10] In 1 Chr. 11. 11, *Jashobeam*. The Hebrew of this verse is obscure [11] Heb. *went up* [12] Heb. *salvation* [13] Or, *for foraging*

the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: but he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 17 And he said, Be it far from me, O Jĕ-hō'văh, that I should do this: *shall I drink* the blood of the men that went [1]in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men.

18 And Ă-bī'shāi, the brother of Jō'ăb, the son of Zĕ-ru'iăh, was chief of the three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred [2]and slew them, and had a name among the three. 19 Was he not most honorable of the three? therefore he was made their captain: howbeit he attained not unto the *first* three.

20 And Bĕ-nā'iăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dă, the son of [3]a valiant man of Kăb'zĕ-ĕl, who had done mighty deeds, he slew the two *sons of* Ă'rĭ-ĕl of Mō'ăb: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow. 21 And he slew an Ē-gўp'tiăn, a goodly man: and the Ē-gўp'tiăn had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Ē-gўp'tiăn's hand, and slew him with his own spear. 22 These things did Bĕ-nā'iăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dă, and had a name among the three mighty men. 23 He was more honorable than the thirty, but he attained not to the *first* three. And David set him over his [4]guard.

24 Ā'să-hĕl the brother of Jō'ăb was one of the thirty; ĕl-hā'năn the son of Dō'dō of Bĕth'-lē-hĕm, 25 Shăm'măh the Hā'rŏd-ite, ĕl'ĭ-kà the Hā'rŏd-ite, 26 Hē'lĕz the Păl'tīte, Ĭ'rà the son of Ĭk'kĕsh the Tē-kō'ite, 27 Ă-bĭ-ē'zĕr the Ăn'ă-thŏth-ite, Mē-bŭn'nāi the Hū'shăth-ite, 28 Zăl'mŏn the A-hō'hīte, Mà'hă-rāi the Nē-tōph'ă-thīte, 29 Hē'lĕb the son of Bā'ă-năh the Nē-tōph'ă-thīte, ĭt'tāi the son of Rĭ'bāi of Gĭb'ĕ-ăh of the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, 30 Bĕ-nā'iăh a Pĭr'ă-thŏn-ite, Hĭd'dāi of the brooks of Gā'ăsh, 31 Ā'bĭ-ăl'bŏn the Ăr'băth-ite, Ăz'mă-vĕth the Băr-hū'mīte, 32 Ē-lĭ'ăh-bà the Shă-ăl'bŏ-nīte, the sons of Jā'shĕn, Jŏn'ă-thăn, 33 Shăm'măh the Hā'ră-rīte, Ă-hī'ăm the son of Shà'răr the Ă'ră-rīte, 34 Ē-lĭph'ĕ-lĕt the son of Ă-hăs'bāi, the son of the Mā-ăc'ă-thīte, Ē-lī'ăm the son of Ă-hĭth'ŏ-phĕl the Gĭ'lō-nīte, 35 [5]Hĕz'rō the Căr'mĕl-ite, Pà'ă-rāi the Ăr'bīte, 36 Ī'găl the son of Nā'thăn of Zō'băh, Bā'nī the Găd'īte, 37 Zē'lĕk the Ăm'mŏn-ite, Nà'hă-rāi the Bĕ-ĕ'rŏth-ite, [6]armorbearers to Jō'ăb the son of Zĕ-ru'iăh, 38 Ī'rà the Ĭth'rīte, Gā'rĕb the Ĭth'rīte, 39 Ū-rī'ăh the Hĭt'tīte: thirty and seven in all.

24 And again the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh was kindled against ĭs'rā-ĕl, and he moved David against them, saying, Go, number ĭs'rā-ĕl and Jū'dăh. 2 And the king said to Jō'ăb the captain of the host, who was with him, Go now to and fro through all the tribes of ĭs'rā-ĕl, from Dan even to Bĕ'ĕr-shĕ'bà, and number ye the people, that I may know the sum of the people. 3 And Jō'ăb said unto the king, Now Jĕ-hō'văh thy God add unto the people, how many soever they may be, a hundredfold; and may the eyes of my lord the king see it: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing? 4 Notwithstanding, the king's word prevailed against Jō'ăb, and against the captains of the host. And Jō'ăb and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 5 And they passed over the Jordan, and encamped in Ăr'ŏ-ēr, on the right side of the city that is in the middle of the valley [7]of Gad, and unto Jā'zēr: 6 then they came to Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, and to the land of Tăh'tim-hŏd'shĭ; and they came to Dăn-jā'ăn, and round about to Sī'dŏn, 7 and came to the stronghold of Tўre, and to all the cities of the

[1] Heb. *with their lives* [2] Heb. *slain*
[3] According to another reading, *Ish-hai*
[4] Or, *council*
[5] Or, *Hezrai* [6] Another reading is, *armorbearer* [7] Or, *toward*

Hĭ'vītes, and of the Că'năan-ītes; and they went out to the south of Jū'dăh, at Bē'ĕr-shē'bà. 8 So when they had gone to and fro through all the land, they came to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm at the end of nine months and twenty days. 9 And Jō'ăb gave up the sum of the numbering of the people unto the king: and there were in Ĭs'rā-ĕl eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Jū'dăh were five hundred thousand men.

10 And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto Jĕ-hō'văh, I have sinned greatly in that which I have done: but now, O Jĕ-hō'văh, put away, I beseech thee, the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. 11 And when David rose up in the morning, the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, 12 Go and speak unto David, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, I [1]offer thee three things: choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. 13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thy foes while they pursue thee? or shall there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise thee, and consider what answer I shall return to him that sent me. 14 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh; for his mercies are [2]great; and let me not fall into the hand of man.

15 So Jĕ-hō'văh sent a pestilence upon Ĭs'rā-ĕl from the morning even to the time appointed; and there died of the people from Dan even to Bē'ĕr-shē'bà seventy thousand men. 16 And when the angel stretched out his hand toward Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm to destroy it, Jĕ-hō'văh repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough; now stay thy hand. And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh was by the threshing-floor of [3]Ă-rau'năh the Jĕb'ū-sīte. 17 And David spake unto Jĕ-hō'văh when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done perversely: but these sheep, what have they done? let thy hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

18 And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto Jĕ-hō'văh in the threshing-floor of Ă-rau'năh the Jĕb'ū-sīte. 19 And David went up according to the saying of Gad, as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded. 20 And Ă-rau'năh looked forth, and saw the king and his servants [4]coming on toward him: and Ă-rau'năh went out, and bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. 21 And Ă-rau'năh said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshing-floor of thee, to build an altar unto Jĕ-hō'văh, that the plague may be stayed from the people. 22 And Ă-rau'năh said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, the oxen for the burnt-offering, and the threshing instruments and the yokes of the oxen for the wood: 23 [5]all this, O king, doth Ă-rau'năh give unto the king. And Ă-rau'năh said unto the king, Jĕ-hō'văh thy God accept thee. 24 And the king said unto Ă-rau'năh, Nay; but I will verily buy it of thee at a price; neither will I offer burnt-offerings unto Jĕ-hō'văh my God which cost me nothing. So David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty shĕk'ĕls of silver. 25 And David built there an altar unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings. So Jĕ-hō'văh was entreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

[1] Or, *lay upon*
[2] Or, *many*
[3] Or, *Ornah* In 1 Chr. 21. 15, *Ornan*
[4] Or, *passing over*
[5] Or, *all this did Araunah the king give &c.*

KINGS

David's Old Age. Adonijah's attempted Usurpation

1 Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat. 2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and cherish him; and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat. 3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the borders of Is'rā-ĕl, and found Ăb'ī-shăg the Shu'năm-mīte, and brought her to the king. 4 And the damsel was very fair; and she cherished the king, and ministered to him; but the king knew her not.

5 Then Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh the son of Hăg'gĭth exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. 6 And his father had not displeased him [1]at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he was also a very goodly man; and he was born after Ăb'să-lŏm. 7 And he conferred with Jō'ăb the son of Zĕ-ru'ĭăh, and with Ă-bī'ă-thär the priest: and they following Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh helped him. 8 But Zā'dŏk the priest, and Bĕ-nā'ĭăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dă, and Nā'thăn the prophet, and Shĭm'ĕ-ī, and Rē'ī, and the mighty men that belonged to David, were not with Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh. 9 And Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh [2]slew sheep and oxen and fatlings by the stone of Zō'hĕ-lĕth, which is beside ĕn-rō'gĕl; and he called all his brethren, the king's sons, and all the men of Jū'dăh, the king's servants: 10 but Nā'thăn the prophet, and Bĕ-nā'ĭăh, and the mighty men, and Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn his brother, he called not.

11 Then Nā'thăn spake unto Băth-shĕ'bà the mother of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, saying, Hast thou not heard that Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh the son of Hăg'gĭth doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not? 12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn. 13 Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thy handmaid, saying, Assuredly Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh reign? 14 Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words.

15 And Băth-shĕ'bà went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Ăb'ī-shăg the Shu'năm-mīte was ministering unto the king. 16 And Băth-shĕ'bà bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou? 17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by Jĕ-hō'văh thy God unto thy handmaid, *saying*, Assuredly Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. 18 And now, behold, Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh reigneth; [3]and thou, my lord the king, knowest it not: 19 and he hath [2]slain oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Ă-bī'ă-thär the priest, and Jō'ăb the captain of the host; but Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn thy servant hath he not called. 20 And [4]thou, my lord the king, the eyes

[1] Or, *all his life*

[2] Or, *sacrificed*

[3] Another reading is, *and now, my lord the king, thou &c.*

[4] Another reading is, *now*

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Solomon anointed King

of all Ĭs'rā-ĕl are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 21 Otherwise it will come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn shall be counted [1]offenders.

22 And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nā'thăn the prophet came in. 23 And they told the king, saying, Behold, Nā'thăn the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. 24 And Nā'thăn said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? 25 For he is gone down this day, and hath [2]slain oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Ā-bī'ă-thär the priest; and, behold, they are eating and drinking before him, and say, *Long* live king Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh. 26 But me, even me thy servant, and Zā'dŏk the priest, and Bĕ-nā'ĭăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dă, and thy servant Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, hath he not called. 27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not showed unto thy [3]servants who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

28 Then king David answered and said, Call to me Băth-shĕ'bă. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. 29 And the king sware, and said, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, 30 verily as I sware unto thee by Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, Assuredly Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; verily so will I do this day. 31 Then Băth-shĕ'bă bowed with her face to the earth, and did obeisance to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

32 And king David said, Call to me Zā'dŏk the priest, and Nā'thăn the prophet, and Bĕ-nā'ĭăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dă. And they came before the king. 33 And the king said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gī'hŏn: 34 and let Zā'dŏk the priest and Nā'thăn the prophet anoint him there king over Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and blow ye the trumpet, and say, *Long* live king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn. 35 Then ye shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead; and I have appointed him to be [4]prince over Ĭs'rā-ĕl and over Jū'dăh. 36 And Bĕ-nā'ĭăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dă answered the king, and said, Ā-mĕn': Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of my lord the king, say so *too*. 37 As Jĕ-hō'văh hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

38 So Zā'dŏk the priest, and Nā'thăn the prophet, and Bĕ-nā'ĭăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dă, and the Chĕr'ĕ-thites and the Pĕl'ĕ-thites, went down, and caused Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gī'hŏn. 39 And Zā'dŏk the priest took the horn of oil out of the Tent, and anointed Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, *Long* live king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn. 40 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

41 And Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh and all the guests that were with him heard it as they had made an end of eating. And when Jō'ăb heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore is this noise of the city being in an uproar? 42 While he yet spake, behold, Jŏn'ă-thăn the son of Ă-bī'ă-thär the priest came: and Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh said, Come in; for thou art a worthy man, and

[1] Heb. *sinners* [2] Or, *sacrificed*
[3] Another reading is, *servant* [4] Or, *leader*

bringest good tidings. 43 And Jŏn'ă-thăn answered and said to Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh, Verily our lord king David hath made Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn king: 44 and the king hath sent with him Zā'dŏk the priest, and Nā'thăn the prophet, and Bĕ-nā'ĭăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dă, and the Chĕr'ĕ-thītes and the Pĕl'ĕ-thītes; and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule; 45 and Zā'dŏk the priest and Nā'thăn the prophet have anointed him king in Gī'hŏn; and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have heard. 46 And also Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn sitteth on the throne of the kingdom. 47 And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, [1]Thy God make the name of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne: and the king bowed himself upon the bed. 48 And also thus said the king, Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, who hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it.

49 And all the guests of Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way. 50 And Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh feared because of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn; and he arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. 51 And it was told Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, saying, Behold, Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh feareth king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn; for, lo, he hath laid hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn swear unto me [2]first that he will not slay his servant with the sword. 52 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn said, If he shall show himself a worthy man, there shall not a hair of him fall to the earth; but if wickedness be found in him, he shall die. 53 So king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and did obeisance to king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn; and Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn said unto him, Go to thy house.

2 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn his son, saying, 2 I am going the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and show thyself a man; 3 and keep the charge of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, *and* his commandments, and his ordinances, and his testimonies, according to that which is written in the law of Mō'sĕs, that thou mayest [3]prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself; 4 that Jĕ-hō'văh may establish his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 5 Moreover thou knowest also what Jō'ăb the son of Zĕ-ru'ĭăh did unto me, even what he did to the two captains of the hosts of ĭs'rā-ĕl, unto Ăb'nĕr the son of Nēr, and unto Ăm'ă-să the son of Jĕ'thĕr, whom he slew, and [4]shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet. 6 Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to Shĕ'ōl in peace. 7 But show kindness unto the sons of Bär-zĭl'lăi the Gĭl'ĕ-ăd-ĭte, and let them be of those that eat at thy table; for so they came to me when I fled from Ăb'să-lōm thy brother. 8 And, behold, there is with thee Shĭm'ĕ-ī the son of Gē'rā, the Bĕn'jă-mīte, of Bă-hū'rĭm, who cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mā-hă-nā'ĭm; but he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I sware to him by Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword. 9 Now therefore hold him not guiltless, for thou art a wise man; and thou wilt know what thou oughtest to do unto him, and thou shalt bring his hoar head down to Shĕ'ōl with blood.

10 And David slept with his fa-

[1] Another reading omits *Thy* [2] Heb. *to-day* [3] Or, *do wisely* [4] Heb. *set*

thers, and was buried in the city of David. 11 And the days that David reigned over Is'rā-ĕl were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hē'brŏn, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm. 12 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn sat upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.

13 Then Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh the son of Hăg'gĭth came to Băth-shĕ'bà the mother of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably. 14 He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on. 15 And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Is'rā-ĕl set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's; for it was his from Jĕ-hō'văh. 16 And now I ask one petition of thee; [1]deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on. 17 And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn the king (for he will not say thee nay), that he give me Ăb'ī-shăg the Shu'năm-mīte to wife. 18 And Băth-shĕ'bà said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king.

19 Băth-shĕ'bà therefore went unto king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, to speak unto him for Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a throne to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand. 20 Then she said, I ask one small petition of thee; deny me not. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother; for I will not deny thee. 21 And she said, Let Ăb'ī-shăg the Shu'năm-mīte be given to Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh thy brother to wife. 22 And king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Ăb'ī-shăg the Shu'năm-mīte for Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for Ă-bī'ă-thär the priest, and for Jō'ăb the son of Zĕ-ru'ĭăh.

[1] Heb. *turn not away my face*

23 Then king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn sware by Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh hath not spoken this word against his own life. 24 Now therefore as Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, who hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me a house, as he promised, surely Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh shall be put to death this day. 25 And king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn sent by Bĕ-nā'ĭăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà; and he fell upon him, so that he died.

26 And unto Ă-bī'ă-thär the priest said the king, Get thee to Ăn'ă-thŏth, unto thine own fields; for thou art [2]worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh before David my father, and because thou wast afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted. 27 So Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn thrust out Ă-bī'ă-thär from being priest unto Jĕ-hō'văh, that he might fulfil the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, which he spake concerning the house of Ē'lī in Shī'lōh.

28 And the tidings came to Jō'ăb; for Jō'ăb had turned after Ăd-ŏ-nī'jăh, though he turned not after Ăb'să-lŏm. And Jō'ăb fled unto the Tent of Jĕ-hō'văh, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. 29 And it was told king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, Jō'ăb is fled unto the Tent of Jĕ-hō'văh, and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn sent Bĕ-nā'ĭăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà, saying, Go, fall upon him. 30 And Bĕ-nā'ĭăh came to the Tent of Jĕ-hō'văh, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Bĕ-nā'ĭăh brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Jō'ăb, and thus he answered me. 31 And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the blood, which Jō'ăb shed without cause, from me and from my father's house. 32 And Jĕ-hō'văh will return his blood upon his own head, because

[2] Heb. *a man of*

he fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, and my father David knew it not, *to wit*, Ăb'nĕr the son of Nēr, captain of the host of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and Ăm'ă-sà the son of Jē'thĕr, captain of the host of Jū'dăh. 33 So shall their blood return upon the head of Jō'ăb, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but unto David, and unto his seed, and unto his house, and unto his throne, shall there be peace for ever from Jĕ-hō'văh. 34 Then Bĕ-nā'ĭăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà went up, and fell upon him, and slew him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness. 35 And the king put Bĕ-nā'ĭăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà in his room over the host; and Zā'dŏk the priest did the king put in the room of Ă-bī'ă-thär.

36 And the king sent and called for Shĭm'ĕ-ī, and said unto him, Build thee a house in Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither. 37 For on the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kĭd'rŏn, know thou for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head. 38 And Shĭm'ĕ-ī said unto the king, The saying is good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And Shĭm'ĕ-ī dwelt in Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm many days.

39 And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shĭm'ĕ-ī ran away unto Ā'chĭsh, son of Mā'ă-căh, king of Gath. And they told Shĭm'ĕ-ī, saying, Behold, thy servants are in Gath. 40 And Shĭm'ĕ-ī arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Ā'chĭsh, to seek his servants: and Shĭm'ĕ-ī went, and brought his servants from Gath. 41 And it was told Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn that Shĭm'ĕ-ī had gone from Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm to Gath, and was come again. 42 And the king sent and called for Shĭm'ĕ-ī, and said unto him, Did I not[1] adjure thee by Jĕ-hō'văh, and protest unto thee, saying, Know for certain, that on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The saying that I have heard is good. 43 Why then hast thou not kept the oath of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the commandment that I have charged thee with? 44 The king said moreover to Shĭm'ĕ-ī, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thy heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore Jĕ-hō'văh shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head. 45 But king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before Jĕ-hō'văh for ever. 46 So the king commanded Bĕ-nā'ĭăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà; and he went out, and fell upon him, so that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn.

3 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn made affinity with Phā'raōh king of Ē'gўpt, and took Phā'raōh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the wall of Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm round about. 2 Only the people sacrificed in the high places, because there was no house built for the name of Jĕ-hō'văh until those days. 3 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn loved Jĕ-hō'văh, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

4 And the king went to Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt-offerings did Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn offer upon that altar. 5 In Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn Jĕ-hō'văh appeared to Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn in a dream by night; and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. 6 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn said, Thou hast showed unto thy servant David my father great lovingkindness, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great lovingkindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7 And now, O Jĕ-

hō'văh my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child; I know not how to go out or come in. 8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. 9 Give thy servant therefore an [1]understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this thy [2]great people?

10 And the speech pleased the Lord, that Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn had asked this thing. 11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself [3]long life, neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies, but hast asked for thyself understanding to [4]discern justice; 12 behold, I have done according to thy word: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there hath been none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. 13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honor, so that there [5]shall not be any among the kings like unto thee, all thy days. 14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days. 15 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn awoke; and, behold, it was a dream: and he came to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and stood before the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh, and offered up burnt-offerings, and offered peace-offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

16 Then there came two women that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. 17 And the one woman said, Oh, my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. 18 And it came to pass the third day after I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also; and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. 19 And this woman's child died in the night, because she lay upon it. 20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thy handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. 21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead; but when I had looked at it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, whom I did bear. 22 And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king.

23 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living. 24 And the king said, Fetch me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. 25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. 26 Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her heart yearned over her son, and she said, Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, It shall be neither mine nor thine; divide it. 27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof. 28 And all Ĭs'rā-ĕl heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do justice.

4 And king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn was king over all Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 2 And these were the princes whom he had: Ăz-ă-rī'ăh the son of Zā'dŏk, the priest; 3 Ĕl-ĭ-hō'rĕph and Ă-hī'-jăh, the sons of Shī'shà, [6]scribes; Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt the son of Ă-hī'lŭd, the [7]recorder; 4 and Bĕ-nā'ĭăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà was over the

[1] Heb. *hearing* [2] Heb. *heavy* [3] Heb. *many days* [4] Heb. *hear* [5] Or, *hath not been* [6] Or, *secretaries* [7] Or, *chronicler*

host; and Zā'dŏk and Ā-bī'ă-thär were priests; 5 and Āz-ă-rī'ăh the son of Nā'thăn was over the officers; and Zā'bŭd the son of Nā'thăn was [1]chief minister, *and* the king's friend; 6 and Ā-hī'shär was over the household; and Ăd-ŏ-nī'răm the son of Ăb'dă was over the men subject to taskwork.

7 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn had twelve officers over all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, who provided victuals for the king and his household: each man had to make provision for a month in the year. 8 And these are their names: Bĕn-hûr, in the hill-country of Ĕ'phrā-ĭm; 9 Bĕn-dĕ'kĕr, in Mā'kăz, and in Shā-ăl'bĭm, and Bĕth-shĕ'mĕsh, and Ē'lŏn-bĕth-hā'năn; 10 Bĕn-hĕ'sĕd, in Ăr-ŭb'bŏth (to him *pertained* Sō'cŏh, and all the land of Hē'phĕr); 11 Bĕn-ă-bĭn'ă-dăb, in all [2]the [3]height of Dor (he had Tā'phăth the daughter of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn to wife); 12 Bā'ă-nā the son of Ă-hī'lŭd, in Tā'ă-năch and Mĕ-gĭd'dō, and all Bĕth-shĕ'ăn which is beside Zär'ĕ-thăn, beneath Jĕz'rē-ĕl, from Bĕth-shĕ'ăn to Ā'bĕl-mĕ-hō'lăh, as far as [4]beyond Jŏk'mĕ-ăm; 13 Bĕn-gē'bĕr, in Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ĕ-ăd (to him *pertained* [5]the towns of Jā'ĭr the son of Mă-năs'sĕh, which are in Gĭl'ĕ-ăd; *even* to him *pertained* the region of Ăr'gŏb, which is in Bā'shăn, threescore great cities with walls and brazen bars); 14 Ă-hĭn'ă-dăb the son of Ĭd'dō, in Mā-hă-nā'ĭm; 15 Ă-hĭm'ă-ăz, in Năph'tă-lī (he also took Bās'ĕ-măth the daughter of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn to wife); 16 Bā'ă-nā the son of Hū'shāi, in Ăsh'ĕr and [6]Bē'ă-lŏth; 17 Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt the son of Pă-ru'ăh, in Ĭs'să-chär; 18 Shĭm'ĕ-ī the son of Ē'lă, in Bĕn'jă-mĭn; 19 Gē'bĕr the son of Ū'rī, in the land of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, the country of Sī'hŏn king of the Ăm'ôr-ītes and of Og king of Bā'shăn; [7]and *he was* the only officer that was in the land.

20 Jū'dăh and Ĭs'rā-ĕl were many as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and making merry. *21 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn ruled over all the kingdoms from the River unto the land of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and unto the border of Ē'gўpt: they brought tribute, and served Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn all the days of his life. 22 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn's provision for one day was thirty [8]measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal, 23 ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and a hundred sheep, besides harts, and gazelles, and roebucks, and fatted fowl. 24 For he had dominion over all *the region* [9]on this side the River, from Tĭph'săh even to Gā'zā, over all the kings [9]on this side the River: and he had peace on all sides round about him. 25 And Jū'dăh and Ĭs'rā-ĕl dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig-tree, from Dan even to Bĕ'ĕr-shĕ'bă, all the days of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn. 26 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn had [10]forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. 27 And those officers provided victuals for king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, and for all that came unto king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn's table, every man in his month; they let nothing be lacking. 28 Barley also and straw for the horses and swift steeds brought they unto the place [11]where *the officers* were, every man according to his charge.

29 And God gave Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea-shore. 30 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east, and all the wisdom of Ē'gўpt. 31 For he was wiser than all men; than Ē'thăn the Ĕz'ră-hīte, and Hē'măn, and Căl'cŏl, and Där'dă, the sons of Mā'hŏl: and his fame was in all the nations round about. 32 And he spake three thousand proverbs; and his songs were a thousand and five. 33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar that is in Lĕb'ă-nŏn

[1] Or, *priest* See 2 S. 8. 18 [2] Or, *Naphath-dor* [3] Or, *region* [4] Or, *over against* [5] Or, *Havvoth-jair* [6] Or, *in Aloth* [7] Heb. *and one officer* [8] [Ch. 5.1 in Heb.] [9] Heb. *cor* [9] Or, *beyond the River* [10] In 2 Chr. 9. 25, *four thousand* [11] Or, *where he* (that is, the king) *was* Or, *where it should be*

even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of birds, and of creeping things, and of fishes. 34 And there came of all peoples to hear the wisdom of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, from all kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

*5 And Hī'răm king of Tyre sent his servants unto Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hī'răm was ever a lover of David. 2 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn sent to Hī'răm, saying, 3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build a house for the name of Jĕ-hō'văh his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until Jĕ-hō'văh put them under the soles of his feet. 4 But now Jĕ-hō'văh my God hath given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary, nor evil occurrence. 5 And, behold, I purpose to build a house for the name of Jĕ-hō'văh my God, as Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build the house for my name. 6 Now therefore command thou that they cut me cedar-trees out of Lĕb'ă-nŏn; and my servants shall be with thy servants; and I will give thee hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt say: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that knoweth how to cut timber like unto the Sī-dō'-nī-ănș.

7 And it came to pass, when Hī'răm heard the words of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh this day, who hath given unto David a wise son over this great people. 8 And Hī'răm sent to Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, saying, I have heard *the message* which thou hast sent unto me: I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of [1]fir. 9 My [2]servants shall bring them down from Lĕb'ă-nŏn unto the sea; and I will make them into rafts to go by sea unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be broken up there, and thou shalt [3]receive them; and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household. 10 So [4]Hī'răm gave Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn timber of cedar and timber of fir according to all his desire. 11 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn gave Hī'răm twenty thousand [5]measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of [6]pure oil: thus gave Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn to Hī'răm year by year. 12 And Jĕ-hō'văh gave Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn wisdom, as he promised him; and there was peace between Hī'răm and Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn; and they two made a league together.

13 And king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn raised a [7]levy out of all Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and the levy was thirty thousand men. 14 And he sent them to Lĕb'ă-nŏn, ten thousand a month by courses; a month they were in Lĕb'ă-nŏn, and two months at home: and Ăd-ŏ-nī'răm was over the men subject to taskwork. 15 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand that were hewers in the mountains; 16 besides Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn's chief officers that were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, who bare rule over the people that wrought in the work. 17 And the king commanded, and they [8]hewed out great stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house with wrought stone. 18 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn's builders and Hī'răm's builders and the Gē'băl-ītes did fashion them, and prepared the timber and the stones to build the house.

6 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl were come out of the land of Ē'gўpt, in the fourth year of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn's reign over Ĭs'rā-ĕl, in the month Zĭv, which is the second month, that he [1]began to build the house of Jĕ'hō'văh. 2 And the house which king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn built for Jĕ-hō'văh,

*[Ch. 5. 15 in Heb.]
1 Or, *cypress*
2 Or, *carry them away*
3 Heb. *Hirom* (and in ver. 18)
4 Heb. *cor*
5 Or, *beaten*
6 Heb. *men subject to taskwork*
7 Heb. *brought away*
8 Heb. *built*

the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty *cubits*, and the height thereof thirty cubits. 3 And the porch before [1]the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; *and* ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house. 4 And for the house he made [2]windows of fixed lattice-work. 5 And against the wall of the house he built stories round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of [3]the oracle; and he made side-chambers round about. 6 The nethermost story was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad; for on the outside he made offsets *in the wall* of the house round about, that *the beams* should not have hold in the walls of the house. 7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready [4]at the quarry; and there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building. 8 The door for the middle side-chambers was in the right [5]side of the house: and they went up by winding stairs into the middle *story*, and out of the middle into the third. 9 So he built the house, and finished it; and he covered the house with beams and [6]planks of cedar. 10 And he built the stories against all the house, each five cubits high: and [7]they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

11 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came to Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, saying, 12 Concerning this house which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute mine ordinances, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I establish my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father. 13 And I will dwell among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and will not forsake my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

14 So Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn built the house, and finished it. 15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar: [8]from the floor of the house unto the walls of the ceiling, he covered them on the inside with wood; and he covered the floor of the house with boards of [9]fir. 16 And he built twenty cubits on the hinder part of the house with boards of cedar from the floor unto the walls *of the ceiling*: he built *them* for it within, *even* for the oracle, even for the most holy place. 17 And the house, that is, the temple before *the oracle*, was forty cubits *long*. 18 And there was cedar on the house within, carved with [10]knops and open flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone seen. 19 And he prepared an oracle in the midst of the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh. 20 And within the oracle was a *space of* twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold, [11]and he covered the altar with cedar. 21 So Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he drew chains of gold across before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold. 22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until all the house was finished: also the whole altar that belonged to the oracle he overlaid with gold.

23 And in the oracle he made two chĕr'û-bĭm of olive-wood, each ten cubits high. 24 And five cubits was the one wing of the chĕr'ŭb, and five cubits the other wing of the chĕr'ŭb: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits. 25 And the other chĕr'ŭb was ten cubits: both the chĕr'û-bĭm were of one measure and one form. 26 The height of the one chĕr'ŭb was ten cubits, and so was it of the

[1] That is, the holy place [2] Or, *windows broad* within, and *narrow* without [3] That is, the most holy place [4] Or, *when it was brought away* [5] Heb. *shoulder* [6] Heb. *rows* [7] Or, *he fastened the house* [8] Or, *both the floors of the house and the walls &c.* (and so ver. 16) [9] Or, *cypress* [10] Or, *gourds* [11] Or, *he overlaid the altar also*, which was of *cedar*

other chĕr'ŭb. 27 And he set the chĕr'û-bĭm within the inner house; and the wings of the chĕr'û-bĭm were stretched forth, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other chĕr'ŭb touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. 28 And he overlaid the chĕr'û-bĭm with gold.

29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of chĕr'û-bĭm and palm-trees and open flowers, within and without. 30 And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without. 31 And for the entrance of the oracle he made doors of olive-wood: the [1]lintel *and* door-posts were a fifth part *of the wall*. 32 So *he made* two doors of olive-wood; and he carved upon them carvings of chĕr'û-bĭm and palm-trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and he spread the gold upon the chĕr'û-bĭm, and upon the palm-trees. 33 So also made he for the entrance of the temple door-posts of olive-wood, out of a fourth part *of the wall*; 34 and two doors of [2]fir-wood: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding. 35 And he carved *thereon* chĕr'û-bĭm and palm-trees and open flowers; and he overlaid them with gold fitted upon the graven work. 36 And he built the inner court[1] with three courses of hewn stone, and a course of cedar beams.

37 In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh laid, in the month Zĭv. 38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bŭl, which is the eighth month, was the house finished [3]throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

7 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house. 2 For he built the house of the forest of Lĕb'ă-nŏn; the length thereof was a hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars. 3 And it was covered with cedar above over the forty and five [4]beams, that were upon the pillars; fifteen in a row. 4 And there were [5]beams in three rows, and window was over against window in three ranks. 5 And all the doors and posts were made square with beams: and window was over against window in three ranks. 6 And he made the porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits; and a porch before them; and pillars and a threshold before them. 7 And he made the porch of the throne where he was to judge, even the porch of judgment: and it was covered with cedar from floor to floor. 8 And his house where he was to dwell, the other court within the porch, was of the like work. He made also a house for Phā'raōh's daughter (whom Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn had taken to wife), like unto this porch.

9 All these were of costly stones, even of hewn stone, [6]according to measure, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside unto the great court. 10 And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. 11 And above were costly stones, even hewn stone, according to measure, and cedar-wood. 12 And the great court round about had three courses of hewn stone, and a course of cedar beams; [7]like as the inner court of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the porch of the house.

13 And king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn sent and fetched Hī'răm out of Tȳre. 14 He was the son of a widow of the tribe

[1] Or, *posts* Or, *cypress* [3] Or, *with all the appurtenances thereof, and with all the ordinances thereof*
[4] Or, *side-chambers* Heb. *ribs*
[5] Or, *frames* for the windows
[6] Or, *after divers measures*
[7] Or, *both for . . . and for*

of Năph'tă-lī, and his father was a man of Tȳre, a worker in brass; and he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill, to work all works in brass. And he came to king Sŏl'ō-mŏn, and wrought all his work. 15 For he fashioned the two pillars of brass, [1]eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits compassed [2]either of them about. 16 And he made two capitals of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one capital was five cubits, and the height of the other capital was five cubits. 17 There were nets of checker-work, and wreaths of chain-work, for the capitals which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one capital, and seven for the other capital. 18 So he made the [3]pillars; and there were two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the capitals that were upon the top of the [3]pillars: and so did he for the other capital. 19 And the capitals that were upon the top of the pillars in the porch were of lily-work, four cubits. 20 And there were capitals above also upon the two pillars, close by the belly which was beside the network: and the pomegranates were two hundred, in rows round about upon the other capital. 21 And he set up the pillars at the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof [4]Jā'chĭn; and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof [5]Bō'ăz. 22 And upon the top of the pillars was lily-work: so was the work of the pillars finished.

23 And he made the molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and the height thereof was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits compassed it round about. 24 And under the brim of it round about there were knops which did compass it, [6]for ten cubits, compassing the sea round about: the knops were in two rows, cast when it was cast. 25 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; and the sea was set upon them above, and all their hinder parts were inward. 26 And it was a handbreadth thick; and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily: it held two thousand baths.

27 And he made the ten bases of brass; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it. 28 And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had panels; [7]and there were panels between the ledges; 29 and on the panels that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and chĕr'ū-bĭm; and upon the ledges [8]there was a pedestal above; and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work. 30 And every base had four brazen wheels, and axles of brass; and the four feet thereof had [9]undersetters: beneath the laver were the undersetters molten, with wreaths at the side of each. 31 And the mouth of it within the capital and above was a cubit: and the mouth thereof was round after the work of a pedestal, a cubit and a half; and also upon the mouth of it were gravings, and their panels were foursquare, not round. 32 And the four wheels were underneath the panels; and the axletrees of the wheels were in the base: and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit. 33 And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their felloes, and their spokes, and their naves, were all molten. 34 And there were four undersetters at the four corners of each base: the undersetters thereof were of the base itself. 35 And in the top of the base was there a round

[1] Heb. *eighteen cubits was the height of one pillar* [2] Heb. *the other pillar* [3] So the Syr. The Heb. has *pomegranates* [4] That is, *He shall establish* [5] That is, perhaps, *In it is strength* [6] Or, *ten in a cubit* [7] Or, *even borders* [8] Or, *it was in like manner above* [9] Heb. *shoulders*

compass half a cubit high; and on the top of the base the [1]stays thereof and the panels thereof were of the same. 36 And on the plates of the stays thereof, and on the panels thereof, he graved chĕr'ū-bĭm, lions, and palm-trees, according to the space of each, with wreaths round about. 37 After this manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one form.

38 And he made ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty baths; and every laver was four cubits; and upon every one of the ten bases one laver. 39 And he set the bases, five on the right [2]side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward, toward the south.

40 And [3]Hī'răm made the [4]lavers, and the shovels, and the basins. So Hī'răm made an end of doing all the work that he wrought for king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh: 41 the two pillars, and the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars; and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars; 42 and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were [5]upon the pillars; 43 and the ten bases, and the ten lavers on the bases; 44 and the one sea, and the twelve oxen under the sea; 45 and the pots, and the shovels, and the basins: even all [6]these vessels, which Hī'răm made for king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, were of burnished brass. 46 In the plain of the Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Sŭc'cŏth and Zăr'ĕ-thăn. 47 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn left all the vessels *unweighed*, because they were exceeding many: the weight of the brass [7]could not be found out.

48 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn made all the vessels that were in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh: the golden altar, and the table whereupon the showbread was, of gold; 49 and the candlesticks, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, of pure gold; and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold; 50 and the cups, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the firepans, of pure gold; and the hinges, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, *to wit*, of the temple, of gold.

51 Thus all the work that king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn wrought in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh was finished. And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn brought in the things which David his father had dedicated, *even* the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, and put them in the treasuries of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh.

8 Then Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn assembled the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' *houses* of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, unto king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm, to bring up the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh out of the city of David, which is Zī'ŏn. 2 And all the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl assembled themselves unto king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn at the feast, in the month Ēth'ă-nĭm, which is the seventh month. 3 And all the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl came, and the priests took up the ark. 4 And they brought up the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; even these did the priests and the Lĕ'vītes bring up. 5 And king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn and all the congregation of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude. 6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh unto its place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the chĕr'ū-bĭm. 7 For the chĕr'ū-bĭm spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and

[1] Heb. *hands* [2] Heb. *shoulder* [3] Heb. *Hiram* [4] In 2 Chr. 4. 11, *pots* [5] Heb. *upon the face of the pillars* [6] Another reading is, *the vessels of the Tent* [7] Or, *was not searched out*

the chĕr'û-bĭm covered the ark and the staves thereof above. 8 And [1]the staves were so long that the ends of the staves were seen from the holy place before the oracle; but they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day. 9 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone which Mō'sĕs put there at Hō'rĕb, [2]when Jĕ-hō'văh made a covenant with the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, when they came out of the land of Ē'gўpt. ¶ 10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, 11 so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh filled the house of Jĕ-hō'văh.

12 Then spake Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, Jĕ-hō'văh hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. 13 I have surely built thee a house of habitation, a place for thee to dwell in for ever. 14 And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the assembly of ĭs'rā-ĕl: and all the assembly of ĭs'rā-ĕl stood. 15 And he said, Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, who spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying, 16 Since the day that I brought forth my people ĭs'rā-ĕl out of Ē'gўpt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of ĭs'rā-ĕl to build a house, that my name might be there; but I chose David to be over my people ĭs'rā-ĕl. 17 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 18 But Jĕ-hō'văh said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thy heart to build a house for my name, thou didst well that it was in thy heart: 19 nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name. 20 And Jĕ-hō'văh hath established his word that he spake; for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of ĭs'rā-ĕl, as Jĕ-hō'văh promised, and have built the house for the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 21 And there have I set a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Ē'gўpt.

22 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn stood before the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh in the presence of all the assembly of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and spread forth his hands toward heaven; 23 and he said, O Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath; who keepest covenant and lovingkindness [3]with thy servants, that walk before thee with all their heart; 24 who hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou didst promise him: yea, thou spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thy hand, as it is this day. 25 Now therefore, O Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, [4]There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of ĭs'rā-ĕl, if only thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me as thou hast walked before me. 26 Now therefore, O God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

27 But will God in very deed dwell on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded! 28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Jĕ-hō'văh my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee this day; 29 that thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place whereof thou hast said, My name shall be there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant

[1] Or, *they drew out the staves, so that &c.*
[2] Or, *where*
[3] Or, *for*
[4] Heb. *There shall not be cut off unto thee a man from my sight*

shall pray toward this place. 30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Is'rā-ĕl, when they shall pray toward this place: yea, hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place; and when thou hearest, forgive.

31 [1]If a man sin against his neighbor, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and he come *and* swear before thine altar in this house; 32 then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his own head, and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

33 When thy people Is'rā-ĕl are smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; if they turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication unto thee in this house: 34 then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Is'rā-ĕl, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

35 When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, [2]when thou [3]dost afflict them: 36 then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Is'rā-ĕl, [2]when thou teachest them the good way wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

37 If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting *or* mildew, locust *or* caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their [4]cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be; 38 what prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, *or* by all thy people Is'rā-ĕl, who shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house: 39 then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and render unto every man according to all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;) 40 that they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

41 Moreover concerning the foreigner, that is not of thy people Is'rā-ĕl, when he shall come out of a far country for thy name's sake 42 (for they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy mighty hand, and of thine outstretched arm); when he shall come and pray toward this house; 43 hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calleth to thee for; that all the peoples of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as doth thy people Is'rā-ĕl, and that they may know that [5]this house which I have built is called by thy name.

44 If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, by whatsoever way thou shalt send them, and they pray unto Jĕ-hō'văh toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name; 45 then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their [6]cause.

46 If they sin against thee (for there is no man that sinneth not), and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that [7]they carry them away captive unto the land of the enemy, far off or near; 47 yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captive, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have dealt wickedly; 48 if they return unto thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who carried them captive, and pray

[1] Or, *Whereinsoever a man shall sin* [2] Or, *because* [3] Or, *answerest* [4] Heb. *gates*

[5] Or, *thy name is called upon this house &c.* [6] Or, *right* [7] Heb. *they that take them captive carry them away*

unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name: 49 then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling-place, and maintain their [1]cause; 50 and forgive thy people who have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee; and give them [2]compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them 51 (for they are thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Ĕ'gўpt, from the midst of the furnace of iron); 52 that thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, to hearken unto them whensoever they cry unto thee. 53 For thou didst separate them from among all the peoples of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by Mō'sēs thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Ĕ'gўpt, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

54 And it was so, that, when Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto Jĕ-hō'văh, he arose from before the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread forth toward heaven. 55 And he stood, and blessed all the assembly of Ĭs'rā-ĕl with a loud voice, saying, 56 Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh, that hath given rest unto his people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, according to all that he promised: there hath not [3]failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by Mō'sēs his servant. 57 Jĕ-hō'văh our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us; 58 that he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our fathers. 59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before Jĕ-hō'văh, be nigh unto Jĕ-hō'văh o God day and night, that he mai tain the cause of his servant, a the cause of his people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, every day shall require; 60 that the peoples of the earth may kn that Jĕ-hō'văh, he is God; there none else. 61 Let your heart ther fore be perfect with Jĕ-hō'văh o God, to walk in his statutes, a to keep his commandments, as this day.

62 And the king, and all Ĭs'rā-wĭth him, offered sacrifice befo Jĕ-hō'văh. 63 And Sŏl'ŏ-m offered for the sacrifice of peac offerings, which he offered un Jĕ-hō'văh, two and twenty tho sand oxen, and a hundred a twenty thousand sheep. So t king and all the children of Ĭs'rā- dedicated the house of Jĕ-hō'vă 64 The same day did the king ha low the middle of the court th was before the house of Jĕ-hō'vă for there he offered the burn offering, and the meal-offerin and the fat of the peace-offering because the brazen altar that w before Jĕ-hō'văh was too little receive the burnt-offering, and t meal-offering, and the fat of t peace-offerings. 65 So Sŏl'ŏ-m held the feast at that time, and Ĭs'rā-ĕl with him, a great assem bly, from the entrance of Hā'mā unto the brook of Ĕ'gўpt, befo Jĕ-hō'văh our God, seven days a seven days, even fourteen day 66 On the eighth day he sent t people away; and they blessed t king, and went unto their ten joyful and glad of heart for the goodness that Jĕ-hō'văh h showed unto David his servan and to Ĭs'rā-ĕl his people.

9 And it came to pass, wh Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn had finished t building of the house of Jĕ-hō'vă and the king's house, and all Sŏ ŏ-mŏn's [5]desire which he w pleased to do, 2 that Jĕ-hō'văh a peared to Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn the seco time, as he had appeared unto h

[1] Or, *right* [2] Heb. *to be for compassion*
[3] Heb. *fallen*
[4] Heb. *the thing of a day in its day*
[5] Or, *delight*

at Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn. 3 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually. 4 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and mine ordinances; 5 then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom over Ĭs'rā-ĕl for ever, according as I [1]promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 6 But if ye shall turn away from following me, ye or your children, and not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; 7 then will I cut off Ĭs'rā-ĕl out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 8 [2]And though this house is so high, yet shall every one that passeth by it be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath Jĕ-hō'văh done thus unto this land, and to this house? 9 and they shall answer, Because they forsook Jĕ-hō'văh their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Ē'gўpt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath Jĕ-hō'văh brought all this evil upon them.

10 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Sŏl'ō-mŏn had built the two houses, the house of Jĕ-hō'văh and the king's house 11 (now Hī'răm the king of Tўre had furnished Sŏl'ō-mŏn with cedar-trees and fir-trees, and with gold, according to all his desire), that then king Sŏl'ō-mŏn gave Hī'răm twenty cities in the land of Găl'ĭ-lēe. 12 And Hī'răm came out from Tўre to see the cities which Sŏl'ō-mŏn had given him; and they pleased him not. 13 And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother? And [3]he called them the land of Că'bŭl unto this day. 14 And Hī'răm sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

15 And this is the [4]reason of the [5]levy which king Sŏl'ō-mŏn raised, to build the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and his own house, and Mĭl'lō, and the wall of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and Hā'zôr, and Mĕ-gĭd'dō, and Gē'zēr. 16 Phā'raōh king of Ē'gўpt had gone up, and taken Gē'zēr, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Cā'năan-ītes that dwelt in the city, and given it for a portion unto his daughter, Sŏl'ō-mŏn's wife. 17 And Sŏl'ō-mŏn built Gē'zēr, and Bĕth-hō'rŏn the nether, 18 and Bā'ăl-ăth, and [6]Tā'mär in the wilderness, in the land, 19 and all the store-cities that Sŏl'ō-mŏn had, and the cities for his chariots, and the cities for his horsemen, and that which Sŏl'ō-mŏn desired to build for his pleasure in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and in Lĕb'ă-nŏn, and in all the land of his dominion. 20 As for all the people that were left of the Ăm'ôr-ītes, the Hĭt'tītes, the Pĕr'ĭz-zītes, the Hī'vītes, and the Jĕb'ū-sītes, who were not of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; 21 their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl were not able [7]utterly to destroy, of them did Sŏl'ō-mŏn raise [8]a levy of bondservants, unto this day. 22 But of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl did Sŏl'ō-mŏn make no bondservants; but they were the men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots and of his horsemen.

23 These were the chief officers that were over Sŏl'ō-mŏn's work,

[1] Or, *spake concerning* [2] Or, *and this house shall be high; every one &c.*
[3] Or, *they were called* [4] Or, *account* [5] Heb. *men subject to taskwork* [6] Another reading is, *Tadmor* So 2 Chr. 8. 4 [7] Heb. *to devote* [8] Heb. *men subject to servile taskwork*

five hundred and fifty, who bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.

24 But Phā'raōh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which *Sol'o-mon* had built for her: then did he build Mĭl'lō.

25 And three times in a year did Sŏl'ō-mŏn offer burnt-offerings and peace-offerings upon the altar which he built unto Jĕ-hō'văh, burning incense therewith, *upon the altar* that was before Jĕ-hō'văh. So he finished the house.

26 And king Sŏl'ō-mŏn made a navy of ships in Ē'zĭ-ŏn-gē'bĕr, which is beside Ē'lōth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Ē'dŏm. 27 And Hī'răm sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Sŏl'ō-mŏn. 28 And they came to Ō'phĭr, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Sŏl'ō-mŏn.

10 And when the queen of Shē'bā heard of the fame of Sŏl'ō-mŏn concerning the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, she came to prove him with hard questions. 2 And she came to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones; and when she was come to Sŏl'ō-mŏn, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. 3 And Sŏl'ō-mŏn told her all her questions: there was not anything hid from the king which he told her not. 4 And when the queen of Shē'bā had seen all the wisdom of Sŏl'ō-mŏn, and the house that he had built, 5 and the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the [1]attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and [2]his ascent by which he went up unto the house of Jĕ-hō'văh; there was no more spirit in her. 6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thine [3]acts, and of thy wisdom. 7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me; [4]thy wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame which I heard. 8 Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, that stand continually before thee, *and* that hear thy wisdom. 9 Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, who delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Is'rā-ĕl: because Jĕ-hō'văh loved Is'rā-ĕl for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do justice and righteousness. 10 And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Shē'bā gave to king Sŏl'ō-mŏn.

11 And the navy also of Hī'răm that brought gold from Ō'phĭr brought in from Ō'phĭr great plenty of [5]ăl'mŭg-trees and precious stones. 12 And the king made of the ăl'mŭg-trees [6]pillars for the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for the singers: there came no such ăl'mŭg-trees, nor were seen, unto this day.

13 And king Sŏl'ō-mŏn gave to the queen of Shē'bā all her desire, whatsoever she asked, besides that [7]which Sŏl'ō-mŏn gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own land, she and her servants.

14 Now the weight of gold that came to Sŏl'ō-mŏn in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold, 15 besides *that which* the traders *brought*, and the traffic of the merchants, and of all the kings of [8]the mingled people, and of the governors of the country. 16 And king Sŏl'ō-mŏn made two hundred bucklers of beaten gold: six hundred *shek'els* of gold went to one buckler. 17 And *he made* three hundred shields of beaten gold:

[1] Heb. *standing* [2] Or, *his burnt-offering which he offered in &c.* [3] Or, *sayings* [4] Heb. *thou hast added wisdom and goodness to the fame* [5] In 2 Chr. 2. 8, 9. 10 *algum-trees.* Perhaps, *sandal-wood* [6] Or, *a railing* Heb. *a prop* [7] Heb. *which he gave her according to the hand of king Solomon* [8] In 2 Chr. 9. 14, *Arabia*

three [1]pounds of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lĕb'ă-nŏn. 18 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the finest gold. 19 There were six steps to the throne, and the top of the throne was round behind; and there were [2]stays on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the stays. 20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom. 21 And all king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lĕb'ă-nŏn were of pure gold: none were of silver; it was nothing accounted of in the days of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn. 22 For the king had at sea a navy of Tär'shĭsh with the navy of Hī'răm: once every three years came the navy of Tär'shĭsh, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

23 So king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom. 24 And all the earth sought the presence of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 25 And they brought every man his tribute, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, and armor, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

26 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, that he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 27 And the king made silver to be in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore-trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. 28 And the horses which Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn had were brought out of Ē'gўpt; and the king's merchants received them in droves, each drove at a price. 29 And a chariot came up and went out of Ē'gўpt for six hundred *shek'els* of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty; and so for all the kings of the Hĭt'tītes, and for the kings of Sўr'ĭ-ă, did they bring them out [3]by their means.

11 Now king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn loved many foreign women, [4]together with the daughter of Phă'raōh, women of the Mō'ăb-ītes, Ăm'mŏn-ītes, Ē'dŏm-ītes, Sī-dō'nĭ-ănş, and Hĭt'tītes; 2 of the nations concerning which Jĕ-hō'văh said unto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, Ye shall not go among them, neither shall they come among you; for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn clave unto these in love. 3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. 4 For it came to pass, when Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not perfect with Jĕ-hō'văh his God, as was the heart of David his father. 5 For Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn went after Ăsh'tŏ-rĕth the goddess of the Sī-dō'nĭ-ănş, and after Mĭl'cŏm the abomination of the Ăm'mŏn-ītes. 6 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, and went not fully after Jĕ-hō'văh, as did David his father. 7 Then did Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn build a h[i]gh place for Chĕ'mŏsh the abomination of Mō'ăb, in the mount that is before Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and for Mō'lĕch the abomination of the children of Ăm'mŏn. 8 And so did he for all his foreign wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

9 And Jĕ-hō'văh was angry with Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, because his heart was turned away from Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, who had appeared unto him twice, 10 and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which Jĕ-hō'văh commanded. 11 Wherefore Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, Forasmuch as this [5]is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my

[1] Heb. *maneh* [2] Or, *arms* Heb. *hands* [3] Heb. *in their hand* [4] Or, *besides* [5] Heb. *is with thee*

covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. 12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it, for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. 13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but I will give one tribe to thy son, for David my servant's sake, and for Je-ru'sa-lĕm's sake which I have chosen.

14 And Je-hō'văh raised up an adversary unto Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, Hā'dăd the E'dŏm-īte: he was of the king's seed in E'dŏm. 15 For it came to pass, when David was in E'dŏm, and Jō'ăb the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, and had smitten every male in E'dŏm 16 (for Jō'ăb and all Is'rā-ĕl remained there six months, until he had cut off every male in E'dŏm); 17 that Hā'dăd fled, he and certain E'dŏm-ītes of his father's servants with him, to go into E'gўpt, Hā'dăd being yet a little child. 18 And they arose out of Mid'i-ăn, and came to Pā'răn; and they took men with them out of Pā'răn, and they came to E'gўpt, unto Phā'raōh king of E'gўpt, who gave him a house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land. 19 And Hā'dăd found great favor in the sight of Phā'raōh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tăh'pĕ-nēs the queen. 20 And the sister of Tăh'pĕ-nēs bare him Gĕ-nū'băth his son, whom Tăh'pĕ-nēs weaned in Phā'raōh's house; and Gĕ-nū'băth was in Phā'raōh's house among the sons of Phā'raōh. 21 And when Hā'dăd heard in E'gўpt that David slept with his fathers, and that Jō'ăb the captain of the host was dead, Hā'dăd said to Phā'raōh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country. 22 Then Phā'raōh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit only let me depart.

23 And God raised up *another* adversary unto him, Rē'zŏn the son of E-lī'ă-dà, who had fled from his lord Hăd-ăd-ē'zĕr king of Zō'băh. 24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a troop, when David slew them *of Zo'bah*: and they went to Dă-mās'cŭs, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Dă-mās'cŭs. 25 And he was an adversary to Is'rā-ĕl all the days of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, besides the mischief that Hā'dăd *did*: and he abhorred Is'rā-ĕl, and reigned over Sўr'i-à.

26 And Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of Nē'băt, an E'phrā-ĭm-īte of Zĕr'ĕ-dăh, a servant of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, whose mother's name was Zĕ-rū'ăh, a widow, he also lifted up his hand against the king. 27 And this was the reason why he lifted up his hand against the king: Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn built Mĭl'lō, and [1]repaired the breach of the city of David his father. 28 And the man Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm was a mighty man of valor; and Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn saw the young man that he was industrious, and he gave him charge over all the [2]labor of the house of Joseph. 29 And it came to pass at that time, when Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm went out of Je-ru'sa-lĕm, that the prophet Ă-hī'jăh the Shī'lō-nīte found him in the way; now *A-hi'jah* had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field. 30 And Ă-hī'jăh laid hold of the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces. 31 And he said to Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith Je-hō'văh, the God of Is'rā-ĕl, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, and will give ten tribes to thee 32 (but he shall have one tribe, for my servant David's sake, and for Je-ru'sa-lĕm's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Is'rā-ĕl); 33 because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ash'tō-rĕth the goddess of the Sī-dō'nī-ăns, Chĕ'mŏsh the god of Mō'ăb, and Mĭl'cŏm the god of the children of Ăm'mŏn; and they have not walked in

[1] Heb. *closed up* [2] Heb. *burden*

my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and *to keep* my statutes and mine ordinances, as did David his father. 34 Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand; but I will make him prince all the days of his life, for David my servant's sake whom I chose, [1]who kept my commandments and my statutes; 35 but I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes. 36 And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a lamp alway before me in Jĕ-ru'-să-lĕm, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there. 37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign [2]according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that which is right in mine eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and will build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Ĭs'rā-ĕl unto thee. 39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever. 40 Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn sought therefore to kill Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm; but Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm arose, and fled into Ē'gĭpt, unto Shĭ'shăk king of Ē'gĭpt, and was in Ē'gĭpt until the death of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn.

41 Now the rest of the [3]acts of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn? 42 And the time that Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn reigned in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm over all Ĭs'rā-ĕl was forty years. 43 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm his son reigned in his stead.

12 And Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm went to Shē'chĕm: for all Ĭs'rā-ĕl were come to Shē'chĕm to make him king. 2 And it came to pass, when Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of Nē'băt heard of it (for he was yet in Ē'gĭpt, whither he had fled from the presence of king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, and Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm dwelt in Ē'gĭpt, 3 and they sent and called him), that Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm and all the assembly of Ĭs'rā-ĕl came, and spake unto Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm, saying, 4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee. 5 And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

6 And king Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm took counsel with the old men, that had stood before Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to return answer to this people? 7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever. 8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men that were grown up with him, that stood before him. 9 And he said unto them, What counsel give ye, that we may return answer to this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke that thy father did put upon us lighter? 10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou say unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou speak unto them, My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. 11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 So Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm and all the people came to Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come to me again the third day. 13 And the king answered

[1] Or, *because he kept*
[2] Or, *over all*
[2] Or, *words*
Or, *matters*

the people roughly, and forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him, 14 and spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. 15 So the king hearkened not unto the people; for it was a thing brought about of Jĕ-hō'văh, that he might establish his word, which Jĕ-hō'văh spake by Ă-hī'jăh the Shī'lō-nīte to Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of Nē'băt.

16 And when all Ĭs'rā-ĕl saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jĕs'sĕ: to your tents, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl: now see to thine own house, David. So Ĭs'rā-ĕl departed unto their tents. 17 But as for the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl that dwelt in the cities of Jū'dăh, Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm reigned over them. 18 Then king Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm sent Ă-dō-răm, who was over the men subject to taskwork; and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl stoned him to death with stones. And king Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm. 19 So Ĭs'rā-ĕl rebelled against the house of David unto this day. 20 And it came to pass, when all Ĭs'rā-ĕl heard that Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm was returned, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Ĭs'rā-ĕl: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Jū'dăh only.

21 And when Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm was come to Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, he assembled all the house of Jū'dăh, and the tribe of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, a hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, that were warriors, to fight against the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, to bring the kingdom again to Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm the son of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn. 22 But the word of God came unto Shĕ-mā'ĭăh the man of God, saying, 23 Speak unto Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm the son of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, king of Jū'dăh, and unto all the house of Jū'dăh and Bĕn'jă-mĭn, and to the rest of the people, saying, 24 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: return every man to his house; for this thing is of me. So they hearkened unto the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, and returned and went their way, according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh.

25 Then Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm built Shĕ-chĕm in the hill-country of Ĕ'phrā-ĭm, and dwelt therein; and he went out from thence, and built Pĕnū'ĕl. 26 And Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm said in his heart, Now will the kingdom return to the house of David: 27 if this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh at Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, then will the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm king of Jū'dăh; and they will kill me, and return to Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm king of Jū'dăh. 28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold; and he said unto them, [1]It is too much for you to go up to Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm; behold thy gods, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl, which brought thee up out of the land of Ĕ'gўpt. 29 And he set the one in Bĕth'-ĕl, and the other put he in Dan. 30 And this thing became a sin; for the people went *to worship* before [2]the one, even unto Dan. 31 And he made houses of high places, and made priests from among all the people, that were not of the sons of Lē'vi. 32 And Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Jū'dăh, and he [3]went up unto the altar; so did he in Bĕth'-ĕl, [4]sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bĕth'-ĕl the priests of the high places that he had made. 33 And he [3]went up unto the altar which he had made in Bĕth'-ĕl on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which

[1] Or, *Ye have gone up long enough* [2] Or, *each of them* [3] Or, *offered upon* [4] Or, *to sacrifice*

he had devised [1]of his own heart: and he ordained a feast for the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and [2]went up unto the altar, to burn incense.

13 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Jū'dăh by the word of Jĕ-hō'văh unto Bĕth'-ĕl: and Jĕr-ō-bō'ăm was standing by the altar to burn incense. 2 And he cried against the altar by the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, a son shall be born unto the house of David, Jō-sī'ăh by name; and upon thee shall he sacrifice the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall they burn upon thee. 3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken: Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out. 4 And it came to pass, when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar in Bĕth'-ĕl, that Jĕr-ō-bō'ăm put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back again to him. 5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of Jĕ-hō'văh. 6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Entreat now the favor of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God entreated Jĕ-hō'văh, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before. 7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward. 8 And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thy house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place; 9 for so was it charged me by the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, Thou shalt eat no bread, nor drink water, neither return by the way that thou camest. 10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bĕth'-ĕl.

11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Bĕth'-ĕl; and [3]one of his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bĕth'-ĕl: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them also they told unto their father. 12 And their father said unto them, What way went he? Now his sons had [4]seen what way the man of God went, that came from Jū'dăh. 13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass; and he rode thereon. 14 And he went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an [5]oak; and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Jū'dăh? And he said, I am. 15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread. 16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee; neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place: 17 for it was said to me by the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest. 18 And he said unto him, I also am a prophet as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, Bring him back with thee into thy house, that he may eat bread and drink water. *But* he lied unto him. 19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto the prophet that brought him back; 21 and he cried unto the man of God that came from Jū'dăh, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Forasmuch as thou hast [6]been disobedient unto the mouth of Jĕ-hō'văh, and hast not kept the commandment which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God commanded

Another reading is, *apart* [2] Or, *offered upon* [3] Heb *his son* [4] Or, as otherwise read, *showed him* [5] Or, *terebinth* [6] Or, *rebelled against the word*

thee, 22 but camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which he said to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy body shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers. 23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, *to wit*, for the prophet whom he had brought back. 24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his body was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it; the lion also stood by the body. 25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the body cast in the way, and the lion standing by the body; and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who [1]was disobedient unto the mouth of Jĕ-hō'văh: therefore Jĕ-hō'văh hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, which he spake unto him. 27 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled it. 28 And he went and found his body cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the body: the lion had not eaten the body, nor torn the ass. 29 And the prophet took up the body of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back; and he came to the city of the old prophet, to mourn, and to bury him. 30 And he laid his body in his own grave; and they mourned over him, *saying*, Alas, my brother! 31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones. 32 For the saying which he cried by the word of Jĕ-hō'văh against the altar in Bĕth'-ĕl, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Să-mā'rĭ-ā, shall surely come t pass.

33 After this thing Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm returned not from his evil way, bu made again from among all th people priests of the high places [2]whosoever would, he consecrate him, that there might be priests o the high places. 34 And [3]thi thing became sin unto the house o Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm, even to cut it off and to destroy it from off the fac of the earth.

14 At that time Ă-bī'jăh th son of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm fell sick 2 And Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm said to hi wife, Arise, I pray thee, and dis guise thyself, that thou be no known to be the wife of Jĕr-ŏ-bō' ăm; and get thee to Shī'lōh: be hold, there is Ă-hī'jăh the prophet who spake concerning me that should be king over this people 3 And take with thee ten loaves and cakes, and a [4]cruse of honey and go to him: he will tell the what shall become of the child 4 And Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm's wife did so and arose, and went to Shī'lōh and came to the house of Ă-hī'jăh Now Ă-hī'jăh could not see; fo his eyes were set by reason of hi age. 5 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unt Ă-hī'jăh, Behold, the wife of Jĕr ŏ-bō'ăm cometh to inquire of the concerning her son; for he is sick thus and thus shalt thou say unt her; for it will be, when she cometh in, that she will feign herself to b another woman.

6 And it was so, when Ă-hī'jăh heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said Come in, thou wife of Jĕr-ŏ-bō' ăm; why feignest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings. 7 Go, tell Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee [5]prince over my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, 8 and rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee; and ye thou hast not been as my servan

[1] Or, *rebelled against the word*
[2] Or, *whomsoever he would*
[3] Or, *by this thing he became*
[4] Or, *bottle*
[5] Or, *leader*

David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in mine eyes, 9 but hast done evil above all that were before thee, and hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back: 10 therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm, and will cut off from Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm every man-child, him that is shut up and him that is left at large in Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and will utterly sweep away the house of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm, as a man sweepeth away dung, till it be all gone. 11 Him that dieth of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the birds of the heavens eat: for Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken it. 12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thy house: *and* when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die. 13 And all Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall mourn for him, and bury him; for he only of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm shall come to the grave, because in him there is found some good thing toward Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, in the house of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm. 14 Moreover Jĕ-hō'văh will raise him up a king over Ĭs'rā-ĕl, who shall cut off the house of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm that day: [1]but what? even now. 15 For Jĕ-hō'văh will smite Ĭs'rā-ĕl, as a reed is shaken in the water; and he will root up Ĭs'rā-ĕl out of this good land which he gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the River, because they have made their Ă-shē'rĭm, provoking Jĕ-hō'văh to anger. 16 And he will give Ĭs'rā-ĕl up because of the sins of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm, [2]which he hath sinned, and wherewith he hath made Ĭs'rā-ĕl to sin.

17 And Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tĭr'zăh: *and* as she came to the threshold of the house, the child died. 18 And all Ĭs'rā-ĕl buried him, and mourned for him, according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, which he spake by his servant Ă-hī'jăh the prophet.

19 And the rest of the acts of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 20 And the days which Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm reigned were two and twenty years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nā'dăb his son reigned in his stead.

21 And Rĕ-hŏ-bō'ăm the son of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn reigned in Jū'dăh. Rĕ-hŏ-bō'ăm was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, the city which Jĕ-hō'văh had chosen out of all the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, to put his name there: and his mother's name was Nā'ă-măh the Ăm'mŏn-ī-tĕss. 22 And Jū'dăh did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, above all that their fathers had done. 23 For they also built them high places, and [3]pillars, and Ă-shē'rĭm, on every high hill, and under every green tree; 24 and there were also sodomites in the land: they did according to all the abominations of the nations which Jĕ-hō'văh drove out before the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

25 And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rĕ-hŏ-bō'ăm, that Shĭ'shăk king of Ē'gўpt came up against Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm; 26 and he took away the treasures of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn had made. 27 And king Rĕ-hŏ-bō'ăm made in their stead shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the [4]guard, who kept the door of the king's house. 28 And it was so, that, as oft as the king went into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard-chamber.

[1] Or, *and what even now?*
[2] Or, *who did sin, and who made &c.*
[3] Or, *obelisks*
[4] Heb. *runners*

29 Now the rest of the acts of Rĕ-hŏ-bō'ăm, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Jū'dăh? 30 And there was war between Rĕ-hŏ-bō'ăm and Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm continually. 31 And Rĕ-hŏ-bō'ăm slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and his mother's name was Nā'ă-măh the Ăm'mŏn-ī-tĕss. And [1]Ă-bī'jăm his son reigned in his stead.

15 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of Nĕ'băt began Ă-bī'jăm to reign over Jū'dăh. 2 Three years reigned he in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and his mother's name was [2]Mā'ă-căh the daughter of [3]Ă-bĭsh'ă-lŏm. 3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; and his heart was not perfect with Jĕ-hō'văh his God, as the heart of David his father. 4 Nevertheless for David's sake did Jĕ-hō'văh his God give him a lamp in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; 5 because David did that which was right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh, and turned not aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Ū-rī'ăh the Hĭt'tīte. 6 Now there was war between Rĕ-hŏ-bō'ăm and Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm all the days of his life.

7 And the rest of the acts of Ă-bī'jăm, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Jū'dăh? And there was war between Ă-bī'jăm and Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm. 8 And Ă-bī'jăm slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Ā'să his son reigned in his stead.

9 And in the twentieth year of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl began Ā'să to reign over Jū'dăh. 10 And forty and one years reigned he in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and his mother's name was Mā'ă-căh the daughter of Ă-bĭsh'ă-lŏm. 11 And Ā'să did that which was right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh, as did David his father. 12 And he put away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. 13 And also Mā'ă-căh his mother he removed from being [4]queen, because she had made an abominable image [5]for an Ă-shē'răh; and Ā'să cut down her image, and burnt it at the brook Kĭd'rŏn. 14 But the high places were not taken away: nevertheless the heart of Ā'să was perfect with Jĕ-hō'văh all his days. 15 And he brought into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh the things that his father had dedicated, and the things that himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.

16 And there was war between Ā'să and Bā'ă-shà king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl all their days. 17 And Bā'ă-shà king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl went up against Jū'dăh, and built Rā'măh, that he might not suffer any one to go out or come in to Ā'să king of Jū'dăh. 18 Then Ā'să took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants; and king Ā'să sent them to Bĕn-hă'dăd, the son of Hĕ'zĭ-ŏn, king of Sўr'ĭ-ă, that dwelt at Dă-más'cŭs, saying, 19 [6]*There is* a league between me and thee, between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; go, break thy league with Bā'ă-shà king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that he may depart from me. 20 And Bĕn-hă'dăd hearkened unto king Ā'să, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and smote Ī'jŏn, and Dan, and Ā'bĕl-bĕth-mā'ă-căh, and all Chĭn'nĕ-rŏth, with all the land of Năph'tă-lī. 21 And it came to pass, when Bā'ă-shà heard thereof, that he left off building Rā'măh, and dwelt in Tĭr'zăh. 22 Then king Ā'să made

[1] In 2 Chr. 12. 16, *Abijah* [2] In 2 Chr. 13. 2, *Micaiah the daughter of Uriel* [3] In 2 Chr. 11. 20, 21, *Absalom*

[4] Or, *queen mother* [5] Or, *for Asherah* [6] Or, Let there be

a proclamation unto all Jū'dăh; none was exempted: and they carried away the stones of Rā'măh, and the timber thereof, wherewith Bā'ă-shà had builded; and king Ā'sà built therewith Gē'bà of Bĕn'-jă-mĭn, and Mĭz'păh.

23 Now the rest of all the acts of Ā'sà, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Jū'dăh? But in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. 24 And Ā'sà slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt his son reigned in his stead.

25 And Nā'dăb the son of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm began to reign over Ĭs'-rā-ĕl in the second year of Ā'sà king of Jū'dăh; and he reigned over Ĭs'rā-ĕl two years. 26 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Ĭs'rā-ĕl to sin. 27 And Bā'ă-shà the son of Ā-hī'jăh, of the house of Ĭs'sā-chär, conspired against him; and Bā'ă-shà smote him at Gĭb'bĕ-thŏn, which belonged to the Phĭ-lĭs'tines; for Nā'dăb and all Ĭs'-rā-ĕl were laying siege to Gĭb'-bĕ-thŏn. 28 Even in the third year of Ā'sà king of Jū'dăh did Bā'ă-shà slay him, and reigned in his stead. 29 And it came to pass that, as soon as he was king, he smote all the house of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'-ăm: he left not to Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm any that breathed, until he had destroyed him; according unto the saying of Jĕ-hō'văh, which he spake by his servant Ā-hī'jăh the Shī'lō-nīte; 30 for the sins of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm which he sinned, and wherewith he made Ĭs'rā-ĕl to sin, because of his provocation wherewith he provoked Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, to anger.

31 Now the rest of the acts of Nā'dăb, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? 32 And there was war between Ā'sà and Bā'ă-shà king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl all their days.

33 In the third year of Ā'sà king of Jū'dăh began Bā'ă-shà the son of Ā-hī'jăh to reign over all Ĭs'rā-ĕl in Tĭr'zăh, *and reigned* twenty and four years. 34 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, and walked in the way of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm, and in his sin wherewith he made Ĭs'rā-ĕl to sin.

16 1 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came to Jē'hū the son of Hă-nā'nī against Bā'ă-shà, saying, 2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee [1]prince over my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and thou hast walked in the way of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm, and hast made my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins; 3 behold, I will utterly sweep away Bā'ă-shà and his house; and I will make thy house like the house of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'-ăm the son of Nē'băt. 4 Him that dieth of Bā'ă-shà in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the field shall the birds of the heavens eat.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Bā'ă-shà, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? 6 And Bā'ă-shà slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tĭr'zăh; and Ē'lăh his son reigned in his stead. 7 And moreover by the prophet Jē'hū the son of Hă-nā'nī came the word of Jĕ-hō'văh against Bā'ă-shà, and against his house, both because of all the evil that he did in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, to provoke him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm, and because he smote [2]him.

8 In the twenty and sixth year of Ā'sà king of Jū'dăh began Ē'lăh the son of Bā'ă-shà to reign over Ĭs'rā-ĕl in Tĭr'zăh, *and reigned* two years. 9 And his servant Zĭm'-rī, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him. Now he was in Tĭr'zăh, drinking himself drunk in the house of Ar'zà, who was over the household in Tĭr'zăh:

[1] Or, *leader* [2] Or, *it*

10 and Zĭm'rī went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Ā'sà king of Jū'dăh, and reigned in his stead. 11 And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he smote all the house of Bā'ă-shà: he left him not a single man-child, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends. 12 Thus did Zĭm'rī destroy all the house of Bā'ă-shà, according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, which he spake against Bā'ă-shà by Jē'hū the prophet, 13 for all the sins of Bā'ă-shà, and the sins of Ē'lăh his son, which they sinned, and wherewith they made Ĭs'rā-ĕl to sin, to provoke Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, to anger with their vanities. 14 Now the rest of the acts of Ē'lăh, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl?

15 In the twenty and seventh year of Ā'sà king of Jū'dăh did Zĭm'rī reign seven days in Tĭr'zăh. Now the people were encamped against Gĭb'bĕ-thŏn, which belonged to the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. 16 And the people that were encamped heard say, Zĭm'rī hath conspired, and hath also smitten the king: wherefore all Ĭs'rā-ĕl made Ŏm'rī, the captain of the host, king over Ĭs'rā-ĕl that day in the camp. 17 And Ŏm'rī went up from Gĭb'bĕ-thŏn, and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl with him, and they besieged Tĭr'zăh. 18 And it came to pass, when Zĭm'rī saw that the city was taken, that he went into the [1]castle of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died, 19 for his sins which he sinned in doing that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, in walking in the way of Jĕr-ō-bō'ăm, and in his sin which he did, to make Ĭs'rā-ĕl to sin. 20 Now the rest of the acts of Zĭm'rī, and his treason that he wrought, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl?

21 Then were the people of Ĭs'rā-ĕl divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tĭb'nī the son of Gĭ'năth, to make him king; and half followed Ŏm'rī. 22 But the people that followed Ŏm'rī prevailed against the people that followed Tĭb'nī the son of Gĭ'năth: so Tĭb'nī died, and Ŏm'rī reigned. 23 In the thirty and first year of Ā'sà king of Jū'dăh began Ŏm'rī to reign over Ĭs'rā-ĕl, *and reigned* twelve years: six years reigned he in Tĭr'zăh. 24 And he bought the hill [2]Sā-mā'rĭ-à of Shē'mĕr for two talents of silver; and he [3]built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shē'mĕr, the owner of the hill, [2]Sā-mā'rĭ-à. 25 And Ŏm'rī did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, and dealt wickedly above all that were before him. 26 For he walked in all the way of Jĕr-ō-bō'ăm the son of Nē'băt, and in his sins wherewith he made Ĭs'rā-ĕl to sin, to provoke Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, to anger with their vanities. 27 Now the rest of the acts of Ŏm'rī which he did, and his might that he showed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? 28 So Ŏm'rī slept with his fathers, and was buried in Sā-mā'rĭ-à; and Ā'hăb his son reigned in his stead.

29 And in the thirty and eighth year of Ā'sà king of Jū'dăh began Ā'hăb the son of Ŏm'rī to reign over Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and Ā'hăb the son of Ŏm'rī reigned over Ĭs'rā-ĕl in Sā-mā'rĭ-à twenty and two years. 30 And Ā'hăb the son of Ŏm'rī did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh above all that were before him. 31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jĕr-ō-bō'ăm the son of Nē'băt, that he took to wife [4]Jĕz'ĕ-bĕl the daughter of Ĕth'bā-ăl king of the Sī-dō'nĭ-ăns, and went and served Bā'ăl, and worshipped him. 32 And he reared up an altar for Bā'ăl in the house of Bā'ăl, which he had built in Sā-mā'rĭ-à. 33 And Ā'hăb

[1] Or, *palace*
[2] Heb. *Shomeron*
[3] Or, *fortified the hill*
[4] Heb. *Izebel*

made the A-shē'răh; and A'hăb did yet more to provoke Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Is'rā-ĕl, to anger than all the kings of Is'rā-ĕl that were before him. 34 In his days did Hi'ĕl the Bĕth'-ĕl-īte build Jĕr'ĭ-chō: he laid the foundation thereof with the loss of A-bī'răm his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof with the loss of his youngest son Sĕ'gŭb, according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, which he spake by Jŏsh'ū-a the son of Nūn.

17 And Ē-lī'jăh the Tĭsh'bīte, who was of the sojourners of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, said unto A'hăb, As Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Is'rā-ĕl, liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. 2 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto him, saying, 3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Chĕ'rĭth, that is before the Jordan. 4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. 5 So he went and did according unto the word of Jĕ-hō'văh; for he went and dwelt by the brook Chĕ'rĭth, that is before the Jordan. 6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook. 7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

8 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto him, saying, 9 Arise, get thee to Zăr'ĕ-phăth, which belongeth to Zī'dŏn, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow there to sustain thee. 10 So he arose and went to Zăr'ĕ-phăth; and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. 11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thy hand. 12 And she said, As Jĕ-hō'văh thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal in the jar, and a little oil in the cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. 13 And Ē-lī'jăh said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said; but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it forth unto me, and afterward make for thee and for thy son. 14 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Is'rā-ĕl, The jar of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that Jĕ-hō'văh sendeth rain upon the earth. 15 And she went and did according to the saying of Ē-lī'jăh: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days. 16 The jar of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, which he spake by Ē-lī'jăh.

17 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. 18 And she said unto Ē-lī'jăh, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? [1]thou art come unto me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son! 19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into the chamber, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. 20 And he cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, O Jĕ-hō'văh my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? 21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, O Jĕ-hō'văh my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. 22 And Jĕ-hō'văh hearkened unto the voice of Ē-lī'jăh; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. 23 And Ē-lī'jăh took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother; and Ē-lī'jăh said, See,

[1] Or, *art thou, &c.*

thy son liveth. 24 And the woman said to Ē-lī′jăh, Now I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of Jĕ-hō′văh in thy mouth is truth.

18 And it came to pass, after many days, that the word of Jĕ-hō′văh came to Ē-lī′jăh, in the third year, saying, Go, show thyself unto Ā′hăb; and I will send rain upon the earth. 2 And Ē-lī′jăh went to show himself unto Ā′hăb. And the famine was sore in Să-mā′rĭ-ȧ. 3 And Ā′hăb called Ō-bă-dī′ăh, who was over the household. (Now Ō-bă-dī′ăh feared Jĕ-hō′văh greatly: 4 for it was so, when Jĕz′ĕ-bĕl cut off the prophets of Jĕ-hō′văh, that Ō-bă-dī′ăh took a hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water). 5 And Ā′hăb said unto Ō-bă-dī′ăh, Go through the land, unto all the fountains of water, and unto all the brooks: peradventure we may find grass and save the horses and mules alive, [1]that we lose not all the beasts. 6 So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ā′hăb went one way by himself, and Ō-bă-dī′ăh went another way by himself.

7 And as Ō-bă-dī′ăh was in the way, behold, Ē-lī′jăh met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Is it thou, my lord Ē-lī′jăh? 8 And he answered him, It is I: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Ē-lī′jăh *is here*. 9 And he said, Wherein have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ā′hăb, to slay me? 10 As Jĕ-hō′văh thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He is not here, he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not. 11 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Ē-lī′jăh *is here*. 12 And it will come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of Jĕ-hō′văh will carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ā′hăb, and he cannot find thee, he will slay me: but I thy servant fear Jĕ-hō′văh from my youth. 13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jĕz′ĕ-bĕl slew the prophets of Jĕ-hō′văh, how I hid a hundred men of Jĕ-hō′văh's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? 14 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Ē-lī′jăh *is here*; and he will slay me. 15 And Ē-lī′jăh said, As Jĕ-hō′văh of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself unto him to-day.

16 So Ō-bă-dī′ăh went to meet Ā′hăb, and told him; and Ā′hăb went to meet Ē-lī′jăh. 17 And it came to pass, when Ā′hăb saw Ē-lī′jăh, that Ā′hăb said unto him, Is it thou, thou troubler of Īs′rā-ĕl? 18 And he answered, I have not troubled Īs′rā-ĕl; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of Jĕ-hō′văh, and thou hast followed the Bā′ăl-ĭm. 19 Now therefore send and gather to me all Īs′rā-ĕl unto mount Căr′mĕl, and the prophets of Bā′ăl four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the A-shē′răh four hundred, that eat at Jĕz′ĕ-bĕl's table.

20 So Ā′hăb sent unto all the children of Īs′rā-ĕl, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Căr′mĕl. 21 And Ē-lī′jăh came near unto all the people, and said, How long go ye limping between the two sides? if Jĕ-hō′văh be God, follow him; but if Bā′ăl, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. 22 Then said Ē-lī′jăh unto the people, I, even I only, am left a prophet of Jĕ-hō′văh; but Bā′ăl's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. 23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under; and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under. 24 And call ye on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of Jĕ-hō′văh: and the God that an-

[1] Or, *and lose none of*

swereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

25 And Ē-lī′jăh said unto the prophets of Bā′ăl, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under. 26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Bā′ăl from morning even until noon, saying, O Bā′ăl, [1]hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they [2]leaped about the altar which was made. 27 And it came to pass at noon, that Ē-lī′jăh mocked them, and said, Cry aloud; for he is a god: either he is musing, or he is gone aside, or he is on a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth and must be awaked. 28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with [3]knives and lances, till the blood gushed out upon them. 29 And it was so, when midday was past, that they prophesied until the time of the offering of the *evening* oblation; but there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any [4]that regarded.

30 And Ē-lī′jăh said unto all the people, Come near unto me; and all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of Jĕ-hō′văh that was thrown down. 31 And Ē-lī′jăh took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of Jĕ-hō′văh came, saying, Ĭs′rā-ĕl shall be thy name. 32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of Jĕ-hō′văh; and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain [5]two measures of seed. 33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid it on the wood. And he said, Fill four jars with water, and pour it on the burnt-offering, and on the wood. 34 And he said, Do it the second time; and they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time; and they did it the third time. 35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. 36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the *evening* oblation, that Ē-lī′jăh the prophet came near, and said, O Jĕ-hō′văh, the God of Abraham, of Ĭ′sāac, and of Ĭs′rā-ĕl, let it be known this day that thou art God in Ĭs′rā-ĕl, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. 37 Hear me, O Jĕ-hō′văh, hear me, that this people may know that thou, Jĕ-hō′văh, art God, [6]and *that* thou hast turned their heart back again. 38 Then the fire of Jĕ-hō′văh fell, and consumed the burnt-offering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. 39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, Jĕ-hō′văh, he is God; Jĕ-hō′văh, he is God. 40 And Ē-lī′jăh said unto them, Take the prophets of Bā′ăl; let not one of them escape. And they took them; and Ē-lī′jăh brought them down to the brook Kĭ′shŏn, and slew them there.

41 And Ē-lī′jăh said unto Ā′hăb, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain. 42 So Ā′hăb went up to eat and to drink. And Ē-lī′jăh went up to the top of Cär′mĕl; and he bowed himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees. 43 And he said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. 44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a cloud out of the sea, as small as a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ā′hăb, [7]Make ready *thy chariot*, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. 45 And it came to pass in a little while, that the heavens grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great

[1] Or, *answer* [2] Or, *limped* [3] Or, *swords*
[4] Heb. *attention* [5] Or, *a two-seah measure*
[6] Or, *for thou didst turn their heart backward*
[7] Or, *Yoke*

rain. And Ā'hăb rode, and went to Jĕz'rē-ĕl: 46 and the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh was on Ē-lī'jăh; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ā'hăb to the entrance of Jĕz'rē-ĕl.

19 And Ā'hăb told Jĕz'ē-bĕl all that Ē-lī'jăh had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jĕz'ē-bĕl sent a messenger unto Ē-lī'jăh, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to-morrow about this time. 3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Bē'ĕr-shē'bà, which belongeth to Jū'dăh, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a [1]juniper-tree: and he requested for himself that he might die, and said, It is enough; now, O Jĕ-hō'văh, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. 5 And he lay down and slept under a juniper-tree; and, behold, an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. 6 And he looked, and, behold, there was at his head a cake baken on the [2]coals, and a cruse of water. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. 7 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for thee. 8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights unto Hō'rĕb the mount of God.

9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Ē-lī'jăh? 10 And he said, I have been very jealous for Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of hosts; for the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword: and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. 11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before Jĕ-hō'văh. And, behold, Jĕ-hō'văh passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before Jĕ-hō'văh; but Jĕ-hō'văh was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but Jĕ-hō'văh was not in the earthquake: 12 and after the earthquake a fire; but Jĕ-hō'văh was not in the fire: and after the fire [3]a still small voice. 13 And it was so, when Ē-lī'jăh heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entrance of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Ē-lī'jăh? 14 And he said, I have been very jealous for Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of hosts; for the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

15 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, Go, return on thy way [4]to the wilderness of Dă-măs'cŭs: and when thou comest, thou shalt anoint Hăz'ā-ĕl to be king over Sȳr'ĭ-à; 16 and Jē'hū the son of Nĭm'shī shalt thou anoint to be king over Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and Ē-lī'shà the son of Shā'phăt of Ā'bĕl-mē-hō'lăh shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. 17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth from the sword of Hăz'ā-ĕl shall Jē'hū slay; and him that escapeth from the sword of Jē'hū shall Ē-lī'shà slay. 18 Yet will I leave *me* seven thousand in Ĭs'rā-ĕl, all the knees which have not bowed unto Bā'ăl, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

19 So he departed thence, and found Ē-lī'shà the son of Shā'phăt, who was plowing, with twelve yoke *of oxen* before him, and he with the twelfth: and Ē-lī'jăh passed over unto him, and cast his mantle upon him. 20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Ē-lī'jăh, and

[1] Or, *broom-tree* [2] Or, *hot stones*
[3] Heb. *a sound of gentle stillness*
[4] Or, *by the wilderness to*

said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee? 21 And he returned from following him, and took the yoke of oxen, and slew them, and [1]boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Ē-lī'jăh, and ministered unto him.

20 And Bĕn-hā'dăd the king of Sȳr'ī-ā gathered all his host together; and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses and chariots: and he went up and besieged Să-mā'rī-ā, and fought against it. 2 And he sent messengers to Ā'hăb king of ĭs'rā-ĕl, into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Bĕn-hā'dăd, 3 Thy silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine. 4 And the king of ĭs'rā-ĕl answered and said, It is according to thy saying, my lord, O king; I am thine, and all that I have. 5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Bĕn-hā'dăd, saying, I sent indeed unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children; 6 but I will send my servants unto thee to-morrow about this time, and they shall search thy house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, that [2]whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it away.

7 Then the king of ĭs'rā-ĕl called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not. 8 And all the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken thou not, neither consent. 9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Bĕn-hā'dăd, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do; but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again. 10 And Bĕn-hā'dăd sent unto him, and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Să-mā'rī-ā shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that [3]follow me. 11 And the king of ĭs'rā-ĕl answered and said, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on *his armor* boast himself as he that putteth it off. 12 And it came to pass, when *Ben-ha'dad* heard this message, as he was drinking, he and the kings, in the [4]pavilions, that he said unto his servants, [5]Set *yourselves in array*. And they set *themselves in array* against the city.

13 And, behold, a prophet came near unto Ā'hăb king of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and said, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thy hand this day; and thou shalt know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 14 And Ā'hăb said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, By the [6]young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall [7]begin the battle? And he answered, Thou. 15 Then he mustered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty-two: and after them he mustered all the people, even all the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, being seven thousand.

16 And they went out at noon. But Bĕn-hā'dăd was drinking himself drunk in the [4]pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him. 17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Bĕn-hā'dăd sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out from Să-mā'rī-ā. 18 And he said, Whether they are come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they are come out for war, take them alive. 19 So these went out of the city, the young men of the

[1] Or, *roasted* [2] Heb. *all the desire of thine eyes* [3] Heb. *are at my feet* [4] Or, *huts* [5] Or, *Place* the engines. *And they placed* the engines [6] Or, *servants* [7] Heb. *bind*

princes of the provinces, and the army which followed them. 20 And they slew every one his man; and the Sŷr'ĭ-ăns fled, and Ĭs'rā-ĕl pursued them: and Bĕn-hā'dăd the king of Sŷr'ĭ-ā escaped [1]on a horse with horsemen. 21 And the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Sŷr'ĭ-ăns with a great slaughter.

22 And the prophet came near to the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest; for at the return of the year the king of Sŷr'ĭ-ā will come up against thee. 23 And the servants of the king of Sŷr'ĭ-ā said unto him, Their god is a god of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we: but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. 24 And do this thing: take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put [2]captains in their room; 25 and number thee an army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot; and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so.

26 And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Bĕn-hā'-dăd mustered the Sŷr'ĭ-ăns, and went up to Ā'phĕk, to fight against Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 27 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl were mustered, and were victualled, and went against them: and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl encamped before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Sŷr'ĭ-ăns filled the country. 28 And [3]a man of God came near and spake unto the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and said, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Because the Sŷr'-ĭ-ăns have said, Jĕ-hō'văh is a god of the hills, but he is not a god of the valleys; therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thy hand, and ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 29 And they encamped one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl slew of the Sŷr'ĭ-ăns a hundred thousand footmen in one day. 30 But the rest fled to Ā'phĕk, into the city; and the wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand men that were left. And Bĕn-hā'dăd fled, and came into the city, [4]into an inner chamber.

31 And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl are merciful kings: let us, we pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: peradventure he will save thy life. 32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and *put* ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and said, Thy servant Bĕn-hā'dăd saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, Is he yet alive? he is my brother. 33 Now the men [5]observed diligently, and hasted [6]to catch whether it were [7]his mind; and they said, Thy brother Bĕn-hā'dăd. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Bĕn-hā'dăd came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot. 34 And *Ben-ha'dad* said unto him, The cities which my father took from thy father I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Dă-măs'cŭs, as my father made in Să-mā'rĭ-ā. And I, *said A'hab*, will let thee go with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and let him go.

35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his fellow by the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him. 36 Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him

[1] Or, *with horse and horsemen* [2] Or, *governors* See ch. 10. 15 [3] Or, *the*
[4] Or, *from chamber to chamber* [5] Or, *took it as an omen* (Heb. *divined*), *and hasted*
[6] Another reading is, *to catch it from him*
[7] Heb. *from him*

and slew him. 37 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, smiting and wounding him. 38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with his headband over his eyes. 39 And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king; and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver. 40 And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl said unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it. 41 And he hasted, and took the headband away from his eyes; and the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl discerned him that he was of the prophets. 42 And he said unto him, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'vāh, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand the man whom I had devoted to destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people. 43 And the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Să-mā'rĭ-ā.

21 And it came to pass after these things, that Nā'bŏth the Jĕz'rē-ĕl-īte had a vineyard, which was in Jĕz'rē-ĕl, hard by the palace of Ā'hăb king of Să-mā'rĭ-ā. 2 And Ā'hăb spake unto Nā'bŏth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house; and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it: or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money. 3 And Nā'bŏth said to Ā'hăb, Jĕ-hō'vāh forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee. 4 And Ā'hăb came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Nā'bŏth the Jĕz'rē-ĕl-īte had spoken to him; for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

5 But Jĕz'ĕ-bĕl his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread? 6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Nā'bŏth the Jĕz'rē-ĕl-īte, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee *another* vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard. 7 And Jĕz'ĕ-bĕl his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? arise, and eat bread, and let thy heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Nā'bŏth the Jĕz'rē-ĕl-īte. 8 So she wrote [1]letters in Ā'hăb's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, *and* that dwelt with Nā'bŏth. 9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Nā'bŏth [2]on high among the people: 10 and set two men, base fellows, before him, and let them bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst [3]curse God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him to death.

11 And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who dwelt in his city, did as Jĕz'ĕ-bĕl had sent unto them, according as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them. 12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Nā'bŏth [2]on high among the people. 13 And the two men, the base fellows, came in and sat before him: and the base fellows bare witness against him, even against Nā'bŏth, in the presence of the people, saying, Nā'bŏth did [3]curse God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him to death with stones. 14 Then they sent to Jĕz'ĕ-bĕl, saying, Nā'bŏth is stoned, and is dead. 15 And it came to pass, when Jĕz'ĕ-bĕl heard that Nā'bŏth was stoned, and was dead, that Jez'ĕ-bĕl said

[1] Or, *a letter* [2] Or, *at the head of* [3] Or, *renounce*

to Ā'hăb, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Nā'bŏth the Jĕz'rē-ĕl-īte, which he refused to give thee for money; for Nā'bŏth is not alive, but dead. 16 And it came to pass, when Ā'hăb heard that Nā'bŏth was dead, that Ā'hăb rose up to go down to the vineyard of Nā'bŏth the Jĕz'rē-ĕl-īte, to take possession of it.

17 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came to Ē-lī'jăh the Tĭsh'bīte, saying, 18 Arise, go down to meet Ā'hăb king of Īs'rā-ĕl, who dwelleth in Să-mā'rĭ-ā: behold, he is in the vineyard of Nā'bŏth, whither he is gone down to take possession of it. 19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Nā'bŏth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine. 20 And Ā'hăb said to Ē-lī'jăh, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee, because thou hast sold thyself to do that which is evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh. 21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will utterly sweep thee away, and will cut off from Ā'hăb every man-child, and him that is shut up and him that is left at large in Īs'rā-ĕl: 22 and I will make thy house like the house of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of Nē'băt, and like the house of Bā'ă-shā the son of Ă-hī'jăh, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and hast made Īs'rā-ĕl to sin. 23 And of Jĕz'ĕ-bĕl also spake Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, The dogs shall eat Jĕz'ĕ-bĕl by the rampart of Jĕz'rē-ĕl. 24 Him that dieth of Ā'hăb in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the birds of the heavens eat. 25 (But there was none like unto Ā'hăb, who did sell himself to do that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, whom Jĕz'ĕ-bĕl his wife stirred up. 26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Ăm'ôr-ītes did, whom Jĕ-hō'văh cast out before the children of Īs'rā-ĕl).

27 And it came to pass, when Ā'hăb heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly. 28 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came to Ē-lī'jăh the Tĭsh'bīte, saying, 29 Seest thou how Ā'hăb humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days; but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

22 And they continued three years without war between Sȳr'ĭ-ā and Īs'rā-ĕl. 2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt the king of Jū'dăh came down to the king of Īs'rā-ĕl. 3 And the king of Īs'rā-ĕl said unto his servants, Know ye that Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ē-ăd is ours, and we [1]are still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Sȳr'ĭ-ā? 4 And he said unto Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ē-ăd? And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt said to the king of Īs'rā-ĕl, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

5 And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt said unto the king of Īs'rā-ĕl, Inquire [2]first, I pray thee, for the word of Jĕ-hō'văh. 6 Then the king of Īs'rā-ĕl gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ē-ăd to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king. 7 But Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt said, Is there not here a prophet of Jĕ-hō'văh besides, that we may inquire of him? 8 And the king of Īs'rā-ĕl said unto Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt, There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of Jĕ-hō'văh, Mī-cā'ĭ-ăh the son of Ĭm'lăh: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt said, Let not the king say so. 9 Then the king of Īs'rā-ĕl called an [3]offi-

[1]Or, *keep silence* [2]Heb. *to-day* [3]Or, *eunuch*

cer, and said, Fetch quickly Mīcā'ĭăh the son of ĭm'lăh. 10 Now the king of ĭs'rā-ĕl and Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt the king of Jū'dăh were sitting each on his throne, arrayed in their robes, in [1]an open place at the entrance of the gate of Să-mā'rĭ-ă; and all the prophets were prophesying before them. 11 And Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh the son of Chĕ-nā'ă-năh made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, With these shalt thou push the Sȳr'ĭ-ăns, until they be consumed. 12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ĕ-ăd, and prosper; for Jĕ-hō'văh will deliver it into the hand of the king.

13 And the messenger that went to call Mī-cā'ĭăh spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets *declare* good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak thou good. 14 And Mī-cā'ĭăh said, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, what Jĕ-hō'văh saith unto me, that will I speak. 15 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Mī-cā'ĭăh, shall we go to Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ĕ-ăd to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go up and prosper; and Jĕ-hō'văh will deliver it into the hand of the king. 16 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou speak unto me nothing but the truth in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh? 17 And he said, I saw all ĭs'rā-ĕl scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and Jĕ-hō'văh said, These have no master; let them return every man to his house in peace. 18 And the king of ĭs'rā-ĕl said to Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil? 19 And *Mi-ca'-iah* said, Therefore hear thou the word of Jĕ-hō'văh: I saw Jĕ-hō'-văh sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. 20 And Jĕ-hō'văh said, Who shall [2]entice Ā'hăb, that he may go up and fall at Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ĕ-ăd? And one said on this manner; and another said on that manner. 21 And there came forth [3]a spirit, and stood before Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, I will entice him. 22 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt entice him, and shalt prevail also: go forth, and do so. 23 Now therefore, behold, Jĕ-hō'văh hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets; and Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken evil concerning thee.

24 Then Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh the son of Chĕ-nā'ă-năh came near, and smote Mī-cā'ĭăh on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh from me to speak unto thee? 25 And Mī-cā'ĭăh said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day, when thou shalt go [4]into an inner chamber to hide thyself. 26 And the king of ĭs'rā-ĕl said, Take Mī-cā'ĭăh, and carry him back unto Ā'mŏn the governor of the city, and to Jō'ăsh the king's son; 27 and say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace. 28 And Mī-cā'ĭăh said, If thou return at all in peace, Jĕ-hō'văh hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hear, ye peoples, all of you.

29 So the king of ĭs'rā-ĕl and Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt the king of Jū'dăh went up to Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ĕ-ăd. 30 And the king of ĭs'rā-ĕl said unto Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt, I will disguise myself, and go into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of ĭs'rā-ĕl disguised himself, and went into the battle. 31 Now the king of Sȳr'ĭ-ă had commanded the thirty and two captains of his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the

[1] Heb. *a threshing-floor*
[2] Or, *deceive*
[3] Heb. *the spirit*
[4] Or, *from chamber to chamber*

chariots saw Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt, that they said, Surely it is the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and they turned aside to fight against him: and Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt cried out. 33 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that they turned back from pursuing him. 34 And a certain man drew his bow [1]at a venture, and smote the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl between [2]the joints of the armor: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thy hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am sore wounded. 35 And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Sўr'ĭ-ăns, and died at even; and the blood ran out of the wound into the bottom of the chariot. 36 And there went a cry throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his country.

37 So the king died, and was brought to Să-mā'rĭ-ā; and they buried the king in Să-mā'rĭ-ā. 38 And they washed the chariot by the pool of Să-mā'rĭ-ā; and the dogs licked up his blood ([3]now the harlots washed themselves *there*); according unto the word of Jĕ-hō'văh which he spake. 39 Now the rest of the acts of Ā'hăb, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he built, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? 40 So Ā'hăb slept with his fathers; and Ă-hă-zī'ăh his son reigned in his stead.

41 And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt the son of Ā'sà began to reign over Jū'dăh in the fourth year of Ā'hăb king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 42 Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jĕ-ru'-să-lĕm. And his mother's name was Ă-zū'băh the daughter of Shĭl'hĭ. 43 And he walked in all the way of Ā'sà his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh: howbeit the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. 44 And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt made peace with the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt, and his might that he showed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Jū'dăh? 46 And the remnant of the sodomites, that remained in the days of his father Ā'sà, he put away out of the land. 47 And there was no king in Ē'dŏm: a deputy was king. 48 Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt made ships of Tär'shĭsh to go to Ō'phĭr for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Ē'zĭ-ŏn-gĕ'bĕr. 49 Then said Ă-hă-zī'ăh the son of Ā'hăb unto Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt would not. 50 And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Jĕ-hō'răm his son reigned in his stead.

51 Ă-hă-zī'ăh the son of Ā'hăb began to reign over Ĭs'rā-ĕl in Să-mā'rĭ-ā in the seventeenth year of Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt king of Jū'dăh, and he reigned two years over Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 52 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jĕr-ō-bō'ăm the son of Nĕ'băt, [4]wherein he made Ĭs'rā-ĕl to sin. 53 And he served Bā'ăl, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, according to all that his father had done.

[1] Heb. *in his simplicity*
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[2] Or *the lower*
[3] Or, *and they*
[4] Or, *who made*

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE
KINGS

Ahaziah sends Messengers to Elijah. He dies according to Elijah's Word

1 And Mō'ăb rebelled against Ĭs'rā-ĕl after the death of Ā'hăb. 2 And Ă-hă-zī'ăh fell down through the lattice in his upper chamber that was in Sā-mā'rĭ-ā, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, inquire of Bā'ăl-zē'bŭb, the god of Ēk'rŏn, whether I shall recover of this sickness. 3 But the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh said to Ē-lī'jăh the Tĭsh'bīte, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Sā-mā'rĭ-ā, and say unto them, Is it because there is no God in Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that ye go to inquire of Bā'ăl-zē'bŭb, the god of Ēk'rŏn? 4 Now therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Thou shalt not come down from the bed whither thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Ē-lī'jăh departed.

5 And the messengers returned unto him, and he said unto them, Why is it that ye are returned? 6 And they said unto him, There came up a man to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Is it because there is no God in Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that thou sendest to inquire of Bā'ăl-zē'bŭb, the god of Ēk'rŏn? therefore thou shalt not come down from the bed whither thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. 7 And he said unto them, What manner of man was he that came up to meet you, and told you these words? 8 And they answered him, He was [1]a hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Ē-lī'jăh the Tĭsh'bīte.

9 Then *the king* sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he was [2]sitting on the top of the hill. And he spake unto him, O man of God, the king hath said, Come down. 10 And Ē-lī'jăh answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. 11 And again he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly. 12 And Ē-lī'jăh answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. 13 And again he sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Ē-lī'jăh, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight. 14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and consumed the two former captains of fifty with their fifties: but now let my life be precious in thy sight. 15 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Ē-lī'jăh, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king. 16 And he said unto him, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to inquire of Bā'ăl-zē'bŭb, the god of Ēk'rŏn, is it because there is no God in Ĭs'rā-ĕl to inquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down from the bed whither thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

17 So he died according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh which Ē-lī'jăh

[1] Or, *a man with* a garment of *hair*
[2] Or, *dwelling*

had spoken. And Jĕ-hō'răm began to reign in his stead in the second year of Jĕ-hō'răm the son of Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt king of Jū'dăh; because he had no son. 18 Now the rest of the acts of Ă-hă-zī'ăh which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl?

2 And it came to pass, when Jĕ-hō'văh would take up Ē-lī'jăh by a whirlwind into heaven, that Ē-lī'jăh went with Ē-lī'shà from Gĭl'găl. 2 And Ē-lī'jăh said unto Ē-lī'shà, Tarry here, I pray thee; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath sent me as far as Bĕth'-ĕl. And Ē-lī'shà said, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bĕth'-ĕl. 3 And the sons of the prophets that were at Bĕth'-ĕl came forth to Ē-lī'shà, and said unto him, Knowest thou that Jĕ-hō'văh will take away thy master from thy head to-day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. 4 And Ē-lī'jăh said unto him, Ē-lī'shà, tarry here, I pray thee; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath sent me to Jĕr'ĭ-chō. And he said, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jĕr'ĭ-chō. 5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jĕr'ĭ-chō came near to Ē-lī'shà, and said unto him, Knowest thou that Jĕ-hō'văh will take away thy master from thy head to-day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. 6 And Ē-lī'jăh said unto him, Tarry here, I pray thee; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath sent me to the Jordan. And he said, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. 7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood over against them afar off: and they two stood by the Jordan. 8 And Ē-lī'jăh took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground. 9 And it came to pass, [1]when they were gone over, that Ē-lī'jăh said unto Ē-lī'shà, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I am taken from thee. And Ē-lī'shà said, I pray thee, let [2]a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. 10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: *nevertheless*, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. 11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* [3]a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, which parted them both asunder; and Ē-lī'jăh went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Ē-lī'shà saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the [4]chariots of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and the horsemen thereof!

And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. 13 He took up also the mantle of Ē-lī'jăh that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of the Jordan. 14 And he took the mantle of Ē-lī'jăh that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is Jĕ-hō'văh, [5]the God of Ē-lī'jăh? and when he also had smitten the waters, they were divided hither and thither; and Ē-lī'shà went over.

15 And when the sons of the prophets that were at Jĕr'ĭ-chō over against him saw him, they said, The spirit of Ē-lī'jăh doth rest on Ē-lī'shà. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him. 16 And they said unto him, Behold now, there are with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master; lest the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send. 17 And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days,

[1] Or, *as they went*

[2] That is, the portion of the first-born. See Deut. 21. 17

[3] Or, *chariots*

[4] Or, *chariot*

[5] Or, *the God of Elijah, even he? and when he had smitten &c.*

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pake.
23 And he went up from thence
nto Bĕth'-ĕl; and as he was going
p by the way, there came forth
oung lads out of the city, and
ocked him, and said unto him,
o up, thou baldhead; go up, thou
aldhead. 24 And he looked be-
ind him and saw them, and
ursed them in the name of Jĕ-
ō'văh. And there came forth
wo she-bears out of the wood,
nd tare forty and two lads of
iem. 25 And he went from
ience to mount Căr'mĕl, and from
ience he returned to Să-mā'rĭ-ā.
3 Now Jĕ-hō'răm the son of
Ā'hăb began to reign over Ĭs'-
ā-ĕl in Să-mā'rĭ-ā in the eigh-
eenth year of Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt king
f Jū'dăh, and reigned twelve
ears. 2 And he did that which
as evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh,
ut not like his father, and like his
other; for he put away the [3]pillar
f Bā'ăl that his father had made.
Nevertheless he cleaved unto
ie sins of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of
ē'băt, wherewith he made Ĭs'rā-
l to sin; he departed not there-
om.
4 Now Mē'shā king of Mō'ăb
as a sheep-master; and he ren-

[1] Or, *casteth its fruit* [2] Or, *casting of fruit*
[3] Or, *obelisk*

dered unto the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl the wool of a hundred thousand lambs, and of a hundred thousand rams. 5 But it came to pass, when Ā'hăb was dead, that the king of Mō'ăb rebelled against the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 6 And king Jĕ-hō'răm went out of Să-mā'rĭ-ā at that time, and mustered all Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 7 And he went and sent to Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt the king of Jū'dăh, saying, The king of Mō'ăb hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Mō'ăb to battle? And he said, I will go up: I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses. 8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way of the wilderness of Ē'dŏm. 9 So the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl went, and the king of Jū'dăh, and the king of Ē'dŏm; and they made a circuit of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, nor for the beasts that followed them. 10 And the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl said, Alas! for Jĕ-hō'văh hath called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Mō'ăb. 11 But Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt said, Is there not here a prophet of Jĕ-hō'văh, that we may inquire of Jĕ-hō'văh by him? And one of the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl's servants answered and said, Ĕ-lī'shā the son of Shā'phăt is here, who poured water on the hands of Ē-lī'jăh. 12 And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt said, The word of Jĕ-hō'văh is with him. So the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt and the king of Ē'dŏm went down to him.
13 And Ĕ-lī'shā said unto the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl said unto him, Nay; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Mō'ăb. 14 And Ĕ-lī'shā said, As Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt the

[4] Or, *a hundred thousand lambs, and a hundred thousand rams*, with *the wool*

king of Jū′dăh, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee. 15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of Jĕ-hō′văh came upon him. 16 And he said, Thus saith Jĕ-hō′văh, Make this valley full of trenches. 17 For thus saith Jĕ-hō′văh, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, and ye shall drink, both ye and your cattle and your beasts. 18 And this is but a light thing in the sight of Jĕ-hō′văh: he will also deliver the Mō′ăb-ītes into your hand. 19 And ye shall smite every fortified city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all fountains of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones. 20 And it came to pass in the morning, about the time of offering the oblation, that, behold, there came water by the way of Ē′dŏm, and the country was filled with water.

21 Now when all the Mō′ăb-ītes heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they [1]gathered themselves together, all that were able to [2]put on armor, and upward, and stood on the border. 22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Mō′ăb-ītes saw the water over against them as red as blood: 23 and they said, This is blood; the kings [3]are surely destroyed, and they have smitten each man his fellow: now therefore, Mō′ăb, to the spoil. 24 And when they came to the camp of Ĭs′rā-ĕl, the Ĭs′rā-ĕl-ītes rose up and smote the Mō′ăb-ītes, so that they fled before them; and they went forward [4]into the land smiting the Mō′ăb-ītes. 25 And they beat down the cities; and on every good piece of land they cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the fountains of water, and felled all the good trees, until in Kīr-hăr′ĕ-sĕth *only* they left the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about it and smote it. 26 And when the king of Mō′ăb saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew sword, to break through unto the king of Ē′dŏm; but they could not. 27 Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt-offering upon the wall. And [5]there was great wrath against Ĭs′rā-ĕl: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

4 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Ē-lī′shà, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear Jĕ-hō′văh: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two children to be bondmen. 2 And Ē-lī′shà said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me; what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thy handmaid hath not anything in the house, save a pot of oil. 3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbors, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. 4 And thou shalt go in, and shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and pour out into all those vessels; and thou shalt set aside that which is full. 5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons; they brought *the vessels* to her, and she poured out. 6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. 7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy sons of the rest.

8 And it fell on a day, that Ē-lī′shà passed to Shu′nĕm, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. 9 And she said unto her

[1] Or, *were called together themselves with a girdle*
[2] Heb. *girt*
[3] Or, *have surely fought together*
[4] Heb. *into it*
[5] Or, *there came great wrath upon Israel*

husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, that passeth by us continually. 10 Let us make, I pray thee, a little chamber [1]on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a seat, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither. 11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber and lay there. 12 And he said to Ge-ha'zi his servant, Call this Shu'nam-mite. And when he had called her, she stood before him. 13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast [2]been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people. 14 And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Ge-ha'zi answered, Verily she hath no son, and her husband is old. 15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door. 16 And he said, At this season, when the time [3]cometh round, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thy handmaid.

17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season, when the time came round, as E-li'sha had said unto her. 18 And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. 19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to his servant, Carry him to his mother. 20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died. 21 And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out. 22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the servants, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again. 23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him today? it is neither new moon nor sabbath. And she said, [4]It shall be well. 24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slacken me not the riding, except I bid thee. 25 So she went, and came unto the man of God to mount Car'mel.

And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Ge-ha'zi his servant, Behold, yonder is the Shu'nam-mite: 26 run, I pray thee, now to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well. 27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught hold of his feet. And Ge-ha'zi came near to thrust her away; but the man of God said, Let her alone: for her soul is [5]vexed within her; and Je-ho'vah hath hid it from me, and hath not told me. 28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me? 29 Then he said to Ge-ha'zi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thy hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child. 30 And the mother of the child said, As Je-ho'vah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her. 31 And Ge-ha'zi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor [6]hearing. Wherefore he returned to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.

32 And when E-li'sha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. 33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto Je-ho'vah. 34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth,

[1] Or, *with walls* [2] Or, *showed us all this reverence* [3] Heb. *liveth*, or, *reviveth*
[4] Heb. *Peace* [5] Heb. *bitter* [6] Heb. *attention*

and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he [1]stretched himself upon him: and the flesh of the child waxed warm. 35 Then he returned, and walked in the house once to and fro; and went up, and [1]stretched himself upon him: [2]and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. 36 And he called Ge-hā'zī, and said, Call this Shu'năm-mite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son. 37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground; and she took up her son, and went out.

38 And E-lī'shā came again to Gil'găl. And there was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him; and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and boil pottage for the sons of the prophets. 39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage; for they knew them not. 40 So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof. 41 But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no [3]harm in the pot.

42 And there came a man from Bā'ăl-shăl'ī-shăh, and brought the man of God bread of the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and fresh ears of grain in [4]his sack. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat. 43 And his [5]servant said, What, should I set this before a hundred men? But he said, Give the people, that they may eat; for thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof. 44 So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh.

5 Now Nā'ă-măn, captain of the host of the king of Sȳr'ī-ă, was a great man [6]with his master, and honorable, because by him Jĕ-hō'văh had given [7]victory unto Sȳr'ī-ă: he was also a mighty man of valor, *but he was* a leper. 2 And the Sȳr'ī-ănș had gone out in bands, and had brought away captive out of the land of Ĭs'rā-ĕl a little maiden; and she [8]waited on Nā'ă-măn's wife. 3 And she said unto her mistress, Would that my lord were [6]with the prophet that is in Să-mā'rĭ-ă! then would he recover him of his leprosy. 4 And [9]one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maiden that is of the land of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 5 And the king of Sȳr'ī-ă said, Go now, and I will send a letter unto the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand [10]*pieces* of gold, and ten changes of raiment. 6 And he brought the letter to the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, And now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have sent Nā'ă-măn my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy. 7 And it came to pass, when the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? but consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh [11]a quarrel against me.

8 And it was so, when E-lī'shā the man of God heard that the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 9 So Nā'ă-măn came with his horses and with his chariots, and stood at the door

[1] Or, *bowed himself* [2] Or, *and embraced the child* [3] Heb. *evil thing* [4] Or, *the husk thereof* [5] Or, *minister*

[6] Heb. *before was before* [7] Heb. *salvation* [8] Heb. [9] Or, *he* [10] Or, *shekels* [11] Or, *an occasion*

of the house of Ĕ-lī'shà. 10 And Ĕ-lī'shà sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and [1]thou shalt be clean. 11 But Nā'ă-măn was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of Jĕ-hō'văh his God, and wave his hand over the place, and recover the leper. 12 Are not [2]Ăb'ă-năh and Phär'păr, the rivers of Dămăs'cŭs, better than all the waters of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? 14 Then went he down, and dipped *himself* seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him; and he said, Behold now, I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Ĭs'rā-ĕl: now therefore, I pray thee, take a [3]present of thy servant. 16 But he said, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused. 17 And Nā'ă-măn said, If not, yet, I pray thee, let there be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth; for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt-offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 18 In this thing Jĕ-hō'văh pardon thy servant: when my master goeth into the house of Rĭm'mŏn to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rĭm'mŏn, when I bow myself in the house of Rĭm'mŏn, Jĕ-hō'văh pardon thy servant in this thing. 19 And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him [4]a little way.

20 But Gĕ-hā'zi, the servant of Ĕ-lī'shà the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared this Nā'ă-măn the Sўr'ĭ-ăn, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: as Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him. 21 So Gĕ-hā'zī followed after Nā'ă-măn. And when Nā'ă-măn saw one running after him, he alighted from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well? 22 And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there are come to me from the hill-country of Ē'phrā-ĭm two young men of the sons of the prophets; give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of raiment. 23 And Nā'ă-măn said, Be pleased to take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of raiment, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him. 24 And when he came to the [5]hill, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house; and he let the men go, and they departed. 25 But he went in, and stood before his master. And Ĕ-lī'shà said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gĕ-hā'zī? And he said, Thy servant went no whither. 26 And he said unto him, [6]Went not my heart *with thee*, when the man turned from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards and vineyards, and sheep and oxen, and men-servants and maid-servants? 27 The leprosy therefore of Nā'ă-măn shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper *as white* as snow.

[1] Heb. *be thou clean*
[2] Another reading is, *Amanah*. See S. of S. 4. 8
[3] Heb. *blessing*
[4] Or, *some distance*
[5] Heb. *Ophel*
[6] Or, *My heart went not* from me, *when &c.*

6 And the sons of the prophets said unto E-li'shà, Behold now, the place where we dwell before thee is too strait for us. 2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto the Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye. 3 And one said, Be pleased, I pray thee, to go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go. 4 So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down wood. 5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe-head fell into the water; and he cried, and said, Alas, my master! for it was borrowed. 6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he showed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither, and [1]made the iron to swim. 7 And he said, Take it up to thee. So he put out his hand, and took it.

8 Now the king of Sŷr'ĭ-à was warring against Ĭs'rà-ĕl; and he took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my [2]camp. 9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Ĭs'rà-ĕl, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Sŷr'ĭ-ăns are coming down. 10 And the king of Ĭs'rà-ĕl sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of; and he saved himself there, not once nor twice. 11 And the heart of the king of Sŷr'ĭ-à was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not show me which of us is for the king of Ĭs'rà-ĕl? 12 And one of his servants said, Nay, my lord, O king; but E-lī'shà, the prophet that is in Ĭs'rà-ĕl, telleth the king of Ĭs'rà-ĕl the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. 13 And he said, Go and see where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dō'thăn.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. 15 And when the [3]servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, a host with horses and chariots was round about the city. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 16 And he answered, Fear not; for they that are with us are more than they that are with them. 17 And E-lī'shà prayed, and said, Jĕ-hō'văh, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And Jĕ-hō'văh opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about E-lī'shà. 18 And when they came down to him, E-lī'shà prayed unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, Smite this [4]people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of E-lī'shà. 19 And E-lī'shà said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. And he led them to Să-mā'rĭ-à.

20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Să-mā'rĭ-à, that E-lī'shà said, Jĕ-hō'văh, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And Jĕ-hō'văh opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Să-mā'rĭ-à. 21 And the king of Ĭs'rà-ĕl said unto E-lī'shà, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them? 22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. 23 And he prepared great provision for them; and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the bands of Sŷr'ĭ-à came no more into the land of Ĭs'rà-ĕl.

24 And it came to pass after this, that Bĕn-hà'dăd king of Sŷr'ĭ-à gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Să-mā'rĭ-à.

[1] Or, *the iron did swim* [2] Or, *encamping* [3] Or, *minister* [4] Heb. *nation*

25 And there was a great famine in Să-mā'rĭ-ā: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore [1]*pieces* of silver, and the fourth part of a kab of dove's dung for five [1]*pieces* of silver. 26 And as the king of ĭs'-rā-ĕl was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king. 27 And he said, [2]If Jĕ-hō'-văh do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the threshing-floor, or out of the winepress? 28 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to-day, and we will eat my son to-morrow. 29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him; and she hath hid her son. 30 And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes (now he was passing by upon the wall); and the people looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth within upon his flesh. 31 Then he said, God do so to me, and more also, if the head of Ē-lī'-shā the son of Shā'phăt shall stand on him this day.

32 But Ē-lī'shā was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him; and *the king* sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away my head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold the door fast against him: is not the sound of his master's feet behind him? 33 And while he was yet talking with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil is of Jĕ-hō'văh; why should I wait

7 for Jĕ-hō'văh any longer? 1 And Ē-lī'shā said, Hear ye the word of Jĕ-hō'văh: thus saith Jĕ-hō'-văh, To-morrow about this time shall a [4]measure of fine flour be *sold* for a shĕk'ĕl, and two measures of barley for a shĕk'ĕl, in the gate of Să-mā'rĭ-ā. 2 Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if Jĕ-hō'văh should make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

3 Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die? 4 If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there; and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Sȳr'ĭ-ăns: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die. 5 And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Sȳr'ĭ-ăns; and when they were come to the outermost part of the camp of the Sȳr'ĭ-ăns, behold, there was no man there. 6 For the Lord had made the host of the Sȳr'ĭ-ăns to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of ĭs'rā-ĕl hath hired against us the kings of the Hĭt'tĭtes, and the kings of the Ē-gȳp'tĭăns, to come upon us. 7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life. 8 And when these lepers came to the outermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and they came back, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.

9 Then they said one to another, We do not well; this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, [5]punishment will overtake us; now therefore come, let us go

[1] Or, shekels [2] Or, *Nay, let Jehovah help thee!* [3] Heb. *thrust him back with the door* [4] Heb. *seah*
[5] Or, *our iniquity will find us out*

and tell the king's household. 10 So they came and called unto the [1]porter of the city; and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Sȳr'ĭ-ănș, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but the horses tied, and the asses tied, and the tents as they were. 11 And [2]he called the porters; and they told it to the king's household within. 12 And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now show you what the Sȳr'ĭ-ănș have done to us. They know that we are hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive, and get into the city. 13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let some take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left [3]in the city (behold, they are as all the multitude of ĭs'rā-ĕl that are left in it; behold, they are as all the multitude of ĭs'rā-ĕl that are consumed); and let us send and see. 14 They took therefore two chariots with horses; and the king sent after the host of the Sȳr'ĭ-ănș, saying, Go and see. 15 And they went after them unto the Jordan: and, lo, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Sȳr'ĭ-ănș had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king.

16 And the people went out, and plundered the camp of the Sȳr'ĭ-ănș. So a measure of fine flour was *sold* for a shĕk'ĕl, and two measures of barley for a shĕk'ĕl, according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh. 17 And the king appointed the captain on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trod upon him in the gate, and he died as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him. 18 And it came to pass, as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shĕk'ĕl, and a measure of fine flour for a shĕk'ĕl, shall be tomorrow about this time in the gate of Să-mā'rĭ-ā; 19 and that captain answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, if Jĕ-hō'văh should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? and he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof: 20 it came to pass even so unto him; for the people trod upon him in the gate, and he died.

8 Now Ē-lī'shā had spoken unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thy household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for Jĕ-hō'văh hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years. 2 And the woman arose, and did according to the word of the man of God; and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes seven years. 3 And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land. 4 Now the king was talking with Gĕ-hā'zī the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Ē-lī'shā hath done. 5 And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored to life him that was dead, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gĕ-hā'zī said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Ē-lī'shā restored to life. 6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain [4]officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

7 And Ē-lī'shā came to Dā-măs'cŭs; and Bĕn-hā'dăd the king of Sȳr'ĭ-ā was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither. 8 And the king said

[1] Or, *porters* [2] Or, *the porters called* [3] Heb. *in it*
[4] Or, *eunuch*

nto Hăz'ă-ĕl, Take a present in ny hand, and go, meet the man of od, and inquire of Jĕ-hō'văh by im, saying, Shall I recover of his sickness? 9 So Hăz'ă-ĕl went o meet him, and took a present with him, [2]even of every good ning of Dă-măs'cŭs, forty camels' urden, and came and stood be-ore him, and said, Thy son Bĕn-ā'dăd king of Sȳr'ĭ-ā hath sent ne to thee, saying, Shall I recover f this sickness? 10 And Ē-lī'shā aid unto him, Go, [3]say unto him, Thou shalt surely recover; howbeit ĕ-hō'văh hath showed me that he hall surely die. 11 And he set-ed his countenance stedfastly *on him*, until he was ashamed: nd the man of God wept. 12 And Hăz'ă-ĕl said, Why weepeth my ord? And he answered, Because know the evil that thou wilt do nto the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl: their trongholds wilt thou set on fire, nd their young men wilt thou slay ith the sword, and wilt dash in ieces their little ones, and rip p their women with child. 13 And Hăz'ă-ĕl said, But what is thy ervant, who is but a dog, that he hould do this great thing? And -lī'shā answered, Jĕ-hō'văh hath howed me that thou shalt be king ver Sȳr'ĭ-ā. 14 Then he de-arted from Ē-lī'shā, and came to is master; who said to him, What aid Ē-lī'shā to thee? And he an-wered, He told me that thou vouldest surely recover. 15 And t came to pass on the morrow, hat he took the coverlet, and dip-ed it in water, and spread it on is face, so that he died: and Hăz'-ĕl reigned in his stead.

16 And in the fifth year of Jō'-ăm the son of Ā'hăb king of ĭs'-ā-ĕl, Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt being then ing of Jū'dăh, Jĕ-hō'răm the son f Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt king of Jū'dăh egan to reign. 17 Thirty and wo years old was he when he be-an to reign; and he reigned eight ears in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 18 And he walked in the way of the kings of ĭs'rā-ĕl, as did the house of Ā'hăb: for he had the daughter of Ā'hăb to wife; and he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh. 19 Howbeit Jĕ-hō'văh would not destroy Jū'dăh, for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give unto him a lamp [4]for his children alway.

20 In his days Ē'dŏm revolted from under the hand of Jū'dăh, and made a king over themselves. 21 Then Jō'răm passed over to Zā'ĭr, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Ē'dŏm-ītes that compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled to their tents. 22 So Ē'dŏm revolted from under the hand of Jū'dăh unto this day. Then did Lĭb'năh revolt at the same time. 23 And the rest of the acts of Jō'răm, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Jū'dăh? 24 And Jō'răm slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Ă-hă-zī'ăh his son reigned in his stead.

25 In the twelfth year of Jō'răm the son of Ā'hăb king of ĭs'rā-ĕl did Ă-hă-zī'ăh the son of Jĕ-hō'-răm king of Jū'dăh begin to reign. 26 Two and twenty years old was Ă-hă-zī'ăh when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jĕ-ru'-să-lĕm. And his mother's name was Ăth-ă-lī'ăh the [5]daughter of Ōm'rī king of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ā'hăb, and did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, as did the house of Ā'hăb; for he was the son-in-law of the house of Ā'hăb. 28 And he went with Jō'-răm the son of Ā'hăb to war against Hăz'ă-ĕl king of Sȳr'ĭ-ā at Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ĕ-ăd: and the Sȳr'ĭ-ăns wounded Jō'răm. 29 And king Jō'răm returned to be healed in Jĕz'rē-ĕl of the wounds which the Sȳr'ĭ-ăns had given him at

[1] Heb. *in his hand* [2] Or, *and* [3] Another reading is, *say, Thou shalt not recover; for Jehovah &c.*
[4] Another reading is, *and to his children*
[5] Or, *granddaughter* See ver. 18

Rā′măh, when he fought against Hăz′ā-ĕl king of Sȳr′ĭ-ȧ. And Ā-hă-zī′ăh the son of Jĕ-hō′răm king of Jū′dăh went down to see Jō′răm the son of Ā′hăb in Jĕz′rē-ĕl, because he was sick.

9 And Ē-lī′shȧ the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this vial of oil in thy hand, and go to Rā′mŏth-gĭl′ĕ-ăd. 2 And when thou comest thither, look out there Jē′hū the son of Jĕ-hŏsh′ă-phăt the son of Nĭm′shī, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber. 3 Then take the vial of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith Jĕ-hō′văh, I have anointed thee king over Ĭs′rȧ-ĕl. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not. 4 So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Rā′mŏth-gĭl′ĕ-ăd. 5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jē′hū said, Unto which of us all? And he said, To thee, O captain. 6 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith Jĕ-hō′văh, the God of Ĭs′rȧ-ĕl, I have anointed thee king over the people of Jĕ-hō′văh, even over Ĭs′rȧ-ĕl. 7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ā′hăb thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of Jĕ-hō′văh, at the hand of Jĕz′ĕ-bĕl. 8 For the whole house of Ā′hăb shall perish; and I will cut off from Ā′hăb every man-child, and him that is shut up and him that is left at large in Ĭs′rȧ-ĕl. 9 And I will make the house of Ā′hăb like the house of Jĕr-ŏ-bō′ăm the son of Nē′băt, and like the house of Bā′ă-shȧ the son of Ă-hī′jăh. 10 And the dogs shall eat Jĕz′ĕ-bĕl in the portion of Jĕz′rē-ĕl, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled.

11 Then Jē′hū came forth to the servants of his lord: and one said unto him, Is all well? wherefore came this mad fellow to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man and what his talk was. 12 And they said, It is false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō′văh, I have anointed thee king over Ĭs′rȧ-ĕl. 13 Then they hasted, and took every man his garment, and put it under him [1]on the top of the stairs, and blew the trumpet, saying, Jē′hū is king.

14 So Jē′hū the son of Jĕ-hŏsh′ă-phăt the son of Nĭm′shī conspired against Jō′răm. (Now Jō′răm was keeping Rā′mŏth-gĭl′ăd, he and all Ĭs′rȧ-ĕl, because of Hăz′ā-ĕl king of Sȳr′ĭ-ȧ; 15 but king [2]Jō′răm was returned to be healed in Jĕz′rē-ĕl of the wounds which the Sȳr′ĭ-ăns had given him, when he fought with Hăz′ă-king of Sȳr′ĭ-ȧ). And Jē′hū said, If this be your mind, then let none escape and go forth out of the city to go to tell it in Jĕz′rē-ĕl. 16 So Jē′hū rode in a chariot, and went to Jĕz′rē-ĕl; for Jō′răm lay there. And Ā-hă-zī′ăh king of Jū′dăh was come down to see Jō′răm.

17 Now the watchman was standing on the tower in Jĕz′rē-ĕl, and he spied the company of Jē′hū as he came, and said, I see a company. And Jō′răm said, Take a horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, [3]Is it peace? 18 So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jē′hū said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not back. 19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, who came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jē′hū answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. 20 And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not back: and the driving

[1] Or, *on the bare steps* [2] Heb. *Jehoram* a. In ver. 17, 21, 22, 23, 24 [3] Or, *Is all well*

ing is like the driving of Jē'hū the son of Nim'shi; for he driveth furiously.

21 And Jō'răm said, [1]Make ready. And they made ready his chariot. And Jō'răm king of Is'ra-ĕl and Ă-hă-zī'ăh king of Jū'dăh went out, each in his chariot, and they went out to meet Jē'hū, and found him in the portion of Nā'bŏth the Jĕz'rē-ĕl-ite. 22 And it came to pass, when Jō'răm saw Jē'hū, that he said, Is it peace, Jē'hū? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jĕz'ĕ-bĕl and her witchcrafts are so many? 23 And Jō'răm turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ă-hă-zī'ăh, There is treachery, O Ă-hă-zī'ăh. 24 And Jē'hū [2]drew his bow with his full strength, and smote Jō'răm between his arms; and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot. 25 Then said *Je'hu* to Bĭd'kăr his captain, Take up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Nā'bŏth the Jĕz'rē-ĕl-ite; for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ā'hăb his father, Jē-hō'văh [3]laid this burden upon him: 26 Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Nā'bŏth, and the blood of his sons, saith Jē-hō'văh; and I will requite thee in this [4]plat, saith Jē-hō'văh. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat *of ground*, according to the word of Jē-hō'văh.

27 But when Ă-hă-zī'ăh the king of Jū'dăh saw this, he fled by the way of the garden-house. And Jē'hū followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot: *and they smote him* at the ascent of Gûr, which is by Ĭb'lē-ăm. And he fled to Mĕ-gĭd'dō, and died there. 28 And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jē-ru'sa-lĕm, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of David.

29 And in the eleventh year of Jō'răm the son of Ā'hăb began Ă-hă-zī'ăh to reign over Jū'dăh.

30 And when Jē'hū was come to Jĕz'rē-ĕl, Jĕz'ĕ-bĕl heard of it; and she painted her eyes, and attired her head, and looked out at the window. 31 And as Jē'hū entered in at the gate, she said, [5]Is it peace, thou Zĭm'rī, thy master's murderer? 32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. 33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down; and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trod her under foot. 34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink; and he said, See now to this cursed woman, and bury her; for she is a king's daughter. 35 And they went to bury her; but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands. 36 Wherefore they came back, and told him. And he said, This is the word of Jē-hō'văh, which he spake by his servant Ē-lī'jăh the Tĭsh'bīte, saying, In the portion of Jĕz'rē-ĕl shall the dogs eat the flesh of Jĕz'ĕ-bĕl; 37 and the body of Jĕz'ĕ-bĕl shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jĕz'rē-ĕl, so that they shall not say, This is Jĕz'ĕ-bĕl.

10 Now Ā'hăb had seventy sons in Să-mā'rĭ-ā. And Jē'hū wrote letters, and sent to Să-mā'rĭ-ā, unto the rulers of Jĕz'rē-ĕl, even the elders, and unto them that brought up *the sons of* Ā'hăb, saying, 2 And now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your master's sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fortified city also, and armor; 3 look ye out the best and meetest of your master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house. 4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, the two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand? 5 And he that was over the household,

[1] Or, *Yoke* [2] Heb. *filled his hand with the bow* [3] Or, *uttered this oracle against him* [4] Or, *portion*
[5] Or, *Is it well*

and he that was over the city, the elders also, and they that brought up *the children*, sent to Jē'hū, saying, We are thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any man king: do thou that which is good in thine eyes. 6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye be on my side, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jĕz'rē-ĕl by to-morrow this time. Now the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, who brought them up. 7 And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew them, even seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent them unto him to Jĕz'rē-ĕl. 8 And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until the morning. 9 And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Ye are righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him; but who smote all these? 10 Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of Jē-hō'văh, which Jē-hō'văh spake concerning the house of Ā'hăb: for Jē-hō'văh hath done that which he spake by his servant Ē-lī'jăh. 11 So Jē'hū smote all that remained of the house of Ā'hăb in Jĕz'rē-ĕl, and all his great men, and his familiar friends, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

12 And he arose and departed, and went to Să-mā'rĭ-ā. And as he was at the [1]shearing-house of the shepherds in the way, 13 Jē'hū met with the brethren of Ă-hă-zī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, and said, Who are ye? And they answered, We are the brethren of Ă-hă-zī'ăh: and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen. 14 And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the [2]pit of the [1]shearing-house, even two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

15 And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jē-hŏn'ă-dăb the son of Rē'chăb coming to meet him; and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thy heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jē-hŏn'ă-dăb answered, It is. If it be, give me thy hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot. 16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for Jē-hō'văh. So they made him ride in his chariot. 17 And when he came to Să-mā'rĭ-ā, he smote all that remained unto Ā'hăb in Să-mā'rĭ-ā, till he had destroyed him, according to the word of Jē-hō'văh, which he spake to Ē-lī'jăh.

18 And Jē'hū gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ā'hăb served Bā'ăl a little; but Jē'hū will serve him much. 19 Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Bā'ăl, all his worshippers, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice *to do* to Bā'ăl; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jē'hū did it in subtlety, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Bā'ăl. 20 And Jē'hū said, Sanctify a solemn assembly for Bā'ăl. And they proclaimed it. 21 And Jē'hū sent through all Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and all the worshippers of Bā'ăl came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Bā'ăl; and the house of Bā'ăl was filled from one end to another. 22 And he said unto him that was over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Bā'ăl. And he brought them forth vestments. 23 And Jē'hū went, and Jē-hŏn'ă-dăb the son of Rē'chăb, into the house of Bā'ăl; and he said unto the worshippers of Bā'ăl, Search, and look that

[1] Or, *house of gathering*

[2] Or, *cistern*

here be here with you none of the ervants of Jĕ-hō'văh, but the vorshippers of Bā'ăl only. 24 And hey went in to offer sacrifices and burnt-offerings. Now Jē'hū had ppointed him fourscore men without, and said, If any of the men whom I bring into your hands escape, *he that letteth him go*, his life hall be for the life of him.

25 And it came to pass, as soon s he had made an end of offering he burnt-offering, that Jē'hū said to the [1]guard and to the captains, Go in, and slay them; let one come forth. And they smote hem with the edge of the sword; nd the guard and the captains ast them out, and went to the ity of the house of Bā'ăl. 26 And ney brought forth the [2]pillars that were in the house of Bā'ăl, and burned them. 27 And they brake down the pillar of Bā'ăl, and brake down the house of Bā'ăl, and made it a draught-house, unto this day. 28 Thus Jē'hū destroyed Bā'ăl out of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

29 Howbeit from the sins of Jĕr-bō'ăm the son of Nē'băt, [3]wherewith he made Ĭs'rā-ĕl to sin, Jē'hū departed not from after them, *to wit*, the golden calves that were in Bĕth'-ĕl, and that were in Dan. 30 And Jē-hō'văh said unto Jē'hū, Because thou hast [4]done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, *and* hast done unto the house of Ā'hăb according to all that was in my heart, thy sons of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 31 But Jē'hū took no heed to walk in the law of Jē-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, with all his heart: he departed not from the sins of Jĕr-ō-bō'ăm, wherewith he made Ĭs'rā-ĕl to sin.

32 In those days Jē-hō'văh began to cut off from Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and Hăz'ā-ĕl smote them in all the coasts of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; 33 from the Jordan eastward, all the land of Gĭl'ē-ăd, the Găd'ītes, and the Reu'bĕn-ītes, and the Mă-năs'-ītes, from Ăr'ō-ēr, which is by the valley of the Ăr'nŏn, even Gĭl'-ē-ăd and Bā'shăn. 34 Now the rest of the acts of Jē'hū, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? 35 And Jē'hū slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Să-mā'rĭ-ā. And Jĕ-hō'ā-hăz his son reigned in his stead. 36 And the time that Jē'hū reigned over Ĭs'-rā-ĕl in Să-mā'rĭ-ā was twenty and eight years.

11 Now when Ăth-ă-lī'ăh the mother of Ā-hă-zī'ăh saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal. 2 But Jĕ-hŏsh'ĕ-bà, the daughter of king Jō'răm, sister of Ā-hăz-ī'ăh, took Jō'ăsh the son of Ā-hăz-ī'ăh, and stole him away from among the king's sons that were slain, even him and his nurse, [5]*and put them* in the [6]bedchamber; and they hid him from Ăth-ă-lī'ăh, so that he was not slain; 3 and he was with her hid in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh six years. And Ăth-ă-lī'ăh reigned over the land.

4 And in the seventh year Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà sent and fetched the captains over hundreds, of the [7]Carites and of the [1]guard, and brought them to him into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh; and he made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and showed them the king's son. 5 And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that ye shall do: a third part of you, that come in on the sabbath, shall be keepers of the watch of the king's house; 6 and a third part shall be at the gate Sûr; and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall ye keep the watch of the house, and be a barrier. 7 And the two companies of you, even all that go forth on the sabbath, shall keep the watch of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh about the king. 8 And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and that cometh within

[1] Heb. *runners* [2] Or, *obelisks* [3] Or, *who* [4] Or, *executed well* [5] Or, who were [6] Or, *chamber for the beds* [7] Or, *executioners*

the ranks, let him be slain: and be ye with the king when he goeth out, and when he cometh in.

9 And the captains over hundreds did according to all that Jĕhoi'ă-dà the priest commanded; and they took every man his men, those that were to come in on the sabbath, with those that were to go out on the sabbath, and came to Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà the priest. 10 And the priest delivered to the captains over hundreds the spears and shields that had been king David's, which were in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, from the right [1]side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, by the king round about. 12 Then he brought out the king's son, and [2]put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, *Long* live the king.

13 And when Ăth-ă-lī'ăh heard the noise of the guard *and of* the people, she came to the people into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh: 14 and she looked, and, behold, the king stood [3]by the pillar, as the manner was, and the captains and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew trumpets. Then Ăth-ă-lī'ăh rent her clothes, and cried, Treason! treason! 15 And Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà the priest commanded the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth between the ranks; and him that followeth her slay with the sword. For the priest said, Let her not be slain in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 16 So they made way for her; and she went by the way of the horses' entry to the king's house: and there was she slain.

17 And Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà made a covenant between Jĕ-hō'văh and the king and the people, that they should be Jĕ-hō'văh's people; between the king also and the people. 18 And all the people of the land went to the house of Bā'ăl, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Măt'tăn the priest of Bā'ăl before the altars. And the priest appointed [4]officers over the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 19 And he took the captains over hundreds, and the Carites, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and came by the way of the gate of the guard unto the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings. 20 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. And Ăth-ă-lī'ăh they had slain with the sword at the king's house.

*21 Jĕ-hō'ăsh was seven years
12 old when he began to reign. In the seventh year of Jĕ'hū began Jĕ-hō'ăsh to reign; and he reigned forty years in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and his mother's name was Zĭb'ī-ăh of Bē'ĕr-shē'bà. 2 And Jĕ-hō'ăsh did that which was right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh all his days wherein Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà the priest instructed him. 3 Howbeit the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

4 And Jĕ-hō'ăsh said to the priests, All the money of the hallowed things that is brought into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, [5]in current money, [6]the money of the persons for whom each man is rated, and all the money that it cometh into any man's heart to bring into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, 5 let the priests take it to them, every man from his acquaintance; and they shall repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found. 6 But it was so that in the three and twentieth year of king Jĕ-hō'ăsh the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house. 7 Then king Jĕ-hō'-

[1] Heb. *shoulder* [2] Or, *put upon him the crown and the testimony* [3] Or, *on the platform* [4] Heb. *offices* [5] Or, even *the money* of every one *that passeth* the numbering See Ex. 30. 13 [6] Heb. *each man the money of the souls of his estimation* See Lev. 27.
*[Ch. 12.1 in Heb.]

ish called for Je-hoi'a-da the priest, and for the *other* priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore take no *more* money from your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house. 8 And the priests consented that they should take no *more* money from the people, neither repair the breaches of the house.

9 But Je-hoi'a-da the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of Je-ho'vah: and the priests that kept the threshold put therein all the money that was brought into the house of Je-ho'vah. 10 And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's [1]scribe and the high priest came up, and they [2]put up in bags and counted the money that was found in the house of Je-ho'vah. 11 And they gave the money that was weighed out into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of Je-ho'vah: and they [3]paid it out to the carpenters and the builders, that wrought upon the house of Je-ho'vah, 12 and to the masons and the hewers of stone, and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the breaches of the house of Je-ho'vah, and for all that [4]was laid out for the house to repair it. 13 But there were not made for the house of Je-ho'vah cups of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into the house of Je-ho'vah; 14 for they gave that to them that did the work, and repaired therewith the house of Je-ho'vah. 15 Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to give to them that did the work; for they dealt faithfully. 16 The money for the trespass-offerings, and the money for the sin-offerings, was not brought into the house of Je-ho'vah: it was the priests'.

17 Then Ha'za-el king of Syr'i-a went up, and fought against Gath, and took it; and Ha'za-el set his face to go up to Je-ru'sa-lem. 18 And Je-ho'ash king of Ju'dah took all the hallowed things that Je-hosh'a-phat and Je-ho'ram and A-ha-zi'ah, his fathers, kings of Ju'dah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of Je-ho'vah, and of the king's house, and sent it to Ha'za-el king of Syr'i-a: and he went away from Je-ru'sa-lem.

19 Now the rest of the acts of Jo'ash, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ju'dah? 20 And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and smote Jo'ash at the house of Mil'lo, *on the way* that goeth down to Sil'la. 21 For Jo'za-car the son of Shim'e-ath, and Je-hoz'a-bad the son of Sho'mer, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Am-a-zi'ah his son reigned in his stead.

13 In the three and twentieth year of Jo'ash the son of A-ha-zi'ah, king of Ju'dah, Je-ho'a-haz the son of Je'hu began to reign over Is'ra-el in Sa-ma'ri-a, *and reigned* seventeen years. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Je-ho'vah, and followed the sins of Je-ro-bo'am the son of Ne'bat, wherewith he made Is'ra-el to sin; he departed not therefrom. 3 And the anger of Je-ho'vah was kindled against Is'ra-el, and he delivered them into the hand of Ha'za-el king of Syr'i-a, and into the hand of Ben-ha'dad the son of Ha'za-el, [5]continually. 4 And Je-ho'a-haz besought Je-ho'vah, and Je-ho'vah hearkened unto him; for he saw the oppression of Is'ra-el, how that the king of Syr'i-a oppressed them. 5 (And Je-ho'vah gave Is'ra-el a

[1] Or, *secretary* [2] Heb. *bound up and &c.* [3] Heb. *brought it forth* [4] Heb. *went forth*
[5] Heb. *all the days*

saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Sȳr'ĭ-ăns; and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl dwelt in their tents as beforetime. 6 Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jĕr-ō-bō'ăm, wherewith he made Ĭs'-rā-ĕl to sin, but [1]walked therein: and there remained the Ă-shē'-răh also in Să-mā'rĭ-ā). 7 For he left not to Jĕ-hō'ă-hăz of the people save fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Sȳr'ĭ-ă destroyed them, and made them like the dust [2]in threshing. 8 Now the rest of the acts of Jĕ-hō'ă-hăz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? 9 And Jĕ-hō'ă-hăz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Să-mā'rĭ-ā: and Jō'ăsh his son reigned in his stead.

10 In the thirty and seventh year of Jō'ăsh king of Jū'dăh began Jĕ-hō'ăsh the son of Jĕ-hō'ă-hăz to reign over Ĭs'rā-ĕl in Să-mā'rĭ-ā, *and reigned* sixteen years. 11 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh; he departed not from all the sins of Jĕr-ō-bō'ăm the son of Nē'băt, wherewith he made Ĭs'rā-ĕl to sin; but he walked therein. 12 Now the rest of the acts of Jō'ăsh, and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought against Ăm-ă-zī'-ăh king of Jū'dăh, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? 13 And Jō'ăsh slept with his fathers; and Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm sat upon his throne: and Jō'ăsh was buried in Să-mā'rĭ-ā with the kings of Ĭs'-rā-ĕl.

14 Now Ĕ-lī'shā was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died: and Jō'ăsh the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl came down unto him, and wept over [3]him, and said, My father, my father, the [4]chariots of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and the horsemen thereof! 15 And Ĕ-lī'shā said unto him, Take bow and arrows; and he took unto him bow and arrows. 16 And he said to the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Put thy hand upon the bow; and he put his hand *upon it*. And Ĕ-lī'shā laid his hands upon the king's hands. 17 And he said, Open the window eastward; and he opened it. Then Ĕ-lī'shā said, Shoot; and he shot. And he said, Jĕ-hō'văh's arrow of [5]victory, even the arrow of [6]victory [6]over Sȳr'ĭ-ă; for thou shalt smite the Sȳr'ĭ-ăns in Ă'phĕk, till thou have consumed them. 18 And he said, Take the arrows; and he took them. And he said unto the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Smite upon the ground; and he smote thrice, and stayed. 19 And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times: then hadst thou smitten Sȳr'ĭ-ă till thou hadst consumed it; whereas now thou shalt smite Sȳr'ĭ-ă but thrice.

20 And Ĕ-lī'shā died, and they buried him. Now the bands of the Mō'ăb-ites invaded the land at the coming in of the year. 21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Ĕ-lī'shā: and [7]as soon as the man touched the bones of Ĕ-lī'shā, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

22 And Hăz'ă-ĕl king of Sȳr'ĭ-ă oppressed Ĭs'rā-ĕl all the days of Jĕ-hō'ă-hăz. 23 But Jĕ-hō'văh was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Ĭs'ăac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence [8]as yet. 24 And Hăz'ă-ĕl king of Sȳr'ĭ-ă died; and Bĕn-hă'dăd his son reigned in his stead. 25 And Jĕ-hō'ăsh the son of Jĕ-hō'ă-hăz took again out of the hand of Bĕn-hă'dăd the son of Hăz'ă-ĕl the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Jĕ-hō'ă-hăz his father by war. Three times did Jō'ăsh smite him, and recovered the cities of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

[1] Heb. *he walked* [2] Or, *to trample on*
[3] Heb. *his face* [4] Or, *chariot*
[5] Heb. *salvation* [6] Or, *against* [7] Heb. *when the man went and touched* [8] Heb. *until now*

14 In the second year of Jō-ăsh son of Jō'ă-hăz king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl began Ăm-ă-zī'ăh the son of Jō'ăsh king of Jū'dăh to reign. 2 He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm: and his mother's name was Jĕ-hō-ăd'dĭn of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm. 3 And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh, yet not like David his father: he did according to all that Jō'ăsh his father had done. 4 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. 5 And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was established in his hand, that he slew his servants who had slain the king his father: 6 but the children of the murderers he put not to death; according to that which is written in the book of the law of Mō'sĕs, as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall die for his own sin. 7 He slew of Ē'dŏm in the Valley of Salt ten thousand, and took [1]Sē'là by war, and called the name of it Jŏk'thĕ-ĕl, unto this day.

8 Then Ăm-ă-zī'ăh sent messengers to Jĕ-hō'ăsh, the son of Jĕ-hō'ă-hăz son of Jē'hŭ, king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face. 9 And Jĕ-hō'ăsh the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl sent to Ăm-ă-zī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, saying, The [2]thistle that was in Lĕb'ă-nŏn sent to the cedar that was in Lĕb'ă-nŏn, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lĕb'ă-nŏn, and trod down the thistle. 10 Thou hast indeed smitten Ē'dŏm, and thy heart hath lifted thee up: glory thereof, and abide at home; for why shouldest thou [3]meddle to *thy* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Jū'dăh with thee?

11 But Ăm-ă-zī'ăh would not hear. So Jĕ-hō'ăsh king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl went up; and he and Ăm-ă-zī'ăh king of Jū'dăh looked one another in the face at Bĕth-shĕ'mĕsh, which belongeth to Jū'dăh. 12 And Jū'dăh was put to the worse before Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and they fled every man to his tent. 13 And Jĕ-hō'ăsh king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl took Ăm-ă-zī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, the son of Jĕ-hō'ăsh the son of Ă-hă-zī'ăh, at Bĕth-shĕ'mĕsh, and came to Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, and brake down the wall of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm from the gate of Ē'phră-ĭm unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits. 14 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and in the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Sā-mā'rĭ-ā.

15 Now the rest of the acts of Jĕ-hō'ăsh which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Ăm-ă-zī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? 16 And Jĕ-hō'ăsh slept with his fathers, and was buried in Sā-mā'rĭ-ā with the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm his son reigned in his stead.

17 And Ăm-ă-zī'ăh the son of Jō'ăsh king of Jū'dăh lived after the death of Jĕ-hō'ăsh son of Jĕ-hō'ă-hăz king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl fifteen years. 18 Now the rest of the acts of Ăm-ă-zī'ăh, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Jū'dăh? 19 And they made a conspiracy against him in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm; and he fled to Lā'chĭsh: but they sent after him to Lā'chĭsh, and slew him there. 20 And they brought him upon horses, and he was buried at Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm with his fathers in the city of David. 21 And all the people of Jū'dăh took [4]Āz-ă-rī'ăh, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Ăm-ă-zī'ăh. 22 He built Ē'lăth, and restored it to Jū'dăh, after that the king slept with his fathers.

23 In the fifteenth year of Ăm-

[1] Or, *the rock* [2] Or, *thorn* [3] Or, *provoke calamity*

[4] In ch. 15. 13, and 2 Chr. 26. 1, *Uzziah*

ă-zī'ăh the son of Jō'ăsh king of Jū'dăh Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of Jō'ăsh king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl began to reign in Să-mā'rĭ-ā, *and reigned* forty and one years. 24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh: he departed not from all the sins of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of Nē'băt, wherewith he made Ĭs'rā-ĕl to sin. 25 He restored the border of Ĭs'rā-ĕl from the entrance of Hā'măth unto the sea of the Ăr'ă-băh, according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, which he spake by his servant Jō'năh the son of Ă-mĭt'tāi, the prophet, who was of Găth-hē'phĕr. 26 For Jĕ-hō'văh saw the affliction of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that it was very bitter; for there was none shut up nor left at large, neither was there any helper for Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 27 And Jĕ-hō'văh said not that he would blot out the name of Ĭs'rā-ĕl from under heaven; but he saved them by the hand of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of Jō'ăsh.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Dă-măs'cŭs, and Hā'măth, *which had belonged* to Jū'dăh, for Ĭs'rā-ĕl, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? 29 And Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh his son reigned in his stead.

15 In the twenty and seventh year of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl began [1]Ăz-ă-rī'ăh son of Ăm-ă-zī'ăh king of Jū'dăh to reign. 2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned two and fifty years in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and his mother's name was Jĕc-ō-lī'ăh of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 3 And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh, according to all that his father Ăm-ă-zī'ăh had done. 4 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. 5 And Jĕ-hō'văh smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a [2]separate house. And Jō'thăm the king's son was over the household, judging the people of the land. 6 Now the rest of the acts of Ăz-ă-rī'ăh, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Jū'dăh? 7 And Ăz-ă-rī'ăh slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jō'thăm his son reigned in his stead.

8 In the thirty and eighth year of Ăz-ă-rī'ăh king of Jū'dăh did Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh the son of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm reign over Ĭs'rā-ĕl in Să-mā'rĭ-ā six months. 9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of Nē'băt, wherewith he made Ĭs'rā-ĕl to sin. 10 And Shăl'lŭm the son of Jā'bĕsh conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. 11 Now the rest of the acts of Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 12 This was the word of Jĕ-hō'văh which he spake unto Jē'hū, saying, Thy sons to the fourth generation shall sit upon the throne of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. And so it came to pass.

13 Shăl'lŭm the son of Jā'bĕsh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Ŭz-zī'ăh king of Jū'dăh; and he reigned the space of a month in Să-mā'rĭ-ā. 14 And Mĕn'ă-hĕm the son of Gā'dī went up from Tĭr'zăh, and came to Să-mā'rĭ-ā, and smote Shăl'lŭm the son of Jā'bĕsh in Să-mā'rĭ-ā, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. 15 Now the rest of the acts of Shăl'lŭm, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 16 Then Mĕn'ă-hĕm smote Tĭph'săh, and all that were therein, and the borders thereof, from Tĭr'zăh: be-

[1] In ver. 13, 30, &c., *Uzziah*

[2] Or, *infirmary*

cause they opened not to him, therefore he smote it; and all the women therein that were with child he ripped up.

17 In the nine and thirtieth year of Ăz-ă-rī'ăh king of Jū'dăh began Mĕn'ă-hĕm the son of Gā'dī to reign over Ĭs'rā-ĕl, *and reigned* ten years in Să-mā'rĭ-ă. 18 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of Nē'băt, wherewith he made Ĭs'rā-ĕl to sin. 19 There came against the land Pūl the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă; and Mĕn'ă-hĕm gave Pūl a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand. 20 And Mĕn'ă-hĕm exacted the money of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, even of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shĕk'ĕls of silver, to give to the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă. So the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă turned back, and stayed not there in the land. 21 Now the rest of the acts of Mĕn'ă-hĕm, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? 22 And Mĕn'ă-hĕm slept with his fathers; and Pĕk-ă-hī'ăh his son reigned in his stead.

23 In the fiftieth year of Ăz-ă-rī'ăh king of Jū'dăh Pĕk-ă-hī'ăh the son of Mĕn'ă-hĕm began to reign over Ĭs'rā-ĕl in Să-mā'rĭ-ă, *and reigned* two years. 24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh: he departed not from the sins of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of Nē'băt, wherewith he made Ĭs'rā-ĕl to sin. 25 And Pē'kăh the son of Rĕm-ă-lī'ăh, his captain, conspired against him, and smote him in Să-mā'rĭ-ă, in the [1]castle of the king's house, with Ăr'gŏb and Ă-rī'ĕh; and with him were fifty men of the Gĭl'ĕ-ăd-ītes: and he slew him, and reigned in his stead. 26 Now the rest of the acts of Pĕk-ă-hī'ăh, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

[1] Or, *palace*

27 In the two and fiftieth year of Ăz-ă-rī'ăh king of Jū'dăh Pē'kăh the son of Rĕm-ă-lī'ăh began to reign over Ĭs'rā-ĕl in Să-mā'rĭ-ă, *and reigned* twenty years. 28 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh: he departed not from the sins of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of Nē'băt, wherewith he made Ĭs'rā-ĕl to sin.

29 In the days of Pē'kăh king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl came Tĭg'lăth-pī-lē'sĕr king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă, and took Ĭ'jŏn, and Ā'bĕl-bĕth-mā'ă-căh, and Jă-nō'ăh, and Kē'dĕsh, and Hā'zôr, and Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, and Gă'lĭ-lē, all the land of Năph'tă-lī; and he carried them captive to Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă. 30 And Hō-shē'ă the son of Ē'lăh made a conspiracy against Pē'kăh the son of Rĕm-ă-lī'ăh, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jō'thăm the son of Ŭz-zī'ăh.

31 Now the rest of the acts of Pē'kăh, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

32 In the second year of Pē'kăh the son of Rĕm-ă-lī'ăh king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl began Jō'thăm the son of Ŭz-zī'ăh king of Jū'dăh to reign. 33 Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and his mother's name was Jĕ-ru'shă the daughter of Zā'dŏk. 34 And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh; he did according to all that his father Ŭz-zī'ăh had done. 35 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. He built the upper gate of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 36 Now the rest of the acts of Jō'thăm, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Jū'dăh? 37 In those days Jĕ-hō'văh began to send against Jū'dăh Rē'zĭn the king of Sўr'ĭ-ă, and Pē'kăh the son of Rĕm-ă-lī'ăh. 38 And Jō'thăm slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ā'hăz

his son reigned in his stead.

16 In the seventeenth year of Pē'kăh the son of Rĕm-ă-lī'-ăh Ā'hăz the son of Jō'thăm king of Jū'dăh began to reign. 2 Twenty years old was Ā'hăz when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jē-ru'să-lĕm: and he did not that which was right in the eyes of Jē-hō'văh his God, like David his father. 3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations, whom Jē-hō'văh cast out from before the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

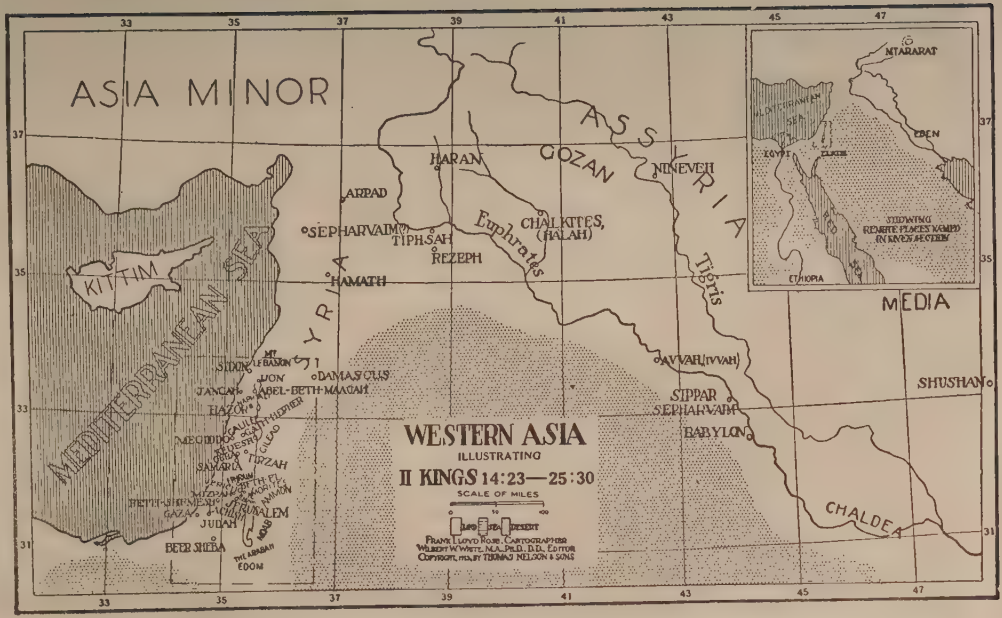
5 Then Rē'zĭn king of Sȳr'ĭ-ă and Pē'kăh son of Rĕm-ă-lī'ăh king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl came up to Jē-ru'să-lĕm to war: and they besieged Ā'hăz, but could not overcome him. 6 At that time Rē'zĭn king of Sȳr'ĭ-ă recovered Ē'lăth to Sȳr'ĭ-ă, and drove the Jews from [1]Ē'lăth; and the [2]Sȳr'ĭ-ăns came to Ē'lăth, and dwelt there, unto this day.

7 So Ā'hăz sent messengers to Tĭg'lăth-pī-lē'sĕr king of Ăs-sȳr'-ĭ-ă, saying, I am thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Sȳr'-ĭ-ă, and out of the hand of the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, who rise up against me. 8 And Ā'hăz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of Jē-hō'văh, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present to the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ă. 9 And the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ă hearkened unto him; and the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ă went up against Dă-măs'cŭs, and took it, and carried *the people of* it captive to Kĭr, and slew Rē'zĭn.

10 And king Ā'hăz went to Dă-măs'cŭs to meet Tĭg'lăth-pī-lē'sĕr king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ă, and saw the altar that was at Dă-măs'cŭs; and king Ā'hăz sent to Ū-rī'jăh the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof. 11 And Ū-rī'jăh the priest built an altar: according to all that king Ā'hăz had sent from Dă-măs'cŭs, so did Ū-rī'jăh the priest make it against the coming of king Ā'hăz from Dă-măs'cŭs. 12 And when the king was come from Dă-măs'cŭs, the king saw the altar: and the king drew near unto the altar, and [3]offered thereon. 13 And he burnt his burnt-offering and his meal-offering, and poured his drink-offering, and sprinkled the blood of [4]his peace-offerings, upon the altar. 14 And the brazen altar, which was before Jē-hō'văh, he brought from the forefront of the house, from between his altar and the house of Jē-hō'văh, and put it on the north side of his altar. 15 And king Ā'hăz commanded Ū-rī'jăh the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt-offering, and the evening meal-offering, and the king's burnt-offering, and his meal-offering, with the burnt-offering of all the people of the land, and their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt-offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: but the brazen altar shall be for me to inquire by. 16 Thus did Ū-rī'jăh the priest, according to all that king Ā'hăz commanded.

17 And king Ā'hăz cut off the panels of the bases, and removed the laver from off them, and took down the sea from off the brazen oxen that were under it, and put it upon a pavement of stone. 18 And the [5]covered way for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he [6]unto the house of Jē-hō'văh, because of the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ă. 19 Now the rest of the acts of Ā'hăz which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Jū'dăh? 20 And Ā'hăz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fa-

[1] Heb. *Eloth* According to another reading, *Edomites*
[2] According to another reading, *Edomites*
[3] Or, *went up unto it*
[4] Heb. *the peace-offerings which were his*
[5] Or, *covered place*
[6] Or, *round*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thers in the city of David: and Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh his son reigned in his stead.

17 In the twelfth year of Ā'hăz king of Jū'dăh began Hō-shē'ā the son of Ē'lăh to reign in Să-mā'rĭ-ā over Ĭs'rā-ĕl, *and reigned* nine years. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, yet not as the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl that were before him. 3 Against him came up Shăl-mā-nē'sĕr king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā; and Hō-shē'ā became his servant, and brought him tribute. 4 And the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā found conspiracy in Hō-shē'ā; for he had sent messengers to So king of Ē'gўpt, and offered no tribute to the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā shut him up, and bound him in prison. 5 Then the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā came up throughout all the land, and went up to Să-mā'rĭ-ā, and besieged it three years. 6 In the ninth year of Hō-shē'ā the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā took Să-mā'rĭ-ā, and carried Ĭs'rā-ĕl away unto Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā, and placed them in Hā'lăh, and on the Hā-bôr, the river of Gō'zăn, and in the cities of the Mēdes.

7 And it was so, because the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl had sinned against Jĕ-hō'văh their God, who brought them up out of the land of Ē'gўpt from under the hand of Phā'raōh king of Ē'gўpt, and had feared other gods, 8 and walked in the statutes of the nations, whom Jĕ-hō'văh cast out from before the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, which they [1]made. 9 And the children of Ĭs'-rā-ĕl did secretly things that were not right against Jĕ-hō'văh their God: and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city; 10 and they set them up [2]pillars and Ă-shē'rĭm upon every high hill, and under every green tree; 11 and there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the nations whom Jĕ-hō'văh carried away before them; and they wrought wicked things to provoke Jĕ-hō'văh to anger; 12 and they served idols, whereof Jĕ-hō'văh had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing. 13 Yet Jĕ-hō'văh testified unto Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and unto Jū'dăh, by every prophet, and every seer, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. 14 Notwithstanding, they would not hear, but hardened their neck, like to the neck of their fathers, who believed not in Jĕ-hō'văh their God. 15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified unto them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and *went* after the nations that were round about them, concerning whom Jĕ-hō'văh had charged them that they should not do like them. 16 And they forsook all the commandments of Jĕ-hō'văh their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made an Ă-shē'răh, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Bā'ăl. 17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, to provoke him to anger. 18 Therefore Jĕ-hō'văh was very angry with Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Jū'dăh only.

19 Also Jū'dăh kept not the commandments of Jĕ-hō'văh their God, but walked in the statutes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl which they [1]made. 20 And Jĕ-hō'văh rejected all the seed of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. 21 For he rent Ĭs'-rā-ĕl from the house of David; and they made Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the

[1] Or, *practised* [2] Or, *obelisks*

son of Nē'bät king: and Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm [1]drove Is'rā-ĕl from following Jē-hō'văh, and made them sin a great sin. 22 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl walked in all the sins of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm which he did; they departed not from them; 23 until Jē-hō'văh removed Is'rā-ĕl out of his sight, as he spake by all his servants the prophets. So Is'rā-ĕl was carried away out of their own land to Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā unto this day.

24 And the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā brought men from Băb'ў-lŏn, and from Cū'thăh, and from Ăv'vā, and from Hā'măth and Sĕph-ăr-vā'ĭm, and placed them in the cities of Să-mā'rĭ-ā instead of the children of Is'rā-ĕl; and they possessed Să-mā'rĭ-ā, and dwelt in the cities thereof. 25 And so it was, at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not Jē-hō'văh: therefore Jē-hō'văh sent lions among them, which killed some of them. 26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā, saying, The nations which thou hast carried away, and placed in the cities of Să-mā'rĭ-ā, know not the law of the god of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the law of the god of the land.

27 Then the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the law of the god of the land. 28 So one of the priests whom they had carried away from Să-mā'rĭ-ā came and dwelt in Bĕth'-ĕl, and taught them how they should fear Jē-hō'văh. 29 Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Să-măr'ĭ-tăns had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt. 30 And the men of Băb'ў-lŏn made Sŭc'cŏth-bĕ'nŏth, and the men of Cūth made Nĕr'găl, and the men of Hā'măth made Ăsh'ĭ-mā, 31 and the Ăv'vites made Nĭb'hăz and Tär'tăk; and the Sĕ'phär-vites burnt their children in the fire to Ă-drăm'mĕ-lĕch and Ă-năm'mĕ-lĕch, the [2]gods of Sĕph-ăr-vā'ĭm. 32 So they feared Jē-hō'văh, and made unto them from among themselves priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. 33 They feared Jē-hō'văh, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations from among whom they had been carried away.

34 Unto this day they do after the former manner: they fear not Jē-hō'văh, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law or after the commandment which Jē-hō'văh commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Is'rā-ĕl; 35 with whom Jē-hō'văh had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them: 36 but Jē-hō'văh, who brought you up out of the land of Ē'gўpt with great power and with an outstretched arm, him shall ye fear, and unto him shall ye bow yourselves, and to him shall ye sacrifice: 37 and the statutes and the ordinances, and the law and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods: 38 and the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods: 39 but Jē-hō'văh your God shall ye fear; and he will deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. 40 Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner. 41 So these nations feared Jē-hō'văh, and served their graven images; their children likewise, and their children's children, as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

18 Now it came to pass in the third year of Hō-shē'ă son of

[1] According to another reading, *drew Israel away*

[2] Or, *god*

E'lăh king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh the son of Ā'hăz king of Jū'dăh began to reign. 2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jē-ru'să-lĕm: and his mother's name was Ā'bi the daughter of Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh. 3 And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jē-hō'văh, according to all that David his father had done. 4 He removed the high places, and brake the pillars, and cut down the Ă-shē'răh: and he brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Mō'sēs had made; for unto those days the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl did burn incense to it; and [1]he called it [2]Nĕ-hŭsh'tăn. 5 He trusted in Jē-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Jū'dăh, nor *among them* that were before him. 6 For he clave to Jē-hō'văh; he departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which Jē-hō'văh commanded Mō'sēs. 7 And Jē-hō'văh was with him; whithersoever he went forth he prospered: and he rebelled against the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā, and served him not. 8 He smote the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes unto Gā'zā and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city.

9 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, which was the seventh year of Hō-shē'ă son of Ē'lăh king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that Shăl-mă-nē'sĕr king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā came up against [3]Să-mā'rĭ-ā, and besieged it. 10 And at the end of three years they took it: in the sixth year of Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, which was the ninth year of Hō-shē'ă king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Să-mā'rĭ-ā was taken. 11 And the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā carried Ĭs'rā-ĕl away unto Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā, and put them in Hā'lăh, and on the Hā'bôr, the river of Gō'zăn, and in the cities of the Mēdes, 12 because they obeyed not the voice of Jē-hō'văh their God, but transgressed his covenant, and all that Mō'sēs the servant of Jē-hō'văh commanded, and would not hear it, nor do it.

13 Now in the fourteenth year of king Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh did [3]Sĕn-năch'-ĕ-rĭb king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā come up against all the fortified cities of Jū'dăh, and took them. 14 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh sent to the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā to Lā'-chĭsh, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear. And the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā appointed unto Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. 15 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh gave *him* all the silver that was found in the house of Jē-hō'-văh, and in the treasures of the king's house. 16 At that time did Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh cut off *the gold from* the doors of the temple of Jē-hō'-văh, and *from* the [4]pillars which Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā. 17 And the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā sent [5]Tär'tăn and [6]Răb'-sā'rĭs and [5]Răb'shă-kēh from Lā'-chĭsh to king Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh with a great army unto Jē-ru'să-lĕm. And they went up and came to Jē-ru'să-lĕm. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field. 18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Ē-lī'ă-kĭm the son of Hĭl-kī'ăh, who was over the household, and Shĕb'năh the [6]scribe, and Jō'ăh the son of Ā'săph the [7]recorder.

19 And Răb'shă-kēh said unto them, Say ye now to Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, Thus saith the great king, the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest? 20 Thou sayest (but they are but [8]vain words), *There is* counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou hast rebelled against me? 21 Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even

[1] Or, *it was called* [2] That is, *A piece of brass* [3] Heb. *Sanherib* [4] Or, *doorposts* [5] The titles of Assyrian officers [6] Or, *secretary* [7] Or, *chronicler* [8] Heb. *a word of the lips*

upon Ē'gўpt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Phā'raōh king of Ē'gўpt unto all that trust on him. 22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in Jĕ-hō'văh our God; is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh hath taken away, and hath said to Jū'dăh and to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm? 23 Now therefore, I pray thee, [1]give pledges to my master the king of Ăs-sўr'ī-a, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. 24 How then canst thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Ē'gўpt for chariots and for horsemen? 25 Am I now come up without Jĕ-hō'văh against this place to destroy it? Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

26 Then said Ē-lī'ă-kĭm the son of Hĭl-kī'ăh, and Shĕb'nāh, and Jō'ăh, unto Răb'shă-kēh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the [2]Sўr'ī-ăn language; for we understand it: and speak not with us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that are on the wall. 27 But Răb'shă-kēh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? *hath he* not *sent me* to the men that sit on the wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink their own water with you? 28 Then Răb'shă-kēh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear ye the word of the great king, the king of Ăs-sўr'ī-a. 29 Thus saith the king, Let not Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh deceive you; for he will not be able to deliver you out of his hand: 30 neither let Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh make you trust in Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, Jĕ-hō'văh will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Ăs-sўr'ī-a. 31 Hearken not to Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh: for thus saith the king of Ăs-sўr'ī-a, [3]Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern; 32 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive-trees and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, when he persuadeth you, saying, Jĕ-hō'văh will deliver us. 33 Hath any of the gods of the nations ever delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Ăs-sўr'ī-a? 34 Where are the gods of Hă'măth, and of Ăr'păd? where are the gods of Sĕph-ăr-vā'ĭm, of Hē'nā, and Ĭv'văh? have they delivered Să-mā'rĭ-a out of my hand? 35 Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of my hand, that Jĕ-hō'văh should deliver Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm out of my hand?

36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not. 37 Then came Ē-lī'ă-kĭm the son of Hĭl-kī'ăh, who was over the household, and Shĕb'nā the scribe, and Jō'ăh the son of Ā'săph the recorder, to Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Răb'shă-kēh.

19 And it came to pass, when king Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 2 And he sent Ē-lī'ă-kĭm, who was over the household, and Shĕb'nā the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, unto Ī-sā'ĭăh the prophet the son of Ā'mŏz. 3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of contumely; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. 4 It may be Jĕ-hō'văh thy God will hear all the words of

[1] Or, *make a wager with*
[2] Heb. *Aramean*
[3] Heb. *Make with me a blessing*

Răb'shă-kēh, [1]whom the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ȧ his master hath sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left. 5 So the servants of king Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh came to Ī-sā'ĭăh. 6 And Ī-sā'ĭăh said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ȧ have blasphemed me. 7 Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and he shall hear tidings, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 So Răb'shă-kēh returned, and found the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ȧ warring against Lĭb'năh; for he had heard that he was departed from Lā'chĭsh. 9 And when he heard say of Tĭr'hă-kăh king of Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-ȧ, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee, he sent messengers again unto Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, saying, 10 Thus shall ye speak to Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jĕ-ru'sȧ-lĕm shall not be given into the hand of the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ȧ. 11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ȧ have done to all lands, by [2]destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered? 12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have destroyed, Gō'zăn, and Hā'răn, and Rĕ'zĕph, and the children of Eden that were in Tĕ-lȧs'sär? 13 Where is the king of Hā'măth, and the king of Ăr'păd, and the king of the city of Sĕph-ăr-vā'ĭm, of Hē'nȧ, and Ĭv'văh?

14 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh went up unto the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and spread it before Jĕ-hō'văh. 15 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh prayed before Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, O Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rȧ-ĕl, that [3]sittest *above* the chĕr'û-bĭm, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth. 16 Incline thine ear, O Jĕ-hō'văh, and hear; open thine eyes, O Jĕ-hō'văh, and see; and hear the words of Sĕn-năch'ĕ-rĭb, wherewith he hath sent him to defy the living God. 17 Of a truth, Jĕ-hō'văh, the kings of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ȧ have laid waste the nations and their lands, 18 and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them. 19 Now therefore, O Jĕ-hō'văh our God, save thou us, I beseech thee, out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou Jĕ-hō'văh art God alone.

20 Then Ī-sā'ĭăh the son of Ā'mŏz sent to Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rȧ-ĕl, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sĕn-năch'ĕ-rĭb king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ȧ, I have heard *thee*. 21 This is the word that Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken concerning him: The virgin daughter of Zī'ŏn hath despised thee and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jĕ-ru'sȧ-lĕm hath shaken her head [4]at thee. 22 Whom hast thou defied and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* against the Holy One of Ĭs'rȧ-ĕl. 23 By thy messengers thou hast defied the Lord, and hast said, With the [5]multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lĕb'ă-nŏn; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice [6]fir-trees thereof; and I will enter into his farthest lodging-place, the forest of his fruitful field. 24 I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet will I dry up all the rivers of [7]Ē'gўpt.

25 Hast thou not heard how I

[1] Or, *wherewith the king of Assyria hath sent him* [2] Heb. *devoting them*
[3] Or, *art enthroned* [4] Heb. *after* [5] According to another reading, *driving* [6] Or, *cypress* [7] Or, *defence* Heb. *Mazor*

have done it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? now have I brought it to pass, that it should be thine to lay waste fortified cities into ruinous heaps. 26 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as grain blasted before it is grown up. 27 But I know thy sitting down, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy raging against me. 28 Because of thy raging against me, and because [1]thine arrogancy is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

29 And this shall be the sign unto thee: ye shall eat this year that which groweth of itself, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof. 30 And [2]the remnant that is escaped of the house of Jū'dăh shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. 31 For out of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm shall go forth a remnant, and out of mount Zī'ŏn they that shall escape: the zeal of [3]Jĕ-hō'văh shall perform this. 32 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh concerning the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-a, He shall not come unto this city, nor shoot an arrow there, neither shall he come before it with shield, nor cast up a mound against it. 33 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and he shall not come unto this city, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 34 For I will defend this city to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

35 And it came to pass that night, that the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh went forth, and smote in the camp of the Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ăns a hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. 36 So Sĕn-năch'ē-rĭb king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-a departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nĭn'ē-vĕh. 37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nĭs'rŏch his god, that [4]Ă-drăm'mĕ-lĕch and Shă-rē'zĕr smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Ăr'ă-răt. And Ē'sär-hăd'dŏn his son reigned in his stead.

[1] Or, *thy careless ease* [2] Heb. *the escaped of the house of Judah that remain* [3] According to another reading, *Jehovah of hosts*, and so in Is. 37. 32

20 In those days was Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh sick unto death. And Ī-să'ĭăh the prophet the son of Ā'mŏz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Set thy house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. 2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, 3 Remember now, O Jĕ-hō'văh, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh wept sore. 4 And it came to pass, before Ī-să'ĭăh was gone [5]out into [6]the middle part of the city, that the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came to him, saying, 5 Turn back, and say to Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh the [7]prince of my people, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee; on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-a; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. 7 And Ī-să'ĭăh said, Take a cake of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

8 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh said unto Ī-să'ĭăh, What shall be the sign that Jĕ-hō'văh will heal me, and that I shall go up unto the house of Jĕ-hō'văh the third day? 9 And Ī-să'ĭăh said, This shall be the sign

[4] According to another reading, *Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons*, and so in Is. 37. 38 [5] Or, *out of* [6] According to another reading, *the middle court* [7] Or, *leader*

unto thee from Jĕ-hō'văh, that Jĕ-hō'văh will do the thing that he hath spoken: [1]shall the shadow go forward ten [2]steps, or go back ten steps? 10 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to decline ten steps: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten steps. 11 And ī-sā'ĭăh the prophet cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh; and he brought the shadow ten steps backward, by which it had gone down on the [3]dial of Ā'hăz.

12 At that time [4]Bĕ-rō'dăch-băl'ă-dăn, the son of Băl'ă-dăn, king of Băb'ў-lŏn, sent letters and a present unto Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh; for he had heard that Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh had been sick. 13 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh hearkened unto them, and showed them all the house of his [5]precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious oil, and [6]the house of his [7]armor, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh showed them not. 14 Then came ī-sā'ĭăh the prophet unto king Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh said, They are come from a far country, even from Băb'ў-lŏn. 15 And he said, What have they seen in thy house? And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh answered, All that is in my house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not showed them.

16 And ī-sā'ĭăh said unto Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, Hear the word of Jĕ-hō'văh. 17 Behold, the days come, that all that is in thy house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried to Băb'ў-lŏn: nothing shall be left, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, whom thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn. 19 Then said Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh unto ī-sā'ĭăh, Good is the word of Jĕ-hō'văh which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, Is it not so, if peace and truth shall be in my days? 20 Now the rest of the acts of Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, and all his might, and how he made the pool, and the conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Jū'dăh? 21 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh slept with his fathers; and Mă-năs'sĕh his son reigned in his stead.

21 Mă-năs'sĕh was twelve years old when he began to reign; and he reigned five and fifty years in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and his mother's name was Hĕph'zĭ-băh. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, after the abominations of the nations whom Jĕ-hō'văh cast out before the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 3 For he built again the high places which Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Bā'ăl, and made an Ă-shē'răh, as did Ā'hăb king of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. 4 And he built altars in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, whereof Jĕ-hō'văh said, In Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm will I put my name. 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 6 And he made his son to pass through the fire, and practised augury, and used enchantments, and [8]dealt with them that had familiar spirits, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, to provoke him to anger. 7 And he set the graven image of Ă-shē'răh, that he had made, in the house of which Jĕ-hō'văh said to David and to Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn his son, In this house, and in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of ĭs'rā-ĕl, will I put my name for ever; 8 neither will I cause the feet of ĭs'rā-ĕl to wander any more out of the land which I gave their fathers, if only they

[1] Or, *the shadow is gone forward ten steps, shall it go back &c.* [2] Or, *degrees* [3] Heb. *steps* [4] In Is. 39. 1, *Merodach-baladan* [5] Or, *spicery* [6] Another reading is, *all the house* [7] Or, *jewels*
[8] Or, *appointed* Heb. *made*

will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Mō'sēs commanded them. 9 But they hearkened not: and Mă-năs'sĕh seduced them to do that which is evil more than did the nations whom Jĕ-hō'văh destroyed before the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

10 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake by his servants the prophets, saying, 11 Because Mă-năs'sĕh king of Jū'dăh hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Ăm'ôr-ītes did, that were before him, and hath made Jū'dăh also to sin with his idols; 12 therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Behold, I bring such evil upon Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm and Jū'dăh, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. 13 And I will stretch over Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm the line of Să-mā'rĭ-ā, and the plummet of the house of Ā'hăb; and I will wipe Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down. 14 And I will cast off the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; 15 because they have done that which is evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Ē'gўpt, even unto this day.

16 Moreover Mă-năs'sĕh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm from one end to another; besides his sin wherewith he made Jū'dăh to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh. 17 Now the rest of the acts of Mă-năs'sĕh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Jū'dăh? 18 And Mă-năs'sĕh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Ŭz'zā: and Ā'mŏn his son reigned in his stead.

19 Ā'mŏn was twenty and two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and his mother's name was Mĕ-shŭl'lĕ-mĕth the daughter of Hā'rŭz of Jŏt'băh. 20 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, as did Mă-năs'sĕh his father. 21 And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them: 22 and he forsook Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of Jĕ-hō'văh. 23 And the servants of Ā'mŏn conspired against him, and put the king to death in his own house. 24 But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Ā'mŏn; and the people of the land made Jō-sī'ăh his son king in his stead. 25 Now the rest of the acts of Ā'mŏn which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Jū'dăh? 26 And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of Ŭz'zā: and Jō-sī'ăh his son reigned in his stead.

22 Jō-sī'ăh was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned thirty and one years in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and his mother's name was Jĕ-dī'dăh the daughter of Ă-dā'ĭăh of Bŏz'kăth. 2 And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

3 And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Jō-sī'ăh, that the king sent Shā'phăn, the son of Ăz-ă-lī'ăh the son of Mĕ-shŭl'lăm, the scribe, to the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, 4 Go up to Hĭl-kī'ăh the high priest, that he may sum the money which is brought into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, which the keepers of the threshold have gathered of the people: 5 and let them deliver it into the hand of the workmen that have the oversight of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh; and let them give it to the workmen that are in the house

of Jĕ-hō'văh, to repair the breaches of the house, 6 unto the carpenters, and to the builders, and to the masons, and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the house. 7 Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand; for they dealt faithfully.

8 And Hĭl-kī'ăh the high priest said unto Shā'phăn the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. And Hĭl-kī'ăh delivered the book to Shā'phăn, and he read it. 9 And Shā'phăn the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have [1]emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen that have the oversight of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 10 And Shā'phăn the scribe told the king, saying, Hĭl-kī'ăh the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shā'phăn read it before the king. 11 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. 12 And the king commanded Hĭl-kī'ăh the priest, and Ă-hī'kăm the son of Shā'phăn, and Ăch'bôr the son of Mī-cā'ĭăh, and Shā'phăn the scribe, and Ă-sā'ĭăh the king's servant, saying, 13 Go ye, inquire of Jĕ-hō'văh for me, and for the people, and for all Jū'dăh, concerning the words of this book that is found; for great is the wrath of Jĕ-hō'văh that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is [2]written concerning us.

14 So Hĭl-kī'ăh the priest, and Ă-hī'kăm, and Ăch'bôr, and Shā'phăn, and Ă-sā'ĭăh, went unto Hŭl'dăh the prophetess, the wife of Shăl'lŭm the son of Tĭk'văh, the son of Hăr'hăs, keeper of the wardrobe (now she dwelt in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm in the [3]second quarter); and they communed with her. 15 And she said unto them, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'-rā-ĕl: Tell ye the man that sent you unto me, 16 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Jū'dăh hath read. 17 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and it shall not be quenched. 18 But unto the king of Jū'dăh, who sent you to inquire of Jĕ-hō'văh, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: As touching the words which thou hast heard, 19 because thy heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before Jĕ-hō'văh, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become [4]a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 20 Therefore, behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

23 And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Jū'dăh and of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 2 And the king went up to the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and all the men of Jū'dăh and all the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 3 And the king stood [5]by the pillar, and made a covenant before Jĕ-hō'văh, to walk after Jĕ-hō'văh, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with

[1] Or, *poured out* [2] Or, *enjoined us* [3] Heb. *Mishneh*
[4] Or, *an astonishment* [5] Or, *on the platform*

all *his* heart, and all *his* soul, to [1]confirm the words of this covenant that were written in this book: and all the people stood to the covenant.

4 And the king commanded Hĭl-kī'ăh the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the threshold, to bring forth out of the temple of Jĕ-hō'văh all the vessels that were made for Bā'ăl, and for the Ă-shĕ'-răh, and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them without Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm in the fields of the Kĭd'-rŏn, and carried the ashes of them unto Bĕth'-ĕl. 5 And he put down the [2]idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Jū'dăh had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Jū'dăh, and in the places round about Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; them also that burned incense unto Bā'ăl, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the [3]planets, and to all the host of heaven. 6 And he brought out the Ă-shĕ'răh from the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, without Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, unto the brook Kĭd'-rŏn, and burned it at the brook Kĭd'rŏn, and beat it to dust, and cast the dust thereof upon the graves of the [4]common people. 7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, where the women wove [5]hangings for the Ă-shĕ'răh. 8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Jū'-dăh, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Gĕ'bà to Bĕ'ĕr-shĕ'bà; and he brake down the high places of the gates that were at the entrance of the gate of Jŏsh'ū-à the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city. 9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, but they did eat unleavened bread among their brethren. 10 And he defiled Tō'phĕth, which is in the valley of the [6]children of the [7]host, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Mō'-lĕch. 11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Jū'dăh had given to the sun, at the entrance of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, by the chamber of Nā'thăn-mē'-lĕch the chamberlain, which was in the precincts; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire. 12 And the altars that were on the roof of the upper chamber of Ā'hăz, which the kings of Jū'dăh had made, and the altars which Mă-năs'sĕh had made in the two courts of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, did the king break down, and [7]beat *them* down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kĭd'rŏn. 13 And the high places that were before Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, which were on the right hand of the mount of [8]corruption, which Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn the king of Ĭs'rà-ĕl had builded for Ăsh'tō-rĕth the abomination of the Sī-dō'nī-ănș, and for Chĕ'mŏsh the abomination of Mō'ăb, and for Mĭl'cŏm the abomination of the children of Ăm'-mŏn, did the king defile. 14 And he brake in pieces the [9]pillars, and cut down the Ă-shĕ'rĭm, and filled their places with the bones of men.

15 Moreover the altar that was at Bĕth'-ĕl, and the high place which Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of Nĕ'băt, who made Ĭs'rà-ĕl to sin, had made, even that altar and the high place he brake down; and he burned the high place and beat it to dust, and burned the Ă-shĕ'răh. 16 And as Jō-sī'ăh turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount; and he sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and defiled it, according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these things. 17 Then he said, What monument is that which I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sepulchre of the man of God, who came from

[1] Or, *perform* [2] Heb. *Chemarim* See Hos. 10. 5; Zeph. 1. 4 [3] Or, *twelve signs* [4] Heb. *children of the people* [5] Or, *tents* Heb. *houses* [6] According to another reading, *son* [7] Or, *ran from thence* [8] Or, *destruction* [9] Or, *obelisks*

Jū'dăh, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Bĕth'-ĕl. 18 And he said, Let him be; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Să-mā'-rī-ā. 19 And all the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of Să-mā'rī-ā, which the kings of Is'rā-ĕl had made to provoke *Je-ho'vah* to anger, Jō-sī'ăh took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Bĕth'-ĕl. 20 And he [1]slew all the priests of the high places that were there, upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them; and he returned to Jĕ-ru'-să-lĕm.

21 And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto Jĕ-hō'văh your God, as it is written in this book of the covenant. 22 Surely there was not kept such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Is'rā-ĕl, [2]nor in all the days of the kings of Is'rā-ĕl, nor of the kings of Jū'dăh; 23 but in the eighteenth year of king Jō-sī'ăh was this passover kept to Jĕ-hō'văh in Jĕ-ru'-să-lĕm.

24 Moreover them that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the tĕr'ă-phĭm, and the idols, and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Jū'dăh and in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, did Jō-sī'ăh put away, that he might [3]confirm the words of the law which were written in the book that Hĭl-kī'ăh the priest found in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 25 And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to Jĕ-hō'văh with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Mō'sĕs; neither after him arose there any like him.

26 Notwithstanding, Jĕ-hō'văh turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Jū'dăh, because of all the provocations wherewith Mă-năs'sĕh had provoked him. 27 And Jĕ-hō'văh said, I will remove Jū'dăh also out of my sight, as I have removed Is'rā-ĕl, and I will cast off this city which I have chosen, even Jĕ-ru'-să-lĕm, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jō-sī'ăh, and all that he did; are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Jū'dăh? 29 In his days Phā'raōh-nē'cōh king of Ē'gўpt went up against the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā to the river Eū-phrā'tēs: and king Jō-sī'ăh went against him; and *Pha'raoh-ne'coh* slew him at Mĕ-gĭd'dō, when he had seen him. 30 And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Mĕ-gĭd'dō, and brought him to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the land took Jĕ-hō'ă-hăz the son of Jō-sī'ăh, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

31 Jĕ-hō'ă-hăz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and his mother's name was Hă-mū'tăl the daughter of Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh of Lĭb'năh. 32 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, according to all that his fathers had done. 33 And Phā'raōh-nē'cōh put him in bonds at Rĭb'lăh in the land of Hā'măth, [4]that he might not reign in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and put the land to a [5]tribute of a hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold. 34 And Phā'raōh-nē'cōh made Ē-lī'ă-kĭm the son of Jō-sī'ăh king in the room of Jō-sī'ăh his father, and changed his name to Jĕ-hoi'-ă-kĭm: but he took Jĕ-hō'ă-hăz away; and he came to Ē'gўpt, and died there. 35 And Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm gave the silver and the gold to Phā'raōh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Phā'raōh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one

[1] Or, *sacrificed*
[2] Or, *even in all . . . and of*
[3] Or, *perform*
[4] According to another reading, *when he reigned*
[5] Or, *fine*

according to his taxation, to give it unto Phā'raōh-nē'cōh.

36 Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and his mother's name was Zĕ-bī'dăh the daughter of Pĕ-dā'ĭăh of Ru'măh. 37 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, according to all that his fathers had done.

24 In his days Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn came up, and Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him. 2 And Jĕ-hō'văh sent against him bands of the Chăl-dē'ăns, and bands of the Sўr'ĭ-ăns, and bands of the Mō'ăb-ītes, and bands of the children of Ăm'mŏn, and sent them against Jū'dăh to destroy it, according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, which he spake by his servants the prophets. 3 Surely at the commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh came this upon Jū'dăh, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Mă-năs'sĕh, according to all that he did, 4 and also for the innocent blood that he shed; for he filled Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm with innocent blood: and Jĕ-hō'văh would not pardon. 5 Now the rest of the acts of Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Jū'dăh? 6 So Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm slept with his fathers; and Jĕ-hoi'ă-chĭn his son reigned in his stead. 7 And the king of Ē'gўpt came not again any more out of his land; for the king of Băb'ў-lŏn had taken, from the brook of Ē'gўpt unto the river Eū-phrā'tēs, all that pertained to the king of Ē'gўpt.

8 Jĕ-hoi'ă-chĭn was eighteen years old when he began to reign; and he reigned in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm three months: and his mother's name was Nĕ-hŭsh'tă the daughter of ĕl-nā'thăn of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, according to all that his father had done.

10 At that time the servants of Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn came up to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and the city was besieged. 11 And Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn came unto the city, while his servants were besieging it; 12 and Jĕ-hoi'ă-chĭn the king of Jū'dăh went out to the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his [1]officers: and the king of Băb'ў-lŏn took him in the eighth year of his reign. 13 And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold, which Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn king of ĭs'rā-ĕl had made in the temple of Jĕ-hō'văh, as Jĕ-hō'văh had said. 14 And he carried away all Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valor, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths; none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land. 15 And he carried away Jĕ-hoi'ă-chĭn to Băb'ў-lŏn; and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his [1]officers, and the [2]chief men of the land, carried he into captivity from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm to Băb'ў-lŏn. 16 And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths a thousand, all of them strong and apt for war, even them the king of Băb'ў-lŏn brought captive to Băb'ў-lŏn. 17 And the king of Băb'ў-lŏn made Măt-tă-nī'ăh, *Je-hoi'achin's* father's brother, king in his stead, and changed his name to Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh.

18 Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh was twenty and one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and his mother's name was [3]Hă-mū'tăl the daughter of Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh of Lĭb'năh. 19 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, according to all that Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm had done. 20 For through the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh did it come to pass in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm and Jū'dăh, until he had cast them out from his presence.

[1] Or, *eunuchs* [2] Or, *mighty*
[3] Heb. *Hamital*

Zedekiah King. Jerusalem laid waste. The Temple despoiled

25 And Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh rebelled against the king of Băb'ĭ-lŏn. 1 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär king of Băb'ĭ-lŏn came, he and all his army, against Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it round about. 2 So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh. 3 On the ninth day of the *fourth* month the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. 4 Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war *fled* by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden (now the Chăl-dē'ăns were against the city round about); and *the king* went by the way of the Ăr'ă-băh. 5 But the army of the Chăl-dē'ăns pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jĕr'ĭ-chō; and all his army was scattered from him. 6 Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Băb'ĭ-lŏn to Rĭb'lăh; and they [1]gave judgment upon him. 7 And they slew the sons of Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh, and bound him in fetters, and carried him to Băb'ĭ-lŏn.

8 Now in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär, king of Băb'ĭ-lŏn, came Nĕb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Băb'ĭ-lŏn, unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 9 And he burnt the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, even every great house, burnt he with fire. 10 And all the army of the Chăl-dē'ăns, that were *with* the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm round about. 11 And the residue of the people that were left in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Băb'ĭ-lŏn, and the residue of the multitude, did Nĕb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the guard carry away captive. 12 But the captain of the guard left of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen.

13 And the pillars of brass that were in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the bases and the brazen sea that were in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, did the Chăl-dē'ăns break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Băb'ĭ-lŏn. 14 And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away. 15 And the firepans, and the basins, that which was of gold, in gold, and that which was of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away. 16 The two pillars, the one sea, and the bases, which Sŏl'ō-mŏn had made for the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, the brass of all these vessels was without weight. 17 The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and a capital of brass was upon it; and the height of the capital was three cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the capital round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with network.

18 And the captain of the guard took Sĕ-rā'ĭăh the chief priest, and Zĕph-ă-nī'ăh the second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold: 19 and out of the city he took an [2]officer that was set over the men of war; and five men of them that saw the king's face, who were found in the city; and the [3]scribe, the captain of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the city. 20 And Nĕb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Băb'ĭ-lŏn to Rĭb'lăh. 21 And the king of Băb'ĭ-lŏn smote them, and put them to death at Rĭb'lăh in the land of Hā'măth. So Jū'dăh was

[1] Or, *spake with him of judgment*

[2] Or, *eunuch*

[3] Or, *scribe of the captain of the host*

Gedaliah slain by Ishmael. Jehoiachin kindly treated

carried away captive out of his land.

22 And as for the people that were left in the land of Jū'dăh, whom Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zăr king of Băb'ў-lŏn had left, even over them he made Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh the son of A-hī'kăm, the son of Shā'phăn, governor. 23 Now when all the captains of the forces, they and their men, heard that the king of Băb'ў-lŏn had made Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh governor, they came to Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh to Mĭz'păh, even ĭsh'mă-ĕl the son of Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh, and Jō-hā'năn the son of Kā-rē'ăh, and Sĕ-rā'ĭăh the son of Tăn'hū-mĕth the Nĕ-tŏph'ă-thīte, and Jā-ăz-ă-nī'ăh the son of the Mă-ăc'ă-thīte, they and their men. 24 And Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh sware to them and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not because of the servants of the Chăl-dē'ăns: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and it shall be well with you. 25 But it came to pass in the seventh month, that ĭsh'mă-ĕl the son of Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh, the son of Ē-lĭsh'ă-mă, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh, so that he died, and the Jews and the Chăl-dē'ăns that were with him at Mĭz'păh. 26 And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the forces, arose, and came to Ē'gўpt; for they were afraid of the Chăl-dē'ăns.

27 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jĕ-hoi'ă-chĭn king of Jū'dăh, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that Ē'vĭl-mĕ-rō'dăch king of Băb'ў-lŏn, in the year that he began to reign, did lift up the head of Jĕ-hoi'ă-chĭn king of Jū'dăh out of prison; 28 and he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Băb'ў-lŏn, 29 and changed his prison garments. And *Je-hoi'a-chin* did eat bread before him continually all the days of his life: 30 and for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him of the king, every day a portion, all the days of his life.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES

Descendants of Noah

1 Adam, Seth, Ē'nŏsh, 2 Kē'năn, Mā-hā'lă-lĕl, Jā'rĕd, 3 Ē'nŏch, Mĕ-thū'sĕ-lăh, Lā'mĕch, 4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Jā'phĕth.

5 The sons of Jā'phĕth: Gō'mĕr, and Mā'gŏg, and Mā'dăi, and Jā'văn, and Tū'băl, and Mē'shĕch, and Tī'răs. 6 And the sons of Gō'mĕr: Ăsh'kĕ-năz, and [1]Dī'phăth, and Tō-gär'măh. 7 And the sons of Jā'văn: Ē-lī'shăh, and Tär'shĭsh, Kĭt'tĭm, and [2]Rŏd'ă-nĭm.

8 The sons of Ham: Cŭsh, and Mĭz'rā-ĭm, Pŭt, and Cā'năan. 9 And the sons of Cŭsh: Sē'bă, and Hăv'ĭ-lăh, and Săb'tă, and Rā'ă-mă, and Săb'tĕ-cā. And the sons of Rā'ă-măh: Shē'bă, and Dē'dăn. 10 And Cŭsh begat Nĭm'rŏd; he began to be a mighty one in the earth. 11 And Mĭz'rā-ĭm begat Lū'dĭm, and Ăn'ă-mĭm, and Lē'hă-bĭm, and Năph'tu-hĭm, 12 and Păth-ru'sĭm, and Căs'lu-hĭm (from whence came [3]the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes), and Căph'tŏ-rĭm. 13 And Cā'-

[1] In Gen. 10. 3, *Riphath*
[2] In Gen. 10. 4, *Dodanim*
[3] Heb. *Pelishtim*

năan begat Sī'dŏn his first-born, and Heth, 14 and the Jĕb'ū-sīte, and the Ăm'ôr-ite, and the Gĭr'gă-shīte, 15 and the Hī'vīte, and the Ärk'īte, and the Sĭn'īte, 16 and the Är'văd-īte, and the Zĕm'ă-rite, and the Hă'măth-īte.

17 The sons of Shem: Ē'lăm, and Ăssh'ūr, and Är-păchs'hăd, and Lŭd, and Ā'răm, and ūz, and Hūl, and Gē'thĕr, and [1]Mē'shĕch. 18 And Är-păchs'hăd begat Shē'lăh, and Shē'lăh begat Ē'bĕr. 19 And unto Ē'bĕr were born two sons: the name of the one was Pē'lĕg; for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Jŏk'tăn. 20 And Jŏk'tăn begat Ăl-mō'dăd, and Shē'lĕph, and Hā-zär-mā'vĕth, and Jĕ'răh, 21 and Hă-dō'răm, and ū'zăl, and Dĭk'lăh, 22 and [2]Ē'băl, and Ă-bĭm'ă-ēl, and Shē'bā, 23 and ō'phīr, and Hăv'ī-lăh, and Jō'băb. All these were the sons of Jŏk'tăn.

24 Shem, Är-păchs'hăd, Shē'lăh, 25 Ē'bĕr, Pē'lĕg, Rē'ū, 26 Sē'rŭg, Nā'hôr, Tē'răh, 27 Abram (the same is Abraham).

28 The sons of Abraham: Ī'săac, and Ĭsh'mā-ĕl. 29 These are their generations: the first-born of Ĭsh'mā-ĕl, Nē-bā'ĭŏth; then Kē'dăr, and Ăd'bē-ĕl, and Mĭb'săm, 30 Mĭsh'mă, and Dū'măh, Mās'să, Hă'dăd, and Tē'mă, 31 Jē'tŭr, Nā'phĭsh, and Kĕd'ĕ-măh. These are the sons of Ĭsh'mā-ĕl.

32 And the sons of Kē-tū'răh, Abraham's concubine: she bare Zĭm'răn, and Jŏk'shăn, and Mē'dăn, and Mĭd'ī-ăn, and Ĭsh'băk, and Shu'ăh. And the sons of Jŏk'shăn: Shē'bă, and Dē'dăn. 33 And the sons of Mĭd'ī-ăn: Ē'phăh, and Ē'phēr, and Hă'nŏch, and Ă-bī'dă, and Ĕl-dā'ăh. All these were the sons of Kē-tū'răh.

34 And Abraham begat Ī'săac. The sons of Ī'săac: Ē'sau, and Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

35 The sons of Ē'sau: Ĕl'ī-phăz, Reu'ĕl, and Jē'ŭsh, and Jā'lăm, and Kō'răh. 36 The sons of Ĕl'ī-phăz: Tē'măn, and ō'mär, [3]Zē'phī, and Gā'tăm, Kē'năz, and Tĭm'nă, and Ăm'ă-lĕk. 37 The sons of Reu'ĕl: Nā'hăth, Zē'răh, Shăm'măh, and Mĭz'zăh.

38 And the sons of Sē'ĭr: Lō'tăn, and Shō'băl, and Zĭb'ē-ŏn, and Ā'năh, and Dī'shŏn, and Ē'zĕr, and Dī'shăn. 39 And the sons of Lō'tăn: Hō'rī, and [4]Hō'măm; and Tĭm'nă was Lō'tăn's sister. 40 The sons of Shō'băl: [5]Ă-lī'ăn, and Mă-nā'hăth, and Ē'băl, [6]Shē'phī, and ō'năm. And the sons of Zĭb'ē-ŏn: Ā'ĭăh, and Ā'năh. 41 The sons of Ā'năh: Dī'shŏn. And the sons of Dī'shŏn: [7]Hăm'răn, and Ĕsh'băn, and Ĭth'răn, and Chĕ'răn. 42 The sons of Ē'zĕr: Bĭl'hăn, and Zā'ă-văn, [8]Jā'ă-kăn. The sons of Dī'shăn: ūz, and Ā'răn.

43 Now these are the kings that reigned in the land of Ē'dŏm, before there reigned any king over the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: Bē'lă the son of Bē'ôr; and the name of his city was Dĭn'hă-băh. 44 And Bē'lă died, and Jō'băb the son of Zē'răh of Bŏz'răh reigned in his stead. 45 And Jō'băb died, and Hū'shăm of the land of the Tē'mă-nītes reigned in his stead. 46 And Hū'shăm died, and Hă'dăd the son of Bē'dăd, who smote Mĭd'ī-ăn in the field of Mō'ăb, reigned in his stead; and the name of his city was Ā'vĭth. 47 And Hă'dăd died, and Săm'lăh of Mās-rē'kăh reigned in his stead. 48 And Săm'lăh died, and Shā'ŭl of Rē-hō'bŏth by the River reigned in his stead. 49 And Shā'ŭl died, and Bā'ăl-hā'năn the son of Ăch'bôr reigned in his stead. 50 And Bā'ăl-hā'năn died, and [9]Hă'dăd reigned in his stead; and the name of his city was [10]Pā'ĭ: and his wife's name was Mĕ-hĕt'ă-bĕl, the daughter of Mā'trĕd, the daughter of Mĕ-zā'hăb. 51 And Hă'dăd died.

And the chiefs of Ē'dŏm were: chief Tĭm'nă, chief [11]Ă-lī'ăh, chief Jē'thĕth, 52 chief ō-hŏl-ĭ-bā'măh,

[1] In Gen. 10. 23, *Mash* [2] In Gen. 10. 23, *Obal* [3] In Gen. 36. 11, *Zepho* [4] In Gen. 36. 22, *Hemam* [5] In Gen. 36. 23, *Alvan* [6] In Gen. 36. 23, *Shepho* [7] In Gen. 36. 26, *Hemdan* [8] In Gen. 36. 27, *and Akan* [9] In Gen. 36. 39, *Hadar* [10] In Gen. 36. 39, *Pau* [11] In Gen. 36. 40, *Alvah*

chief Ē'lăh, chief Pī'nŏn, 53 chief Kē'năz, chief Tē'măn, chief Mĭb'zär, 54 chief Măg'dĭ-ĕl, chief Ĭ'răm. These are the chiefs of Ē'dŏm.

2 These are the sons of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: Reu'bĕn, Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn, Lē'vĭ, and Jū'dăh, Ĭs'să-chär, and Zĕb'ū-lŭn, 2 Dan, Joseph, and Bĕn'jă-mĭn, Năph'tă-lĭ, Gad, and Ăsh'ĕr.

3 The sons of Jū'dăh: Ēr, and Ō'năn, and Shē'lăh; which three were born unto him of Shu'ă's daughter the Că'năan-ī-tĕss. And Ēr, Jū'dăh's first-born, was wicked in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh; and he slew him. 4 And Tā'mär his daughter-in-law bare him Pē'rĕz and Zē'răh. All the sons of Jū'dăh were five.

5 The sons of Pē'rĕz: Hĕz'rŏn, and Hā'mūl. 6 And the sons of Zē'răh: [1]Zĭm'rī, and Ē'thăn, and Hē'măn, and Căl'cŏl, and [2]Dā'rà; five of them in all. 7 And the sons of Cär'mī: [3]A'chär, the troubler of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, who committed a trespass in the devoted thing. 8 And the sons of Ē'thăn: Ăz-ă-rī'ăh.

9 The sons also of Hĕz'rŏn, that were born unto him: Jĕ-räh'mĕ-ĕl, and Ram, and Chĕ-lū'bāi. 10 And Ram begat Ăm-mĭn'ă-dăb, and Ăm-mĭn'ă-dăb begat Năh'shŏn, prince of the children of Jū'dăh; 11 and Năh'shŏn begat Săl'mà, and Săl'mà begat Bō'ăz, 12 and Bō'ăz begat Ō'bĕd, and Ō'bĕd begat Jĕs'sē; 13 and Jĕs'sē begat his first-born Ē-lī'ăb, and Ă-bĭn'ă-dăb the second, and Shĭm'ĕ-ă the third, 14 Nĕ-thăn'ĕl the fourth, Răd'dăi the fifth, 15 Ō'zĕm the sixth, David the seventh; 16 and their sisters were Zĕ-ru'ĭăh and Ăb'ĭ-gāil. And the sons of Zĕ-ru'ĭăh: [4]Ă-bī'shāi, and Jō'ăb, and Ā'să-hĕl, three. 17 And Ăb'ĭ-gāil bare Ăm'ă-să; and the father of Ăm'ă-să was Jĕ'thĕr the Ĭsh'mă-ĕl-ĭte.

18 And Că'lĕb the son of Hĕz'rŏn begat *children* of Ā-zū'băh *his* wife, and of Jĕ'rĭ-ŏth; and these were her sons: Jĕ'shĕr, and Shō'băb, and Är'dŏn. 19 And Ă-zū'băh died, and Că'lĕb took unto him Ĕph'răth, who bare him Hūr. 20 And Hūr begat Ū'rī, and Ū'rī begat Bĕ-zăl'ĕl.

21 And afterward Hĕz'rŏn went in to the daughter of Mā'chĭr the father of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, whom he took *to wife* when he was threescore years old; and she bare him Sē'gŭb. 22 And Sē'gŭb begat Jā'ĭr, who had three and twenty cities in the land of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd. 23 And Gē'shŭr and Ā'răm took [5]the towns of Jā'ĭr from them, with Kē'năth, and the [6]villages thereof, even threescore cities. All these were the sons of Mā'chĭr the father of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd. 24 And after that Hĕz'rŏn was dead in Că'lĕb-ĕph'ră-thăh, then Ă-bī'jăh Hĕz'rŏn's wife bare him Ăsh'hŭr the father of Tĕ-kō'a.

25 And the sons of Jĕ-räh'mĕ-ĕl the first-born of Hĕz'rŏn were Ram the first-born, and Bū'năh, and Ō'rĕn, and Ō'zĕm, Ă-hī'jăh. 26 And Jĕ-räh'mĕ-ĕl had another wife, whose name was Ăt'ă-răh; she was the mother of Ō'năm. 27 And the sons of Ram the first-born of Jĕ-räh'mĕ-ĕl were Mā'ăz, and Jā'mĭn, and Ē'kĕr. 28 And the sons of Ō'năm were Shăm'māi, and Jā'dà. And the sons of Shăm'māi: Nā'dăb, and Ă-bī'shŭr. 29 And the name of the wife of Ă-bī'shŭr was Ăb-ĭ-hā'ĭl; and she bare him Ăh'băn, and Mō'lĭd. 30 And the sons of Nā'dăb: Sē'lĕd, and Ăp'pă-ĭm: but Sē'lĕd died without [7]children. 31 And the sons of Ăp'pă-ĭm: Ĭsh'ĭ. And the sons of Ĭsh'ĭ: Shē'shăn. And the sons of Shē'shăn: Ăh'lāi. 32 And the sons of Jā'dà the brother of Shăm'māi: Jĕ'thĕr, and Jŏn'ă-thăn; and Jĕ'thĕr died without [7]children. 33 And the sons of Jŏn'ă-thăn: Pē'lĕth, and Zā'zà. These were the sons of Jĕ-räh'mĕ-ĕl. 34 Now Shē'shăn had no sons, but daughters. And Shē'shăn had a servant, an Ē-gўp'tĭăn, whose name was Jär'hà. 35 And Shē'shăn gave his

[1] In Josh. 7. 1, *Zabdi* [2] In 1 K. 4. 31, *Darda* [3] In Josh. 7. 1, *Achan* [4] Heb. *Abshai*

[5] Or, *Havvoth-jair* [6] Heb. *daughters* [7] Or, *sons*

daughter to Jär'hā his servant to wife; and she bare him Ät'tāi.
36 And Ät'tāi begat Nā'thăn, and Nā'thăn begat Zā'băd, 37 and Zā'băd begat Ĕph'lăl, and Ĕph'lăl begat Ō'bĕd, 38 and Ō'bĕd begat Jē'hū, and Jē'hū begat Ăz-ă-rī'ăh, 39 and Ăz-ă-rī'ăh begat Hē'lĕz, and Hē'lĕz begat Ĕ-lē'ă-săh, 40 and Ĕ-lē'ă-săh begat Sĭs'māi, and Sĭs'māi begat Shăl'lŭm, 41 and Shăl'lŭm begat Jĕk-ă-mī'ăh, and Jĕk-ă-mī'ăh begat Ĕ-lĭsh'ă-mā.

42 And the sons of Cā'lĕb the brother of Jē-răh'mĕ-ĕl were Mē'shā his first-born, who was the father of Zĭph; and the sons of Mā-rē'shăh the father of Hē'brŏn: 43 And the sons of Hē'brŏn: Kō'răh, and Tăp'pū-ăh, and Rē'kĕm, and Shē'mā. 44 And Shē'mā begat Rā'hăm, the father of Jôr'kĕ-ăm; and Rē'kĕm begat Shăm'māi. 45 And the son of Shăm'māi was Mā'ŏn; and Mā'ŏn was the father of Bĕth'-zûr. 46 And Ĕ'phăh, Cā'leb's concubine, bare Hā'răn, and Mō'zā, and Gā'zĕz; and Hā'răn begat Gā'zĕz. 47 And the sons of Jăh'dāi: Rē'gĕm, and Jō'thăn, and Gĕ'shăn, and Pē'lĕt, and Ĕ'phăh and Shā'ăph. 48 Mā'ă-cāh, Cā'leb's concubine, bare Shē'bĕr and Tĭr'hă-năh. 49 She bare also Shā'ăph the father of Măd-măn'năh, Shē'vā the father of Măch'bĕ-nā, and the father of Gĭb'ē-ā; and the daughter of Cā'lĕb was Ăch'săh.

50 These were the sons of Cā'lĕb, the son of Hûr, the first-born of Ĕph'rā-thăh: Shō'băl the father of Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-jē'ă-rĭm, 51 Săl'mā the father of Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm, Hā'rĕph the father of Bĕth-gā'dēr. 52 And Shō'băl the father of Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-jē'ă-rĭm had sons: Hăr'ŏ-ēh, half of the Mĕ-nū'hŏth. 53 And the families of Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-jē'ă-rĭm: the Ĭth'rītes, and the Pū'thītes, and the Shu'măth-ītes, and the Mĭsh'răi-ītes; of them came the Zō'răth-ītes and the Ĕsh'tă-ôl-ītes. 54 The sons of Săl'mā: Bĕth'lĕ-hĕm, and the Nē-tōph'ă-thītes, Ăt'rŏth-bĕth-jō'ăb, and half of the Măn'ă-hăth-ītes, the Zō'rītes. 55 And the families of scribes that dwelt at Jā'bĕz: the Tī'răth-ītes, the Shĭm'ĕ-ăth-ītes, the Sū'căth-ītes. These are the Kĕn'ītes that came of Hăm'măth, the father of the house of Rē'chăb.

3 Now these were the sons of David, that were born unto him in Hē'brŏn: the first-born, Ăm'nŏn, of Ă-hĭn'ō-ăm the Jĕz'rē-ĕl-ī-tĕss; the second, Dăn'ĭĕl, of Ăb'ĭ-gāil the Căr'mĕl-ī-tĕss; 2 the third, Ăb'să-lŏm the son of Mā'ă-cāh the daughter of Tăl'māi king of Gē'shŭr; the fourth, Ăd-ō-nī'jăh the son of Hăg'gĭth; 3 the fifth, Shĕph-ă-tī'ăh of Ăb'ĭ-tăl; the sixth, Ĭth'rĕ-ăm by Ĕg'lăh his wife: 4 six were born unto him in Hē'brŏn; and there he reigned seven years and six months. And in Jē-ru'să-lĕm he reigned thirty and three years; 5 and these were born unto him in Jē-ru'să-lĕm: Shĭm'ĕ-ă, and Shō'băb, and Nā'thăn, and Sŏl'ō-mŏn, four, of Băth'-shu-ă the daughter of Ăm'mĭ-ĕl; 6 and Ĭb'hăr, and Ĕ-lĭsh'ă-mā, and Ĕ-lĭph'ĕ-lĕt, 7 and Nō'găh, and Nĕ'phĕg, and Jă-phī'ă, 8 and Ĕ-lĭsh'ă-mā, and Ĕ-lī'ă-dă, and Ĕ-lĭph'ĕ-lĕt, nine. 9 All these were the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines; and Tā'măr was their sister.

10 And Sŏl'ō-mŏn's son was Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm, Ă-bī'jăh his son, Ă'să his son, Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt his son, 11 Jō'răm his son, Ă-hă-zī'ăh his son, Jō'ăsh his son, 12 Ăm-ă-zī'ăh his son, Ăz-ă-rī'ăh his son, Jō'thăm his son, 13 Ā'hăz his son, Hĕz-ē-kī'ăh his son, Mă-năs'sēh his son, 14 Ā'mŏn his son, Jō-sī'ăh his son. 15 And the sons of Jō-sī'ăh: the first-born Jō-hā'năn, the second Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm, the third Zĕd-ē-kī'ăh, the fourth Shăl'lŭm. 16 And the sons of Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm: Jĕc-ō-nī'ăh his son, Zĕd-ē-kī'ăh his son. 17 And the sons of Jĕc-ō-nī'ăh, [1]the captive: Shĕ-ăl'tĭ-ĕl his son, 18 and Măl-chī'răm, and Pĕ-dā'ĭăh, and Shĕ-năz'zăr, Jĕk-ă-mī'ăh, Hŏsh'ă-mā, and Nĕd-ă-bī'ăh. 19 And the sons of Pĕ-

[1] Or, *Assir*

dā'ĭăh: Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl, and Shĭm'ĕ-ī. And the [1]sons of Zĕ-rŭb'-bă-bĕl: Mĕ-shŭl'lăm, and Hăn-ă-nī'ăh; and Shĕl'ō-mĭth was their sister; 20 and Hă-shu'băh, and Ō'hĕl, and Bĕr-ĕ-chī'ăh, and Hăs-ă-dī'ăh, Jū'shăb-hĕ'sĕd, five. 21 And the [1]sons of Hăn-ă-nī'ăh: Pĕl-ă-tī'ăh, and Jĕ-shā'ĭăh; the sons of Rĕ-phā'ĭăh, the sons of Ăr'năn, the sons of Ō-bă-dī'ăh, the sons of Shĕc-ă-nī'ăh. 22 And the sons of Shĕc-ă-nī'ăh: Shĕ-mā'-ĭăh. And the sons of Shĕ-mā'ĭăh: Hăt'tŭsh, and Ī'găl, and Bă-rī'ăh, and Nĕ-ă-rī'ăh, and Shā'phăt, six. 23 And the [1]sons of Nĕ-ă-rī'ăh: Ē-lī-ō-ē'nāi, and Hĭz-kī'ăh, and Ăz'rĭ-kăm, three. 24 And the sons of Ē-lī-ō-ē'nāi: Hŏd'ă-vī'ăh, and Ē-lī'ă-shĭb, and Pĕ-lā'ĭăh, and Ăk'kŭb, and Jō-hā'năn, and Dĕ-lā'ĭăh, and Ă-nā'nī, seven.

4 The sons of Jū'dăh: Pē'rĕz, Hĕz'rŏn, and Căr'mī, and Hūr, and Shō'băl. 2 And Rĕ-ā'ĭăh the son of Shō'băl begat Jā'hăth; and Jā'hăth begat Ă-hū'māi and Lă'-hăd. These are the families of the Zō'răth-ītes. 3 And these were *the sons of* the father of Ē'tăm: Jĕz'rē-ĕl, and Ĭsh'mă, and Ĭd'băsh; and the name of their sister was Hăz-zĕ-lĕl-pō'nī; 4 and Pĕ-nū'ĕl the father of Gē'dôr, and Ē'zēr the father of Hū'shăh. These are the sons of Hūr, the first-born of Ephrăthăh, the father of Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm. 5 And Ăsh'hŭr the father of Tĕ-kō'ă had two wives, Hē'lăh and Nă'ă-răh. 6 And Nă'ă-răh bare him Ă-hŭz'-zăm, and Hē'phēr, and Tĕm'ĕ-nī, and Hā-ă-hăsh'tă-rī. These were the sons of Nă'ă-răh. 7 And the sons of Hē'lăh were Zĕ'rĕth, [2]Ĭz'-hăr, and Ēth'năn. 8 And Hăk'-kŏz begat Ă'nūb, and Zō-bē'băh, and the families of Ă-hăr'hĕl the son of Hā'rŭm. 9 And Jā'bĕz was more honorable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jā'bĕz, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow. 10 And Jā'bĕz called on the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my border, and that thy hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it be not to my sorrow! And God granted him that which he requested. 11 And Chĕ'lŭb the brother of Shu'hăh begat Mē'hĭr, who was the father of Ēsh'tŏn. 12 And Ēsh'tŏn begat Bĕth-rā'phā, and Pă-sē'ăh, and Tĕ-hĭn'năh the father of [3]Ĭr-nā'hăsh. These are the men of Rē'căh. 13 And the sons of Kē'năz: Ŏth'nĭ-ĕl, and Sĕ-rā'ĭăh. And the sons of Ŏth'-nĭ-ĕl: Hā'thăth. 14 And Mē-ŏn'-ŏ-thāi begat Ŏph'răh: and Sĕ-rā'-ĭăh begat Jō'ăb the father of [4]Gē-hăr'ă-shĭm; for they were craftsmen. 15 And the sons of Că'lĕb the son of Jĕ-phŭn'nĕh: Ī'ru, Ē'lăh, and Nā'ăm; and the sons of Ē'lăh; and Kē'năz. 16 And the sons of Jĕ-hăl'lĕ-lĕl: Zĭph, and Zī'phăh, Tĭr'ĭ-ă, and Ăs'ă-rĕl. 17 And the sons of Ĕz'răh: Jē'thĕr, and Mē'rĕd, and Ē'phĕr, and Jā'lŏn; and she bare Mĭr'ĭ-ăm, and Shăm'māi, and Ĭsh'băh the father of Ēsh-tĕ-mō'ă. 18 And his wife [5]the Jewess bare Jē'rĕd the father of Gē'dôr, and Hē'bĕr the father of Sō'cō, and Jĕ-kū'thĭ-ĕl the father of Ză-nō'ăh. And these are the sons of Bĭ-thī'ăh the daughter of Phā'raōh, whom Mē'rĕd took. 19 And the sons of the wife of Hō-dī'ăh, the sister of Nā'hăm, were the father of Kēi'lăh the Găr'mīte, and Ēsh-tĕ-mō'ă the Mă-ăc'ă-thīte. 20 And the sons of Shĭ'mŏn: Ăm'nŏn, and Rĭn'năh, Bĕn-hā'năn, and Tī'lŏn. And the sons of Ĭsh'ī: Zō'hĕth, and Bĕn-zō'hĕth. 21 The sons of Shē'lăh the son of Jū'dăh: Ēr the father of Lē'căh, and Lā'ă-dăh the father of Mă-rē'shăh, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ăsh-bē'ă; 22 and Jō'kĭm, and the men of Cō-zē'bă, and Jō'ăsh, and Să'răph, who had dominion in Mō'ăb, and Jăsh'ū-bī-lē'hĕm. And the [6]records are ancient.

[1] Heb. *son* [2] Another reading is, *and Zohar* [3] Or, *the city of Nahash* [4] Or, *the valley of craftsmen* [5] Or, *Ha-jehudijah* [6] Heb. *words*

23 These were the potters, and [1]the inhabitants of Nĕ-tā'ĭm and Gĕ-dē'răh: there they dwelt with the king for his work.

24 The sons of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn: [2]Nĕm'-ū-ĕl, and Jā'mĭn, [3]Jā'rĭb, [4]Zĕ'răh, Shā'ŭl; 25 Shăl'lŭm his son, Mĭb'-săm his son, Mĭsh'mà his son. 26 And the sons of Mĭsh'mà: Hăm'mū-ĕl his son, Zăc'cŭr his son, Shĭm'ĕ-ī his son. 27 And Shĭm'ĕ-ī had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply like to the children of Jū'dăh. 28 And they dwelt at Bĕ'ĕr-shĕ'bà, and Mŏl'à-dăh, and Hā'zăr-shu'ăl, 29 and at Bĭl'hăh, and at Ē'zĕm, and at Tō'-lăd, 30 and at Bĕ-thū'ĕl, and at Hôr'măh, and at Zĭk'lăg, 31 and at Bĕth-măr'că-bŏth, and Hā'-zăr-sū'sĭm, and at Bĕth-bĭr'ī, and at Shā-ă-rā'ĭm. These were their cities unto the reign of David. 32 And their villages were Ē'tăm, and Ā'ĭn, Rĭm'mŏn, and Tō'chĕn, and Ā'shăn, five cities; 33 and all their villages that were round about the same cities, unto Bā'ăl. These were their habitations, and they have their genealogy. 34 And Mĕ-shō'băb, and Jăm'lĕch, and Jō'shăh the son of Ăm-ă-zī'-ăh, 35 and Jō'ĕl, and Jĕ'hū the son of Jŏsh-ĭ-bī'ăh, the son of Sĕ-rā'ĭăh, the son of Ā'sĭ-ĕl, 36 and Ĕ-lĭ-ō-ē'nāi, and Jā-ă-kō'băh, and Jĕsh-ō-hā'ĭăh, and Ă-sā'ĭăh, and Ā'dĭ-ĕl, and Jĕ-sĭm'ĭ-ĕl, and Bĕ-nā'ĭăh, 37 and Zĭ'zà the son of Shĭ'phĭ, the son of Ăl'lŏn, the son of Jĕ-dā'ĭăh, the son of Shĭm'rĭ, the son of Shĕ-mā'ĭăh—38 these mentioned by name were princes in their families: and their fathers' houses increased greatly. 39 And they went to the entrance of Gē'-dôr, even unto the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks. 40 And they found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for they that dwelt there aforetime were of Ham. 41 And these written by name came in the days of Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, and smote their tents, and the Mĕ-ū'nĭm that were found there, and [5]destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their stead; because there was pasture there for their flocks. 42 And some of them, even of the sons of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn, five hundred men, went to mount Sē'ĭr, having for their captains Pĕl-ă-tī'ăh, and Nĕ-ă-rī'-ăh, and Rĕ-phā'ĭăh, and Ŭz-zī'ĕl, the sons of Ĭsh'ī. 43 And they smote the remnant of the Ăm'ă-lĕk-ītes that escaped, and have dwelt there unto this day.

5 And the sons of Reu'bĕn the first-born of Ĭs'rà-ĕl (for he was the first-born; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's couch, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Ĭs'rà-ĕl; and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright. 2 For Jū'dăh prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the [6]prince; but the birthright was Joseph's), 3 the sons of Reu'bĕn the first-born of Ĭs'rà-ĕl: Hā'nŏch, and Păl'lū, Hĕz'rŏn, and Căr'mī. 4 The sons of Jō'ĕl: Shĕ-mā'ĭăh his son, Gōg his son, Shĭm'ĕ-ī his son, 5 Mī'căh his son, Rĕ-ā'ĭăh his son, Bā'ăl his son, 6 Bĕ-ē'răh his son, whom [7]Tĭl'găth-pĭl-nē'-sĕr king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-à carried away captive: he was prince of the Reu'bĕn-ites. 7 And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned: the chief, Jĕ-ī'ĕl, and Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, 8 and Bē'là the son of Ā'zăz, the son of Shĕ'mà, the son of Jō'ĕl, who dwelt in Ăr'ŏ-ēr, even unto Nē'bŏ and Bā'ăl-mĕ'-ŏn: 9 and eastward he dwelt even unto the entrance of the wilderness from the river Eū-phrā'tēs, because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd. 10 And in the days of Saul, they made war with the Hăg'rites, who fell by their hand; and they dwelt

[1] Or, *those that dwell among plantations and hedges* [2] In Gen. 46. 10, Ex. 6. 15, *Jemuel* [3] In Gen. 46. 10, *Jachin* [4] In Gen. 46. 10, *Zohar*

[5] Heb. *devoted them* [6] Or, *leader* [7] In 2 K. 15. 29; 16. 7, *Tiglath-pileser*

in their tents throughout all the *land* east of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd.

11 And the sons of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land of Bā'shăn unto Săl'ĕ-cāh: 12 Jō'ĕl the chief, and Shā'phăm the second, and Jā'nāi, and Shā'phāt in Bā'shăn. 13 And their brethren of their fathers' houses: Mī'chā-ĕl, and Mĕ-shŭl'lăm, and Shĕ'bā, and Jō'rāi, and Jā'cān, and Zī'ā, and Ĕ'bĕr, seven. 14 These were the sons of Ăb-ĭ-hā'ĭl, the son of Hū'rī, the son of Jā-rō'āh, the son of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, the son of Mī'chā-ĕl, the son of Jĕ-shĭsh'-āi, the son of Jäh'dō, the son of Bŭz; 15 Ā'hī the son of Ăb'dĭ-ĕl, the son of Gū'nī, chief of their fathers' houses. 16 And they dwelt in Gĭl'ĕ-ăd in Bā'shăn, and in its [1]towns, and in all the [2]suburbs of Shär'ŏn, as far as their [3]borders. 17 All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of Jō'thăm king of Jū'dăh, and in the days of Jĕr-ō-bō'ăm king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

18 The sons of Reu'bĕn, and the Gād'ites, and the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, were forty and four thousand seven hundred and threescore, that were able to go forth to war. 19 And they made war with the Hăg'rites, with Jĕ'tŭr, and Nā'phish, and Nō'dăb. 20 And they were helped against them, and the Hăg'rītes were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them; for they cried to God in the battle, and he was entreated of them, because they put their trust in him. 21 And they took away their cattle; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of [4]men a hundred thousand. 22 For there fell many slain, because the war was of God. And they dwelt in their stead until the captivity.

23 And the children of the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh dwelt in the land: they increased from Bā'-shăn unto Bā'ăl-hĕr'mŏn and Sĕ'-nĭr and mount Hĕr'mŏn. 24 And these were the heads of their fathers' houses: even Ē'phĕr, and ĭsh'ī, and Ĕ-lī'ĕl, and Ăz'rĭ-ĕl, and Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, and Hŏd-ă-vī'ăh, and Jäh'dĭ-ĕl, mighty men of valor, famous men, heads of their fathers' houses.

25 And they trespassed against the God of their fathers, and played the harlot after the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God destroyed before them. 26 And the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl stirred up the spirit of Pŭl king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă, and the spirit of Tĭl'găth-pĭl-nē'sĕr king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă, and he carried them away, even the Reu'bĕn-ites, and the Gād'ites, and the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh, and brought them unto Hā'lăh, and Hā'bôr, and Hā'rā, and to the river of Gō'zăn, unto this day.

*6 The sons of Lē'vĭ: [5]Gĕr'-shŏn, Kō'hăth, and Mĕ-rā'rĭ. 2 And the sons of Kō'hăth: Ăm'-răm, Ĭz'hăr, and Hĕ'brŏn, and Ŭz-zī'ĕl. 3 And the children of Ăm'răm: Aär'ŏn, and Mō'sĕs, and Mĭr'ĭ-ăm. And the sons of Aär'ŏn: Nā'dăb, and Ă-bī'hū, Ĕ-lē-ā'zär, and Ĭth'ă-măr. 4 Ĕ-lē-ā'zär begat Phĭn'ĕ-hăs, Phĭn'ĕ-hăs begat Ăb-ĭ-shū'ă, 5 and Ăb-ĭ-shū'ă begat Bŭk'kĭ, and Bŭk'kĭ begat Ŭz'zĭ, 6 and Ŭz'zĭ begat Zĕr-ă-hī'ăh, and Zĕr-ă-hī'ăh begat Mĕ-rā'ĭŏth, 7 Mĕ-rā'ĭŏth begat Ăm-ă-rī'ăh, and Ăm-ă-rī'ăh begat Ă-hī'tŭb, 8 and Ă-hī'tŭb begat Zā'dŏk, and Zā'dŏk begat Ă-hĭm'-ă-ăz, 9 and Ă-hĭm'ă-ăz begat Ăz-ă-rī'ăh, and Ăz-ă-rī'ăh begat Jō-hā'năn, 10 and Jō-hā'năn begat Ăz-ă-rī'ăh (he it is that executed the priest's office in the house that Sŏl'ō-mŏn built in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm), 11 and Ăz-ă-rī'ăh begat Ăm-ă-rī'-ăh, and Ăm-ă-rī'ăh begat Ă-hī'-tŭb, 12 and Ă-hī'tŭb begat Zā'-dŏk, and Zā'dŏk begat [6]Shăl'lŭm, 13 and Shăl'lŭm begat Hĭl-kī'ăh, and Hĭl-kī'ăh begat Ăz-ă-rī'ăh,

[1] Heb. *daughters* [2] Or, *pasture lands* [3] Heb. *goings forth* [4] Heb. *souls of men*

[5] In ver. 16, *Gershom* [6] In ch. 9. 11, *Meshullam*

*[Ch. 5.27 in Heb.]

14 and Ăz-ă-rī'ăh begat Sĕ-rā'ĭăh,
and Sĕ-rā'ĭăh begat Jĕ-hŏz'ă-dăk;
15 and Jĕ-hŏz'ă-dăk went *into captivity*,
when Jĕ-hō'văh carried away Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm by
the hand of Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär.

*16 The sons of Lĕ'vī: [1]Gĕr'shŏm, Kō'hăth, and Mĕ-rā'rī.
17 And these are the names of the sons of Gĕr'shŏm: Lĭb'nī and Shĭm'ĕ-ī.
18 And the sons of Kō'hăth were Ăm'răm, and Ĭz'hăr, and Hĕ'brŏn, and Ŭz-zī'ĕl.
19 The sons of Mĕ-rā'rī: Măh'lī and Mū'shī. And these are the families of the Lĕ'vītes according to their fathers' *houses*.
20 Of Gĕr'shŏm: Lĭb'nī his son, Jā'hăth his son, Zĭm'măh his son, 21 [2]Jō'ăh his son, [3]ĭd'dō his son, Zĕ'răh his son, [4]Jĕ-ăth'ĕ-răi his son.
22 The sons of Kō'hăth: [5]Ăm-mĭn'ă-dăb his son, Kō'răh his son, Ăs'sĭr his son, 23 Ĕl'kă-năh his son, and Ē-bī'ă-săph his son, and Ăs'sĭr his son, 24 Tā'hăth his son, [6]ū-rī'ĕl his son, Ŭz-zī'ăh his son, and Shā'ŭl his son.
25 And the sons of Ĕl'kă-năh: Ăm'ă-sāi, and Ă-hī'mŏth.
26 As for Ĕl'kă-năh, the sons of Ĕl'kă-năh: [7]Zō'phāi his son, and [8]Nā'hăth his son, 27 [9]Ē-lī'ăb his son, Jĕr'ŏ-hăm his son, Ĕl'kă-năh his son.
28 And the sons of Săm'ū-ĕl: the first-born [10]*Jo'el*, and the second Ă-bī'jăh.
29 The sons of Mĕ-rā'rī: Măh'lī, Lĭb'nī his son, Shĭm'ĕ-ī his son, Ŭz'zăh his son, 30 Shĭm'ĕ-ă his son, Hăg-gī'ăh his son, Ă-să'ĭăh his son.

31 And these are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, after that the ark had rest.
32 And they ministered with song before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, until Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn had built the house of Jĕ-hō'văh in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and they [11]waited on their office according to their order.
33 And these are they that [11]waited, and their sons. Of the sons of the Kō'hăth-ītes: Hĕ'măn the singer, the son of Jō'ĕl, the son of Săm'ū-ĕl, 34 the son of Ĕl'kă-năh, the son of Jĕr'ŏ-hăm, the son of Ē-lī'ĕl, the son of [12]Tō'ăh, 35 the son of [13]Zŭph, the son of Ĕl'kă-năh, the son of Mā'hăth, the son of Ăm'ă-sāi, 36 the son of Ĕl'kă-năh, the son of [14]Jō'ĕl, the son of Ăz-ă-rī'ăh, the son of Zĕph-ă-nī'ăh, 37 the son of Tā'hăth, the son of Ăs'sĭr, the son of Ē-bī'ă-săph, the son of Kō'răh, 38 the son of Ĭz'hăr, the son of Kō'hăth, the son of Lĕ'vī, the son of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.
39 And his brother Ā'săph, who stood on his right hand, even Ā'săph the son of Bĕr-ĕ-chī'ăh, the son of Shĭm'ĕ-ă, 40 the son of Mī'chā-ĕl, the son of Bā-ă-sē'ĭăh, the son of Măl-chī'jăh, 41 the son of Ēth'nī, the son of Zĕ'răh, the son of Ă-dā'ĭăh, 42 the son of Ē'thăn, the son of Zĭm'măh, the son of Shĭm'ĕ-ī, 43 the son of Jā'hăth, the son of Gĕr'shŏm, the son of Lĕ'vī.
44 And on the left hand their brethren the sons of Mĕ-rā'rī: [15]Ē'thăn the son of [16]Kĭsh'ī, the son of Ăb'dī, the son of Măl'lŭch, 45 the son of Hăsh'ă-bī-ăh, the son of Ăm-ă-zī'ăh, the son of Hĭl-kī'ăh, 46 the son of Ăm'zī, the son of Bā'nī, the son of Shē'mĕr, 47 the son of Măh'lī, the son of Mū'shī, the son of Mĕ-rā'rī, the son of Lĕ'vī.

48 And their brethren the Lĕ'vītes were [17]appointed for all the service of the tabernacle of the house of God.
49 But Aär'ŏn and his sons [18]offered upon the altar of burnt-offering, and upon the altar of incense, for all the work of the most holy place, and to make atonement for Ĭs'rā-ĕl, according to all that Mō'sĕs the servant of God had commanded.
50 And these are the sons of Aär'ŏn: Ē-lĕ-ā'zär

[1] In ver. 1, *Gershon* [2] In ver. 42, *Ethan*
[3] In ver. 41, *Adaiah* [4] In ver. 41, *Ethni*
[5] In ver. 2, 18, 38, *Izhar* [6] In ver. 36, *Zephaniah, Azariah, Joel* [7] In ver. 35, *Zuph*
[8] In ver. 34, *Toah* [9] In ver. 34, *Eliel* [10] See ver. 33, and 1 S. 8.2. The Hebrew text has, *Vashni, and Abiah* [11] Heb. *stood*
*[Ch. 6. 1 in Heb.]
[12] In ver. 26, *Nahath* [13] In ver. 26, *Zophai* [14] In ver. 24, *Shaul, Uzziah, Uriel*
[15] In ch. 9. 16, *Jeduthun*
[16] In ch. 15. 17, *Kushaiah*
[17] Heb. *given.* See Num. 3. 9
[18] Or, *burnt incense*

his son, Phĭn'ĕ-hăs his son, Ă-bĭ-shū'ă his son, 51 Bŭk'kĭ his son, Ŭz'zĭ his son, Zĕr-ă-hī'ăh his son, 52 Mĕ-rā'ĭŏth his son, Ăm-ă-rī'ăh his son, Ă-hī'tŭb his son, 53 Zā'-dŏk his son, Ă-hĭm'ă-ăz his son.

54 Now these are their dwelling-places according to their encampments in their borders: to the sons of Aâr'ŏn, of the families of the Kō'hăth-ites (for theirs was the *first* lot), 55 to them they gave Hē'brŏn in the land of Jū'dăh, and the suburbs thereof round about it; 56 but the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Că'lĕb the son of Jĕ-phŭn'-nĕh. 57 And to the sons of Aâr'-ŏn they gave the cities of refuge, Hē'brŏn; Lĭb'năh also with its suburbs, and Jăt'tĭr, and Ĕsh-tĕ-mō'ă with its suburbs, 58 and [1]Hī'lĕn with its suburbs, Dē'bĭr with its suburbs, 59 and [2]Ă'shăn with its suburbs, and Bĕth-shē'-mĕsh with its suburbs; 60 and out of the tribe of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, Gĕ'bă with its suburbs, and [3]Ăl'lĕ-mĕth with its suburbs, and Ăn'ă-thŏth with its suburbs. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities.

61 And unto the rest of the sons of Kō'hăth *were given* by lot, out of the family of the tribe, out of the half-tribe, the half of Mă-năs'sĕh, ten cities. 62 And to the sons of Gĕr'shŏm, according to their families, out of the tribe of Ĭs'să-chăr, and out of the tribe of Ăsh'ĕr, and out of the tribe of Năph'tă-lī, and out of the tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh in Bā'shăn, thirteen cities. 63 Unto the sons of Mĕ-rā'rī *were given* by lot, according to their families, out of the tribe of Reu'-bĕn, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zĕb'ū-lŭn, twelve cities. 64 And the children of Ĭs'rá-ĕl gave to the Lē'-vites the cities with their suburbs. 65 And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Jū'dăh, and out of the tribe of the children of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn, and out of the tribe of the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, these cities which are mentioned by name.

66 And some of the families of the sons of Kō'hăth had cities of their borders out of the tribe of Ĕ'phrā-ĭm. 67 And they gave unto them the cities of refuge, Shĕ'chĕm in the hill-country of Ĕ'phrā-ĭm with its suburbs; Gē'-zĕr also with its suburbs, 68 [4]and Jŏk'mĕ-ăm with its suburbs, and Bĕth-hō'rŏn with its suburbs, 69 and Aī'jă-lŏn with its suburbs, and Găth-rĭm'mŏn with its suburbs; 70 and out of the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh, Ā'nĕr with its suburbs, and Bĭl'ĕ-ăm with its suburbs, for the rest of the family of the sons of Kō'hăth.

71 Unto the sons of Gĕr'shŏm *were given*, out of the family of the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh, Gō'lăn in Bā'shăn with its suburbs, and Ăsh'tă-rŏth with its suburbs; 72 and out of the tribe of Ĭs'să-chăr, Kĕ'dĕsh with its suburbs, Dăb'ĕ-răth with its suburbs, 73 and Rā'mŏth with its suburbs, and Ā'nĕm with its suburbs; 74 and out of the tribe of Ăsh'ĕr, Mā'shăl with its suburbs, and Ăb'dŏn with its suburbs, 75 and Hū'kŏk with its suburbs, and Rē'-hŏb with its suburbs; 76 and out of the tribe of Năph'tă-lī, Kĕ'dĕsh in Gă'lĭ-lēe with its suburbs, and Hăm'mŏn with its suburbs, and Kĭr-ĭ-ă-thā'ĭm with its suburbs.

77 Unto the rest of *the Le'vites*, the sons of Mĕ-rā'rī, *were given*, out of the tribe of Zĕb'ū-lŭn, Rĭm'-mō-nō with its suburbs, Tā'bôr with its suburbs; 78 and beyond the Jordan at Jĕr'ĭ-chō, on the east side of the Jordan, *were given them*, out of the tribe of Reu'bĕn, Bē'zĕr in the wilderness with its suburbs, and Jăh'zăh with its suburbs, 79 and Kĕd'ĕ-mŏth with its suburbs, and Mĕph'ă-ăth with its suburbs; 80 and out of the tribe of Gad, Rā'mŏth in Gĭl'ĕ-ăd with its suburbs, and Mā-hă-nā'ĭm with its suburbs, 81 and Hĕsh'bŏn with

[1] In Josh. 21. 15, *Holon* [2] In Josh. 21. 16, *Ain* [3] In Josh. 21. 18, *Almon*

[4] See Josh. 21.22-39, where some of the names are different

its suburbs, and Jā'zĕr with its suburbs.

7 And of the sons of Ĭs'să-chär: Tō'lă, and [1]Pū'ăh, Jăsh'ŭb, and Shĭm'rŏn, four. 2 And the sons of Tō'lă: Ŭz'zī, and Rĕ-phā'-ĭăh, and Jĕ'rĭ-ĕl, and Jăh'măi, and Ĭb'săm, and Shĕm'ū-ĕl, heads of their fathers' houses, *to wit*, of Tō'lă; mighty men of valor in their generations: their number in the days of David was two and twenty thousand and six hundred. 3 And the sons of Ŭz'zī: Ĭz-ră-hī'ăh. And the sons of Ĭz-ră-hī'ăh: Mī'-chă-ĕl, and Ō-bă-dī'ăh, and Jō'ĕl, Ĭs-shī'ăh, five; all of them chief men. 4 And with them, by their generations, after their fathers' houses, were bands of the host for war, six and thirty thousand; for they had many wives and sons. 5 And their brethren among all the families of Ĭs'să-chär, mighty men of valor, reckoned in all by genealogy, were fourscore and seven thousand.

6 *The sons of* Bĕn'jă-mĭn: Bē'-lă, and Bĕ'chĕr, and Jĕ-dī'ă-ĕl, three. 7 And the sons of Bē'lă: Ĕz'bŏn, and Ŭz'zī, and Ŭz-zī'ĕl, and Jĕr'ĭ-mŏth, and Ĭ'rī, five; heads of fathers' houses, mighty men of valor; and they were reckoned by genealogy twenty and two thousand and thirty and four. 8 And the sons of Bĕ'chĕr: Zē-mī'răh, and Jō'ăsh, and Ĕ-lĭ-ĕ'zĕr, and Ĕ-lĭ-ō-ē'năi, and Ōm'rī, and Jĕr'ĕ-mŏth, and Ă-bī'jăh, and Ăn'-ă-thōth, and Ā'lĕ-mĕth. All these were the sons of Bĕ'chĕr. 9 And they were reckoned by genealogy, after their generations, heads of their fathers' houses, mighty men of valor, twenty thousand and two hundred. 10 And the sons of Jĕ-dī'ă-ĕl: Bĭl'hăn. And the sons of Bĭl'hăn: Jē'ŭsh, and Bĕn'jă-mĭn, and Ē'hŭd, and Chĕ-nā'ă-năh, and Zē'thăn, and Tär'shĭsh, and Ă-hĭsh'ă-här. 11 All these were sons of Jĕ-dī'ă-ĕl, according to the heads of their fathers' *houses*, mighty men of valor, seventeen thousand and two hundred, that were able to go forth in the host for war. 12 [2]Shŭp'pĭm also, and Hŭp'pĭm, the sons of [3]Ĭr, Hū'shĭm, the sons of [4]Ā'hĕr.

13 The sons of Năph'tă-lī: [5]Jăh'-zĭ-ĕl, and Gū'nī, and Jĕ'zĕr, and [6]Shăl'lŭm, the sons of Bĭl'hăh.

14 The sons of Mă-năs'sĕh: Ăs'rĭ-ĕl, whom his concubine the Ā'răm-ī-tĕss bare; she bare Mā'chĭr the father of Gĭl'ē-ăd. 15 And Mā'chĭr took a wife [7]of Hŭp'pĭm and Shŭp'pĭm, [8]whose sister's name was Mā'ă-căh; and the name of the second was Zē-lō'phē-hăd: and Zē-lō'phē-hăd had daughters. 16 And Mā'ă-căh the wife of Mā'chĭr bare a son, and she called his name Pĕ'rĕsh; and the name of his brother was Shĕ'-rĕsh; and his sons were Ū'lăm and Rā'kĕm. 17 And the sons of Ū'lăm: Bĕ'dăn. These were the sons of Gĭl'ē-ăd the son of Mā'-chĭr, the son of Mă-năs'sĕh. 18 And his sister Hăm-mŏl'ĕ-chĕth bare Ĭsh'hŏd, and [9]Ă-bĭ-ē'zĕr, and Măh'lăh. 19 And the sons of Shĕ-mī'dă were Ă-hĭ'ăn, and Shĕ'-chĕm, and Lĭk'hī, and Ā'nĭ-ăm.

20 And the sons of Ē'phrā-ĭm: Shu'thĕ-lăh, and Bĕ'rĕd his son, and Tā'hăth his son, and Ē'lē-ā'-dăh his son, and Tā'hăth his son, 21 and Zā'băd his son, and Shu'-thĕ-lăh his son, and Ē'zĕr, and Ē'lē-ăd, whom the men of Gath that were born in the land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle. 22 And Ē'phrā-ĭm their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him. 23 And he went in to his wife, and she conceived, and bare a son, and he called his name Bĕ-rī'ăh, because it went evil with his house. 24 And his daughter was Shē'ĕ-răh, who built Bĕth-hō'rŏn the nether and the upper, and Ŭz'-zĕn-shē'ĕ-răh. 25 And Rē'phăh was his son, and Rē'shĕph, and Tē'-lăh his son, and Tā'hăn his son, 26 Lā'dăn his son, Ăm-mī'hŭd his

[1] In Gen. 46. 13, *Puvah and Iob*
[2] In Num. 26. 39, *Shephupham and Huppham* [3] In ver. 7, *Iri* [4] In Num. 26. 38, *Ahiram* [5] In Gen. 46. 24, *Jahzeel* [6] In Gen. 46. 24, *Shillem* [7] Or, *for* [8] Or, *and his* [9] In Num. 26. 30, *Iezer*

son, Ē-lĭsh'ă-mà his son, 27 [1]Nŭn his son, Jŏsh'ū-à his son.

28 And their possessions and habitations were Bĕth'-ĕl and the [2]towns thereof, and eastward [3]Nā'-ă-răn, and westward Gē'zĕr, with the towns thereof; Shĕ'chĕm also and the towns thereof, unto [4]Āz'-zăh and the towns thereof; 29 and by the borders of the children of Mă-năs'sĕh, Bĕth-shē'ăn and its towns, Tā'ă-năch and its towns, Mĕ-gĭd'dō and its towns, Dor and its towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

30 The sons of Ăsh'ĕr: ĭm'năh, and ĭsh'văh, and ĭsh'vī, and Bĕ-rī'ăh, and Sē'răh their sister. 31 And the sons of Bĕ-rī'ăh: Hē'-bĕr, and Măl'chĭ-ĕl, who was the father of Bĭr'zāith. 32 And Hē'-bĕr begat Jăph'lĕt, and [5]Shō'mĕr, and Hō'thăm, and Shu'à their sister. 33 And the sons of Jăph'-lĕt: Pā'săch, and Bĭm'hăl, and Ăsh'văth. These are the children of Jăph'lĕt. 34 And the sons of [6]Shĕ'mĕr: Ā'hī, and Rōh'găh, Jĕ-hŭb'băh, and Ā'răm. 35 And the [7]sons of Hē'lĕm his brother: Zō'-phăh, and ĭm'nà, and Shĕ'lĕsh, and Ā'măl. 36 The sons of Zō'-phăh: Sū'ăh, and Hăr'nĕ-phĕr, and Shū'ăl, and Bē'rī, and ĭm'răh, 37 Bē'zĕr, and Hŏd, and Shăm'-mà, and Shĭl'shăh, and Ĭth'răn, and Bē-ē'rà. 38 And the sons of Jĕ'thĕr: Jĕ-phŭn'nĕh, and Pĭs'pà, and Ā'rà. 39 And the sons of Ŭl'là: Ā'răh, and Hăn'nĭ-ĕl, and Rĭ-zī'à. 40 All these were the children of Ăsh'ĕr, heads of the fathers' houses, choice and mighty men of valor, chief of the princes. And the number of them reckoned by genealogy for service in war was twenty and six thousand men.

8 And Bĕn'jă-mĭn begat Bē'là his first-born, Ăsh'bĕl the second, and Ă-hăr'ăh the third, 2 Nō'hăh the fourth, and Rā'phà the fifth. 3 And Bē'là had sons:

[1] Heb. *Non* [2] Heb. *daughters* [3] In Josh. 16. 7, *Naarah* [4] Many MSS. read, *Ayyah* [5] In ver. 34, *Shemer* [6] In ver. 32, *Shomer* [7] Heb. *son*

[8] Ăd'dăr, and Gē'rà, and Ă-bī'hŭd, 4 and Ăb-ĭ-shū'à, and Nā'ă-măn, and Ă-hō'ăh, 5 and Gē'rà, and [9]Shĕ-phū'phăn, and Hū'răm. 6 And these are the sons of Ē'hŭd: these are the heads of fathers' *houses* of the inhabitants of Gē'bà, and they carried them captive to Mă-nā'-hăth: 7 and Nā'ă-măn, and Ă-hī'-jăh, and Gē'rà, he carried them captive; and he begat Ūz'zà and Ă-hī'hŭd. 8 And Shā-hă-rā'ĭm begat children in the field of Mō'-ăb, after he had [10]sent them away; Hū'shĭm and Bā'ă-rà were his wives. 9 And he begat of Hō'-dĕsh his wife, Jō'băb, and Zĭb'ĭ-à, and Mē'shà, and Măl'căm, 10 and Jĕ'ŭz, and Shà-chī'à, and Mĭr'-măh. These were his sons, heads of fathers' *houses*. 11 And of Hū'-shĭm he begat Ăb'ĭ-tŭb and Ēl-pā'-ăl. 12 And the sons of Ēl-pā'ăl: Ē'bĕr, and Mĭ'shăm, and Shĕ'mĕd, who built Ō'nŏ and Lŏd, with the towns thereof; 13 and Bĕ-rī'ăh, and Shĕ'mà, who were heads of fathers' *houses* of the inhabitants of Ăi'jà-lŏn, who put to flight the inhabitants of Gath; 14 and Ă-hī'ō, Shā'shăk, and Jĕr'ĕ-mōth, 15 and Zĕb-à-dī'ăh, and Ā'răd, and Ē'dĕr, 16 and Mĭ'chà-ĕl, and ĭsh'păh, and Jō'hà, the sons of Bĕ-rī'ăh, 17 and Zĕb-ă-dī'ăh, and Mĕ-shŭl'-lăm, and Hĭz'kī, and Hē'bĕr, 18 and ĭsh'mĕ-rāi, and ĭz-lī'ăh, and Jō'băb, the sons of Ēl-pā'ăl, 19 and Jā'kĭm, and Zĭch'rī, and Zăb'dī, 20 and Ē-lĭ-ē'nāi, and Zĭl'lē-thāi, and Ē-lī'ĕl, 21 and Ă-dā'ĭăh, and Bĕ-rā'ĭăh, and Shĭm'răth, the sons of [11]Shĭm'ĕ-ī, 22 and ĭsh'păn, and Ē'bĕr, and Ē-lī'ĕl, 23 and Ăb'dŏn, and Zĭch'rī, and Hā'năn, 24 and Hăn-ă-nī'ăh, and Ē'lăm, and Ăn-thō-thī'jăh, 25 and ĭph-dē'ĭăh, and Pĕ-nū'ĕl, the sons of Shā'-shăk, 26 and Shăm'shĕ-rāi, and Shĕ-hă-rī'ăh, and Ăth-ă-lī'ăh, 27 and Jā'ă-rĕ-shī'ăh, and Ē-lī'jăh, and Zĭch'rī, the sons of Jĕr'ō-hăm. 28 These were heads of fathers' *houses* throughout their genera-

[8] In Gen. 46. 21, *Ard* [9] In Num. 26. 39, *Shephupham* [10] Or, *sent away Hushim and Baara his wives* [11] In ver. 13, *Shema*

tions, chief men: these dwelt in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm.

29 And in Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn there dwelt the father of Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn, *Je-i'el*, whose wife's name was Mā'ă-căh; 30 and his first-born son Ăb'dŏn, and Zûr, and Kish, and Bā'ăl, and Nā'dăb, 31 and Gĕ'dôr, and Ă-hī'ō, and [1]Zĕ'chĕr. 32 And Mĭk'lŏth begat [2]Shĭm'ĕ-ăh. And they also dwelt with their brethren in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm, over against their brethren. 33 And Nĕr begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jŏn'ă-thăn, and Măl'chĭ-shu'a, and [3]Ă-bĭn'ă-dăb, and [4]Ĕsh'bā-ăl. 34 And the son of Jŏn'ă-thăn was [5]Mĕr'ĭb-bā'ăl; and Mĕr'ĭb-bā'ăl begat Mī'căh. 35 And the sons of Mī'căh: Pi'thŏn, and Mē'lĕch, and [6]Tă-rē'a, and Ā'hăz. 36 And Ā'hăz begat [7]Jĕ-hō'ăd-dăh; and Jĕ-hō'ăd-dăh begat Ăl'ĕ-mĕth, and Ăz'mă-vĕth, and Zĭm'rī; and Zĭm'rī begat Mō'za. 37 And Mō'za begat Bĭn'ĕ-a; 6 [8]Rā'phăh was his son, Ē-lē'ă-săh his son, Ă'zĕl his son. 38 And Ā'zĕl had six sons, whose names are these: Ăz'rĭ-kăm, Bŏch'ĕ-ru, and Ĭsh'mâ-ĕl, and Shĕ-ă-rī'ăh, and Ō-bă-dī'ăh, and Hā'năn. All these were the sons of Ā'zĕl. 39 And the sons of Ē'shĕk his brother: Ū'lăm his first-born, Jē'ŭsh the second, and Ē-lĭph'ĕ-lĕt the third. 40 And the sons of Ū'lăm were mighty men of valor, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, a hundred and fifty. All these were of the sons of Bĕn'jă-mĭn.

9 So all Ĭs'rā-ĕl were reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. And Jū'dăh was carried away captive to Băb'ў-lŏn for their transgression. 2 Now the first inhabitants that dwelt in their possessions in their cities were, Ĭs'rā-ĕl, the priests, the Lē'vites, and the Nĕth'ĭ-nĭm. 3 And in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm dwelt of the children of Jū'dăh, and of the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, and of the children of Ē'phrā-ĭm and Mă-năs'sĕh: 4 Ū'thăi the son of Ăm-mī'hŭd, the son of Ŏm'rī, the son of Ĭm'rī, the son of Bā'nī, of the children of Pē'rĕz the son of Jū'dăh. 5 And of the Shī'lō-nītes: Ă-sā'ĭăh the first-born, and his sons. 6 And of the sons of Zē'răh: Jeū'ĕl, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety. 7 And of the sons of Bĕn'jă-mĭn: Săl'lū the son of Mĕ-shŭl'lăm, the son of Hŏd-ă-vī'ăh, the son of Hăs-sĕ-nū'ăh, 8 and Ĭb-nē'ĭăh the son of Jĕr'ō-hăm, and Ē'lăh the son of Ŭz'zī, the son of Mĭch'rī, and Mĕ-shŭl'lăm the son of Shĕph-ă-tī'ăh, the son of Reu'ĕl, the son of Ĭb-nī'jăh; 9 and their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men were heads of fathers' *houses* by their fathers' houses.

10 And of the priests: Jĕ-dā'ĭăh, and Jĕ-hoi'ă-rĭb, Jā'chĭn, 11 and [9]Ăz-ă-rī'ăh the son of Hĭl-kī'ăh, the son of Mĕ-shŭl'lăm, the son of Zā'dŏk, the son of Mĕ-rā'ĭŏth, the son of Ă-hī'tŭb, the ruler of the house of God; 12 and Ă-dā'ĭăh the son of Jĕr'ō-hăm, the son of Păsh'hŭr, the son of Măl-chī'jăh, and Mă-ăs'ăi the son of Ā'dĭ-ĕl, the son of Jăh'zĕ-răh, the son of Mĕ-shŭl'lăm, the son of Mĕ-shĭl'lĕ-mĭth, the son of Ĭm'mĕr; 13 and their brethren, heads of their fathers' houses, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.

14 And of the Lē'vītes: Shĕ-mā'ĭăh the son of Hăs'shŭb, the son of Ăz'rĭ-kăm, the son of Hăsh-ă-bī'ăh, of the sons of Mĕ-rā'rī; 15 and Băk-băk'kăr, Hĕ'rĕsh, and Gā'lăl, and Măt-tă-nī'ăh the son of Mī'cà, the son of [10]Zĭch'rī, the son of Ā'săph, 16 and [11]Ō-bă-dī'ăh the son of [12]Shĕ-mā'ĭăh, the son of Gā'lăl, the son of Jĕ-dū'thŭn, and Bĕr-ĕ-chī'ăh the son of Ā'să, the son of ĕl'kă-năh, that dwelt in the

[1] In ch. 9. 37, *Zecharíah* [2] In ch. 9. 38, *Shimeam* [3] In 1 S. 14. 49, *Ishvi* [4] In 2 S. 2. 8, *Ishbosheth* [5] In 2 S. 4. 4; 9. 6, 10, *Mephibosheth* [6] In ch. 9. 41, *Tahrea* [7] In ch. 9. 42, *Jarah* [8] In ch. 9. 43, *Rephaiah*

[9] In Neh. 11. 11, *Seraiah* [10] In Neh. 11 17, *Zabdi* [11] In Neh. 11. 17, *Abda* [12] In Neh. 11. 17, *Shammua*

villages of the Nĕ-tŏph'ă-thītes.
17 And the porters: Shăl'lŭm, and Ăk'kŭb, and Tăl'mŏn, and Ă-hĭ'măn, and their brethren (Shăl'lŭm was the chief), 18 who hitherto *waited* in the king's gate eastward: they were the porters for the camp of the children of Lē'vĭ. 19 And Shăl'lŭm the son of Kō'rĕ, the son of Ē-bī'ă-săph, the son of Kō'răh, and his brethren, of his father's house, the Kō'răh-ītes, were over the work of the service, keepers of the thresholds of the tent: and their fathers had been over the camp of Jĕ-hō'văh, keepers of the entry. 20 And Phĭn'ĕ-hăs the son of Ē-lĕ-ā'zär was ruler over them in time past, *and* Jĕ-hō'văh was with him. 21 Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh the son of Mĕ-shĕl-ĕ-mī'ăh was porter of the door of the tent of meeting. 22 All these that were chosen to be porters in the thresholds were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by genealogy in their villages, whom David and Săm'ū-ĕl the seer did ordain in their office of trust. 23 So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, even the house of the tent, by wards. 24 [1]On the four sides were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south. 25 And their brethren, in their villages, were to come in every seven days from time to time to be with them: 26 for the four chief porters, who were Lē'vītes, were in an office of trust, and were over the chambers and over the treasuries in the house of God. 27 And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge *thereof* was upon them; and to them pertained the opening thereof morning by morning.

28 And certain of them had charge of the vessels of service; for by count were these brought in and by count were these taken out. 29 Some of them also were appointed over the furniture, and over all the vessels of the sanctuary, and over the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. 30 And some of the sons of the priests prepared the confection of the spices. 31 And Măt-tĭ-thī'ăh, one of the Lē'vītes, who was the first-born of Shăl'lŭm the Kō'răh-īte, had the office of trust over the things that were baked in pans. 32 And some of their brethren, of the sons of the Kō'hăth-ītes, were over the showbread, to prepare it every sabbath.

33 And these are the singers, heads of fathers' *houses* of the Lē'vītes, *who dwelt* in the chambers *and were* free *from other service*; for they were employed in their work day and night. 34 These were heads of fathers' *houses* of the Lē'vites, throughout their generations, chief men: these dwelt at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

35 And in Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn there dwelt the father of Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn, Jĕ-ĭ'ĕl, whose wife's name was Mā'ă-căh; 36 and his first-born son Ăb'dŏn, and Zûr, and Kĭsh, and Bā'ăl, and Nēr, and Nā'dăb, 37 and Gĕ'dôr, and Ă-hĭ'ō, and Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, and Mĭk'lŏth. 38 And Mĭk'lŏth begat Shĭm'ĕ-ăm. And they also dwelt with their brethren in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, over against their brethren. 39 And Nēr begat Kĭsh; and Kĭsh begat Saul; and Saul begat Jŏn'ă-thăn, and Măl'chĭ-shu'ă, and Ă-bĭn'ă-dăb, and Ĕsh'bā-ăl. 40 And the son of Jŏn'ă-thăn was Mĕr'ĭb-bā'ăl; and Mĕr'ĭb-bā'ăl begat Mī'căh. 41 And the sons of Mī'căh: Pī'thŏn, and Mē'lĕch, and Tăh-rē'ă, *and A'haz*. 42 And Ā'hăz begat Jā'răh; and Jā'răh begat Ăl'ĕ-mĕth, and Ăz'mă-vĕth, and Zĭm'rī; and Zĭm'rī begat Mō'ză; 43 and Mō'ză begat Bĭn'ĕ-ă; and Rĕ-phā'ĭăh his son, Ē-lē'ă-săh his son, Ā'zĕl his son. 44 And A'zĕl had six sons, whose names are these: Ăz'rĭ-kăm, Bŏch'ĕ-ru, and Ĭsh'mă-ĕl, and Shĕ-ă-rī'ăh, and Ō-bă-dī'ăh, and Hā'năn: these were the sons of Ā'zĕl.

10 Now the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes fought against Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and the men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl fled from before the

[1] Heb. *Towards the four winds*

Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and fell down [1]slain in mount Gĭl-bō'á. 2 And the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes followed hard after Saul and after his sons; and the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes slew Jŏn'á-thăn, and [2]Ă-bĭn'ă-dăb, and Măl'chĭ-shu'á, the sons of Saul. 3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers overtook him; and he was distressed by reason of the archers. 4 Then said Saul unto his armorbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith, lest these uncircumcised come and [3]abuse me. But his armorbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took his sword, and fell upon it. 5 And when his armorbearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell upon his sword, and died. 6 So Saul died, and his three sons; and all his house died together.

7 And when all the men of Ĭs'rá-ĕl that were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook their cities, and fled; and the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes came and dwelt in them. 8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gĭl-bō'á. 9 And they stripped him, and took his head, and his armor, and sent into the land of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes round about, to carry the tidings unto their idols, and to the people. 10 And they put his armor in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the house of Dā'gŏn. 11 And when all Jā'bĕsh-gĭl'ĕ-ăd heard all that the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes had done to Saul, 12 all the valiant men arose, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jā'bĕsh, and buried their bones under the [4]oak in Jā'bĕsh, and fasted seven days.

13 So Saul died [5]for his trespass which he committed against Jĕ-hō'văh, because of the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, which he kept not; and also for that he asked counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire *thereby*, 14 and inquired not of Jĕ-hō'văh: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jĕs'sĕ.

11 Then all Ĭs'rá-ĕl gathered themselves to David unto Hē'brŏn, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. 2 In times past, even when Saul was king, it was thou that leddest out and broughtest in Ĭs'rá-ĕl: and Jĕ-hō'văh thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt be shepherd of my people Ĭs'rá-ĕl, and thou shalt be [6]prince over my people Ĭs'rá-ĕl. 3 So all the elders of Ĭs'rá-ĕl came to the king to Hē'brŏn; and David made a covenant with them in Hē'brŏn before Jĕ-hō'văh; and they anointed David king over Ĭs'rá-ĕl, according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh by Săm'ū-ĕl.

4 And David and all Ĭs'rá-ĕl went to Jĕ-ru'sá-lĕm (the same is Jē'bŭs); and the Jĕb'ū-sītes, the inhabitants of the land, were there. 5 And the inhabitants of Jē'bŭs said to David, Thou shalt not come in hither. Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zī'ŏn; the same is the city of David. 6 And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jĕb'ū-sītes first shall be chief and captain. And Jō'ăb the son of Zĕ-ru'ĭăh went up first, and was made chief. 7 And David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore they called it the city of David. 8 And he built the city round about, from Mĭl'lō even round about; and Jō'ăb [7]repaired the rest of the city. 9 And David waxed greater and greater; for Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts was with him.

10 Now these are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who [8]showed themselves strong with him in his kingdom, together with all Ĭs'rá-ĕl, to make him king, according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh concerning Ĭs'rá-ĕl. 11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had: Jă-shŏ'bĕ-ăm, the son of a Hăch'-

[1] Or, *wounded* [2] In 1 S. 14. 49, *Ishvi* [3] Or, *make a mock of me* [4] Or, *terebinth* [5] Or, *in* [6] Or, *leader* [7] Heb. *revived* [8] Or, *held strongly with him*

mō-nīte, the chief of the [1]thirty; he lifted up his spear against three hundred [2]and slew them at one time. 12 And after him was Ĕ-lē-ā'zăr the son of Dō'dō, the A-hō'hīte, who was one of the three mighty men. 13 He was with David at [3]Pās-dăm'mĭm, and there the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes were gathered together to battle, where was a plot of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. 14 And they stood in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and slew the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes; and Jĕ-hō'văh saved them by a great [4]victory.

15 And three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Ā-dŭl'lăm; and the host of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes were encamped in the valley of Rĕph'ā-ĭm. 16 And David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes was then in Bĕth'-lē-hĕm. 17 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me water to drink of the well of Bĕth'-lē-hĕm, which is by the gate! 18 And the three brake through the host of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and drew water out of the well of Bĕth'-lē-hĕm, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: but David would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto Jĕ-hō'văh, 19 and said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this: shall I drink the blood of these men [5]that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with *the jeopardy of* their lives they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men.

20 And [6]A-bī'shāi, the brother of Jō'ăb, he was chief of the three; for he lifted up his spear against three hundred [3]and slew them, and had a name among the three. 21 [7]Of the three, he was more honorable than the two, and was made their captain: howbeit he attained not to the *first* three.

22 Bĕ-nā'ĭăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dā, the son of a valiant man of Kăb'zĕ-ēl, who had done mighty deeds, he slew the two *sons of* Ā'rĭ-ĕl of Mō'ăb: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow. 23 And he slew an Ē-gўp'tiăn, a man of great stature, five cubits high; and in the Ē-gўp'tiăn's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Ē-gўp'-tiăn's hand, and slew him with his own spear. 24 These things did Bĕ-nā'ĭăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dā, and had a name among the three mighty men. 25 Behold, he was more honorable than the thirty, but he attained not to the *first* three: and David set him over his [8]guard.

26 Also the mighty men of the armies: Ā'să-hĕl the brother of Jō'ăb, ĕl-hā'năn the son of Dō'dō of Bĕth'-lē-hĕm, 27 [9]Shăm'mŏth the Hā'rō-rīte, Hē'lĕz the [10]Pĕl'ō-nīte, 28 Ī'rā the son of Īk'kĕsh the Tē-kō'īte, Ā'bĭ-ē'zĕr the An'ă-thōth-īte, 29 [11]Sĭb'bĕ-căi the Hū'-shăth-īte, [12]Ī'lāi the A-hō'hīte, 30 Mā'hă-rāi the Nē-tōph'ă-thīte, [13]Hē'lĕd the son of Bā'ă-năh the Nē-tōph'ă-thīte, 31 Ī'thāi the son of Rĭ'bāi of Gĭb'ĕ-ăh of the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, Bĕ-nā'ĭăh the Pĭr'-ă-thŏn-īte, 32 [14]Hū'rāi of the brooks of Gā'ăsh, [15]Ă-bī'ĕl the Ar'băth-īte, 33 Ăz'mă-vĕth the Bă-hă'rŭm-īte, Ĕ-lī'ăh-bā the Shă-ăl'bŏ-nīte, 34 the sons of [16]Hă'-shĕm the Gī'zō-nīte, Jŏn'ă-thăn the son of Shā'gĕe the Hă'ră-rīte, 35 Ă-hī'ăm the son of [17]Să'căr the Hă'ră-rīte, [18]ĕl'ĭ-phăl the son of Ūr, 36 Hē'phĕr the Mĕch'ĕ-răth-īte, Ă-hī'jăh the Pĕl'ō-nīte, 37 Hĕz'-rō the Căr'mĕl-īte, [19]Nā'ă-rāi the son of ĕz'bāi, 38 Jō'ĕl the brother of Nā'thăn, Mīb'hăr the son of Hăg'rĭ, 39 Zĕ'lĕk the Am'mŏn-īte,

[1] Another reading is, *captains* [2] Heb. *slain* [3] In 1 S. 17. 1, *Ephes-dammim* [4] Heb. *salvation* [5] Heb. *with their lives* [6] Heb. *Abshai* [7] Or, *Of the three in the second rank he was the most honorable*

[8] Or, *council* [9] In 2 S. 23. 25, *Shammah the Harodite* [10] In 2 S. 23. 26, *Paltite* [11] In 2 S. 23. 27, *Mebunnai* [12] In 2 S. 23. 28, *Zalmon* [13] In 2 S. 23. 29, *Heleb* [14] In 2 S. 23. 30, *Hiddai* [15] In 2 S. 23. 31, *Abialbon* [16] In 2 S. 23. 32, *Jashen* [17] In 2 S. 23. 33, *Sharar* [18] In 2. S. 23. 34, *Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai* [19] In 2 S. 23. 35, *Paarai the Arbite*

Nā'hă-rāi the Bē'rŏth-īte, the armorbearer of Jō'ăb the son of Zĕ-ru'iăh, 40 Ĭ'rà the Ĭth'rīte, Gā'rĕb the Ĭth'rīte, 41 Ū-rī'ăh the Hĭt'tīte, Zā'băd the son of Ăh'lăi, 42 Ăd'ī-nà the son of Shĭ'zà the Reu'bĕn-īte, a chief of the Reu'bĕn-ītes, and thirty with him, 43 Hā'năn the son of Mā'ă-cāh, and Jōsh'ă-phăt the Mĭth'nīte, 44 Ŭz-zī'à the Ăsh'tĕ-răth-īte, Shā'mà and Jĕ-ĭ'ĕl the sons of Hō'thăm the Ăr'ō-ēr-īte, 45 Jĕ-dī'ă-ĕl the son of Shĭm'rī, and Jō'hà his brother, the Tĭ'zīte, 46 Ē-lī'ĕl the Mā'hă-vīte, and Jĕr'ĭ-bāi, and Jōsh-ă-vī'ăh, the sons of Ĕl'nă-ăm, and Ĭth'măh the Mō'ăb-īte, 47 Ē-lī'ĕl, and O'bĕd, and Jă'ă-sĭ'ĕl the Mĕ-zō'bă-īte.

12 Now these are they that came to David to Zĭk'lăg, [1]while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish; and they were among the mighty men, his helpers in war. 2 They [2]were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in slinging stones and in shooting arrows from the bow: they were of Saul's brethren of Bĕn'jă-mĭn. 3 The chief was Ă-hī-ē'zĕr; then Jō'ăsh, the sons of Shĕ-mā'ăh the Gĭb'ē-ăth-īte, and Jĕ'zĭ-ĕl, and Pē'lĕt, the sons of Ăz'mă-vĕth, and Bĕr'ă-cāh, and Jĕ'hū the Ăn'ă-thŏth-īte, 4 and Ĭsh-mā'ĭăh the Gĭb'ē-ŏn-īte, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty, and Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, and Jă-hă'zĭ-ĕl, and Jō-hā'năn, and Jŏz'ă-băd the Gĕd'ē-răth-īte, 5 Ē-lū'zāi, and Jĕr'ĭ-mŏth, and Bē-ă-lī'ăh, and Shĕm-ă-rī'ăh, and Shĕph-ă-tī'ăh the Hăr'u-phīte, 6 Ĕl'kă-năh, and Ĭs-shī'ăh, and Ăz'ăr-ĕl, and Jō-ē'zĕr, and Jă-shō'bĕ-ăm, the Kō'răh-ītes, 7 and Jō-ē'lăh, and Zĕb-ă-dī'ăh, the sons of Jĕr'ō-hăm of Gē'dôr.

8 And of the Găd'ītes there separated themselves unto David to the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty men of valor, men trained for war, that could handle shield and spear; whose faces were like the faces of lions, and they were as swift as the roes upon the mountains: 9 Ē'zĕr the chief, ō-bă-dī'ăh the second, Ē-lī'ăb the third, 10 Mĭsh-măn'năh the fourth, Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the fifth, 11 Ăt'tăi the sixth, Ē-lī'ĕl the seventh, 12 Jō-hā'năn the eighth, Ĕl'zăb-băd the ninth, 13 Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the tenth, Măch'băn-nāi the eleventh. 14 These of the sons of Gad were captains of the host: he that was least was [3]equal to a hundred, and the greatest [3]to a thousand. 15 These are they that went over the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east and toward the west.

16 And there came of the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn and Jū'dăh to the stronghold unto David. 17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, my heart shall be knit unto you; but if *ye be come* to betray me to mine adversaries, seeing there is no [4]wrong in my hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it. 18 Then the Spirit [5]came upon Ăm'ă-sāi, who was chief of the [6]thirty, *and he said*,

Thine are we, David,
and on thy side, thou son of Jĕs'sĕ:
peace, peace be unto thee,
and peace be to thy helpers;
for thy God helpeth thee.

Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

19 Of Mă-năs'sĕh also there fell away some to David, when he came with the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes against Saul to battle: but they helped them not; for the lords of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall away to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our heads. 20 As he went to Zĭk'lăg, there fell to him of Mă-năs'sĕh, Ăd'năh, and Jŏz'ă-băd, and Jĕ-dī'ă-ĕl, and Mī'chă-ĕl, and Jŏz'ă-băd, and Ē-lī'hū, and Zĭl'lĕ-thāi, captains of thousands that were of Mă-năs'sĕh. 21 And they helped

[1] Heb. being *yet shut up* [2] Or, *drew the bow* [3] Or, *over* [4] Or, *violence* [5] Heb. *clothed* [6] Another reading is, *captains*

David against the band of rovers: for they were all mighty men of valor, and were captains in the host. 22 For from day to day men came to David to help him, until there was a great host, like the host of God.

23 And these are the numbers of the heads of them that were armed for war, who came to David to Hē'brŏn, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh. 24 The children of Jū'dăh that bare shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, armed for war. 25 Of the children of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn, mighty men of valor for the war, seven thousand and one hundred. 26 Of the children of Lē'vĭ four thousand and six hundred. 27 And Jĕ-hoi'ă-dă was the leader of *the house of* Aär'ŏn; and with him were three thousand and seven hundred, 28 and Zā'dŏk, a young man mighty of valor, and of his father's house twenty and two captains. 29 And of the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, the brethren of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto the greatest part of them had [1]kept their allegiance to the house of Saul. 30 And of the children of Ē'phrā-ĭm twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valor, famous men in their fathers' houses. 31 And of the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh eighteen thousand, who were mentioned by name, to come and make David king. 32 And of the children of ĭs'să-chär, men that had understanding of the times, to know what ĭs'rā-ĕl ought to do, the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment. 33 Of Zĕb'ū-lŭn, such as were able to go out in the host, that could set the battle in array, with all manner of instruments of war, fifty thousand, and that could order *the battle array, and were* not of double heart. 34 And of Năph'tă-lī a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty and seven thousand. 35 And of the Dăn'ītes that could set the battle in array, twenty and eight thousand and six hundred. 36 And of Ăsh'ĕr, such as were able to go out in the host, that could set the battle in array, forty thousand. 37 And on the other side of the Jordan, of the Reu'bĕn-ītes, and the Găd'ītes, and of the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, a hundred and twenty thousand.

38 All these, being men of war, that could order the battle array, came with a perfect heart to Hē'brŏn, to make David king over all ĭs'rā-ĕl: and all the rest also of ĭs'rā-ĕl were of one heart to make David king. 39 And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had made preparation for them. 40 Moreover they that were nigh unto them, *even* as far as ĭs'să-chär and Zĕb'ū-lŭn and Năph'tă-lī, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, victuals of meal, cakes of figs, and clusters of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep in abundance: for there was joy in ĭs'rā-ĕl.

13 And David consulted with the captains of thousands and of hundreds, even with every leader. 2 And David said unto all the assembly of ĭs'rā-ĕl, If it seem good unto you, and if it be of Jĕ-hō'văh our God, let us send abroad every where unto our brethren that are left in all the [2]land of ĭs'rā-ĕl, [3]with whom the priests and Lē'vites are in their cities that have [4]suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us; 3 and let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we sought not unto it in the days of Saul. 4 And all the assembly said that they would do so; for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. 5 So David assembled all ĭs'rā-ĕl together, from the Shī'hôr *the brook* of Ē'gўpt even unto the entrance of Hā'măth, to bring the ark of God from Kĭr'ĭ-

[1] Heb. *kept the charge of the house*

[2] Heb. *lands* [3] Or, *and with them to the priests and Levites that are &c.* [4] Or, *pasture lands*

ăth–jē'ă–rĭm. 6 And David went up, and all ĭs'rā–ĕl, to Bā'ăl–ăh, *that is*, to Kĭr'ĭ–ăth–jē'ă–rĭm, which belonged to Jū'dăh, to bring up from thence the ark of God Jĕ–hō'văh that [1]sitteth *above* the chĕr'ū–bĭm, [2]that is called by the Name. 7 And they carried the ark of God upon a new cart, *and brought it* out of the house of Ă–bĭn'ă–dăb: and Ŭz'zā and Ă–hī'ō drove the cart. 8 And David and all ĭs'rā–ĕl played before God with all their might, even with songs, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 And when they came unto the threshing-floor of Chĭ'dŏn, Ŭz'zā put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen [3]stumbled. 10 And the anger of Jĕ–hō'văh was kindled against Ŭz'zā, and he smote him, because he put forth his hand to the ark; and there he died before God. 11 And David was displeased, because Jĕ–hō'văh had broken forth upon Ŭz'zā: and he called that place [4]Pĕ'rĕz–ŭz'zā, unto this day. 12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God home to me? 13 So David removed not the ark unto him into the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Ō'bĕd–ē'dŏm the Gĭt'tīte. 14 And the ark of God remained with the family of Ō'bĕd–ē'dŏm in his house three months: and Jĕ–hō'văh blessed the house of Ō'bĕd–ē'dŏm, and all that he had.

14 And Hĭ'rām king of Tўre sent messengers to David, and cedar-trees, and masons, and carpenters, to build him a house. 2 And David perceived that Jĕ–hō'văh had established him king over ĭs'rā–ĕl; for his kingdom was exalted on high, for his people ĭs'rā–ĕl's sake.

3 And David took more wives at Jĕ–ru'să–lĕm; and David begat more sons and daughters. 4 And these are the names of the children whom he had in Jĕ–ru'să–lĕm: Shăm–mū'ă, and Shō'băb, Nā'thăn, and Sŏl'ō–mŏn, 5 and Ĭb'hăr, and Ĕl–ĭ–shu'ă, and Ĕl'pĕ–lĕt, 6 and Nō'găh, and Nĕ'phĕg, and Jă–phī'ă, 7 and Ē–lĭsh'ă–mă, and Bĕ–ē–lī'ă–dă, and Ē–lĭph'ĕ–lĕt.

8 And when the Phĭ–lĭs'tĭnes heard that David was anointed king over all ĭs'rā–ĕl, all the Phĭ–lĭs'tĭnes went up to seek David: and David heard of it, and went out [5]against them. 9 Now the Phĭ–lĭs'tĭnes had come and made a raid in the valley of Rĕph'ă–ĭm. 10 And David inquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Phĭ–lĭs'tĭnes? and wilt thou deliver them into my hand? And Jĕ–hō'văh said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thy hand. 11 So they came up to Bā'ăl–pĕr'ă–zĭm, and David smote them there; and David said, God hath [6]broken mine enemies by my hand, like the breach of waters. Therefore they called the name of that place [7]Bā'ăl–pĕr'ă–zĭm. 12 And they left their gods there; and David gave commandment, and they were burned with fire.

13 And the Phĭ–lĭs'tĭnes yet again made a raid in the valley. 14 And David inquired again of God; and God said unto him, Thou shalt not go up after them: turn away from them, and come upon them over against the [8]mulberry-trees. 15 And it shall be, when thou hearest the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry-trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle; for God is gone out before thee to smite the host of the Phĭ–lĭs'tĭnes. 16 And David did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Phĭ–lĭs'tĭnes from [9]Gĭb'ĕ–ŏn even to Gē'zĕr. 17 And the fame of David went out into all lands; and Jĕ–hō'văh brought the fear of him upon all nations.

15 And *David* made him houses in the city of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God,

[1] Or, *is enthroned* [2] Or, *where the Name is called on* [3] Or, *were restive* Or, *threw it down* [4] That is, *The breach of Uzza*
[5] Or, *before* [6] Or, *broken forth upon mine enemies* [7] That is, *The place of breakings forth* [8] Or, *balsam-trees* [9] In 2 S. 5. 25, *Geba*

and pitched for it a tent. 2 Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Lē'vītes: for them hath Jĕ-hō'văh chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever. 3 And David assembled all Ĭs'rā-ĕl at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, to bring up the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh unto its place, which he had prepared for it. 4 And David gathered together the sons of Aär'ŏn, and the Lē'vītes: 5 of the sons of Kō'hăth, Ū-rī'ĕl the chief, and his brethren a hundred and twenty; 6 of the sons of Mĕ-rā'rī, Ā-să'ĭăh the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty; 7 of the sons of Gĕr'shŏm, Jō'ĕl the chief, and his brethren a hundred and thirty; 8 of the sons of Ĕ-lĭz'ă-phăn, Shĕ-mā'ĭăh the chief, and his brethren two hundred; 9 of the sons of Hĕ'brŏn, Ĕ-lī'ĕl the chief, and his brethren four-score; 10 of the sons of Ŭz-zī'ĕl, Ăm-mĭn'ă-dăb the chief, and his brethren a hundred and twelve. 11 And David called for Zā'dŏk and Ă-bī'ă-thär the priests, and for the Lē'vītes, for Ū-rī'ĕl, Ā-să'-ĭăh, and Jō'ĕl, Shĕ-mā'ĭăh, and Ĕ-lī'ĕl, and Ăm-mĭn'ă-dăb, 12 and said unto them, Ye are the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the Lē'-vītes: sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, unto *the place* that I have prepared for it. 13 For because ye *bare it* not at the first, Jĕ-hō'văh our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not according to the ordinance. 14 So the priests and the Lē'vītes sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 15 And the children of the Lē'vītes bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Mō'sĕs commanded according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh.

16 And David spake to the chief of the Lē'vītes to appoint their brethren the singers, with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding aloud and lifting up the voice with joy. 17 So the Lē'vītes appointed Hĕ'-măn the son of Jō'ĕl; and of his brethren, Ā'săph the son of Bĕr-ĕ-chī'ăh; and of the sons of Mĕ-rā'rī their brethren, Ē'thăn the son of Kŭsh-ā'ĭăh; 18 and with them their brethren of the second degree, Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, Ben, and Jă-ā'zĭ-ĕl, and Shĕ-mĭr'ă-mŏth, and Jĕ-hĭ'ĕl, and Ŭn'nī, Ē-lī'ăb, and Bĕ-nā'ĭăh, and Mā-ă-sē'ĭăh, and Măt-tĭ-thī'ăh, and Ē-lĭph'ĕ-lĕh-ū, and Mĭk-nē'ĭăh, and Ō'bĕd-ē'dŏm, and Jĕ-ī'ĕl, the doorkeepers. 19 So the singers, Hĕ'măn, Ā'săph, and Ē'thăn, *were appointed*, with cymbals of brass to sound aloud; 20 and Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, and Ā'zĭ-ĕl, and Shĕ-mĭr'ă-mŏth, and Jĕ-hĭ'ĕl, and Ŭn'nī, and Ē-lī'ăb, and Mā-ă-sē'ĭăh, and Bĕ-nā'ĭăh, with psalteries set to Ăl'ă-mŏth; 21 and Măt-tĭ-thī'ăh, and Ē-lĭph'ĕ-lĕh-ū, and Mĭk-nē'ĭăh, and Ō'bĕd-ē'dŏm, and Jĕ-ī'ĕl, and Ăz-ă-zī'ăh, with harps set to the Shĕm'ĭ-nĭth, to lead. 22 And Chĕn-ă-nī'ăh, chief of the Lē'vītes, was over [1]the song: he instructed about [1]the song, because he was skilful. 23 And Bĕr-ĕ-chī'ăh and Ĕl'kă-năh were doorkeepers for the ark. 24 And Shĕb-ă-nī'ăh, and Jŏsh'ă-phăt, and Nĕ-thăn'ĕl, and Ăm'ă-sāi, and Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, and Bĕ-nā'ĭăh, and Ē-lĭ-ē'zĕr, the priests, did blow the trumpets before the ark of God; and Ō'bĕd-ē'dŏm and Jĕ-hĭ'ăh were doorkeepers for the ark.

25 So David, and the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh out of the house of Ō'bĕd-ē'dŏm with joy. 26 And it came to pass, when God helped the Lē'vites that bare the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh, that they sacrificed seven bullocks and seven rams. 27 And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Lē'-vītes that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chĕn-ă-nī'ăh the master of [1]the song *with* the singers:

[1] Or, *the carrying* of the ark Heb. *the lifting up*

and David had upon him an ĕph'ŏd of linen. 28 Thus all Ĭs'rā-ĕl brought up the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, sounding aloud with psalteries and harps.

29 And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh came to the city of David, that Mĭ'chăl the daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and saw king David dancing and playing; and she despised him in her heart.

16 And they brought in the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before God. 2 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt-offering and the peace-offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh. 3 And he dealt to every one of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a portion [1]*of flesh*, and a cake of raisins.

4 And he appointed certain of the Lē'vītes to minister before the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh, and to celebrate and to thank and praise Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: 5 Ā'săph the chief, and second to him Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, [2]Jĕ-ĭ'ĕl, and Shĕ-mĭr'ă-mōth, and Jĕ-hĭ'ĕl, and Măt-tĭ-thī'ăh, and Ĕ-lī'ăb, and Bĕ-nā'ĭăh, and Ō'bĕd-ē'dŏm, and Jĕ-ĭ'ĕl, with psalteries and with harps; and Ā'săph with cymbals, sounding aloud; 6 and Bĕ-nā'ĭăh and Jă-hā'zĭ-ĕl the priests with trumpets continually, before the ark of the covenant of God.

7 Then on that day did David [3]first ordain to give thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh, by the hand of Ā'săph and his brethren.

8 O give thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh,
call upon his name;
Make known his doings among the peoples.
9 Sing unto him, sing praises unto him;
[4]Talk ye of all his marvellous works.
10 Glory ye in his holy name;
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek Jĕ-hō'văh.
11 Seek ye Jĕ-hō'văh and his strength;
Seek his face evermore.
12 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done,
His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth,
13 O ye seed of Ĭs'rā-ĕl his servant,
Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
14 He is Jĕ-hō'văh our God;
His judgments are in all the earth.
15 Remember his covenant for ever,
The word which he commanded to a thousand generations,
16 *The covenant* which he made with Abraham,
And his oath unto Ī'săac,
17 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a statute,
To Ĭs'rā-ĕl for an everlasting covenant,
18 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Cā'năan,
The [5]lot of your inheritance;
19 When ye were but a few men in number,
Yea, very few, and sojourners in it;
20 And they went about from nation to nation,
And from one kingdom to another people.
21 He suffered no man to do them wrong;
Yea, he reproved kings for their sakes,
22 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed ones,
And do my prophets no harm.
23 Sing unto Jĕ-hō'văh, all the earth;
Show forth his salvation from day to day.
24 Declare his glory among the nations,
His marvellous works among all the peoples.

[1] Or, *of wine* [2] In ch. 15. 18, *Jaaziel*
[3] Or, *make it the chief work*
[4] Or, *Meditate* [5] Heb. *cord*, or, *line*

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25 For great is Jĕ-hō'văh, and
greatly to be praised:
He also is to be feared above
all gods.
26 For all the gods of the peoples
are [1]idols:
But Jĕ-hō'văh made the heav-
ens.
27 Honor and majesty are before
him:
Strength and gladness are in
his place.
28 Ascribe unto Jĕ-hō'văh, ye
kindreds of the peoples,
Ascribe unto Jĕ-hō'văh glory
and strength;
29 Ascribe unto Jĕ-hō'văh the
glory due unto his name:
Bring an offering, and come
before him;
Worship Jĕ-hō'văh [2]in holy
array.
30 Tremble before him, all the
earth:
The world also is established
that it cannot be moved.
31 Let the heavens be glad, and
let the earth rejoice;
And let them say among the
nations, Jĕ-hō'văh reigneth.
32 Let the sea roar, and the ful-
ness thereof;
Let the field exult, and all that
is therein;
33 Then shall the trees of the
wood sing for joy before Jĕ-
hō'văh;
For he cometh to judge the earth
34 O give thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh;
for he is good;
For his lovingkindness *endureth*
for ever.
35 And say ye, Save us, O God of
our salvation,
And gather us together and de-
liver us from the nations,
To give thanks unto thy holy
name,
And to triumph in thy praise.
36 Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh, the God
of Ĭs'rā-ĕl,
From everlasting even to ever-
lasting.
And all the people said, Ā-mĕn',
and praised Jĕ-hō'văh.

[1] Or, *things of nought* [2] Or, *in the beauty of holiness*

37 So he left there, before the
ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh,
Ā'săph and his brethren, to minis-
ter before the ark continually, as
every day's work required; 38 and
Ō'bĕd-ē'dŏm with their brethren,
threescore and eight; Ō'bĕd-ē'-
dŏm also the son of Jĕ-dū'thŭn
and Hō'săh to be doorkeepers;
39 and Zā'dŏk the priest, and his
brethren the priests, before the
tabernacle of Jĕ-hō'văh in the high
place that was at Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn, 40 to
offer burnt-offerings unto Jĕ-hō'-
văh upon the altar of burnt-offer-
ing continually morning and even-
ing, even according to all that is
written in the law of Jĕ-hō'văh,
which he commanded unto Ĭs'rā-ĕl;
41 and with them Hē'măn and Jĕ-
dū'thŭn, and the rest that were
chosen, who were mentioned by
name, to give thanks to Jĕ-hō'văh,
because his lovingkindness *endur-
eth* for ever; 42 and with them Hē'-
măn and Jĕ-dū'thŭn *with* trumpets
and cymbals for those that should
sound aloud, and *with* instruments
for the songs of God; and the sons
of Jĕ-dū'thŭn to be at the gate.
43 And all the people departed
every man to his house: and Da-
vid returned to bless his house.

17 And it came to pass, when
David dwelt in his house,
that David said to Nā'thăn the
prophet, Lo, I dwell in a house of
cedar, but the ark of the covenant
of Jĕ-hō'văh *dwelleth* under cur-
tains. 2 And Nā'thăn said unto
David, Do all that is in thy heart;
for God is with thee. 3 And it
came to pass the same night, that
the word of God came to Nā'thăn,
saying, 4 Go and tell David my
servant, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh,
Thou shalt not build me a house
to dwell in: 5 for I have not dwelt
in a house since the day that I
brought up Ĭs'rā-ĕl, unto this day,
but [3]have gone from tent to tent,
and from *one* tabernacle *to another*.
6 In all places wherein I have
walked with all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, spake I a
word with any of the judges of
Ĭs'rā-ĕl, whom I commanded to be

[3] Heb. *have been*

shepherd of my people, saying, Why have ye not built me a house of cedar? 7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, I took thee from the [1]sheepcote, from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be [2]prince over my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl: 8 and I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast gone, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee; and I will make thee a name, like unto the name of the great ones that are in the earth. 9 And I will appoint a place for my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the first, 10 and *as* from the day that I commanded judges to be over my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and I [3]will subdue all thine enemies. Moreover I tell thee that Jĕ-hō'văh will build thee a house. 11 And it shall come to pass, when thy days are fulfilled that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will set up thy seed after thee, who shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom. 12 He shall build me a house, and I will establish his throne for ever. 13 I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my lovingkindness away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee; 14 but I will settle him in my house and in my kingdom for ever; and his throne shall be established for ever. 15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nā'thăn speak unto David.

16 Then David the king went in, and sat before Jĕ-hō'văh; and he said, Who am I, O Jĕ-hō'văh God, and what is my house, that thou hast brought me thus far? 17 And this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; but thou hast spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O Jĕ-hō'văh God. 18 What can David *say* yet more unto thee concerning the honor which is done to thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant. 19 O Jĕ-hō'văh, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou wrought all this greatness, to make known all *these* great things. 20 O Jĕ-hō'văh, there is none like thee, neither is there any God besides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 21 [4]And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, whom God went to redeem unto himself for a people, to make thee a name by great and terrible things, in driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou redeemedst out of Ĕ'gўpt? 22 For thy people Ĭs'rā-ĕl didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, Jĕ-hō'văh, becamest their God. 23 And now, O Jĕ-hō'văh, let the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, be established for ever, and do as thou hast spoken. 24 [5]And let thy name be established and magnified for ever, saying, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts is the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, even a God to Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and the house of David thy servant is established before thee. 25 For thou, O my God, hast revealed to thy servant that thou wilt build him a house: therefore hath thy servant found *in his heart* to pray before thee. 26 And now, O Jĕ-hō'văh, thou art God, and hast promised this good thing unto thy servant: 27 and now it hath pleased thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Jĕ-hō'văh, hast blessed, and it is blessed for ever.

18 And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Phĭ-lĭs'tines, and subdued them, and took Gath and its towns out of

[1] Or, *pasture* [2] Or, *leader*
[3] Or, *have subdued*
[4] Or, *And who is like thy people Israel, a nation that is alone in the earth &c.* [5] Or, *Yea, let it be established, and let thy name be magnified &c.*

the hand of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. 2 And he smote Mō'ăb; and the Mō'ăb-ītes became servants to David, and brought tribute.

3 And David smote Hăd-ăr-ē'zēr king of Zō'băh [1]unto Hā'măth, as he went to establish his dominion by the river Eū-phrā'tēs. 4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen; and David hocked all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for a hundred chariots.

5 And when [2]the Sўr'ĭ-ăns of [3]Dă-măs'cŭs came to succor Hăd-ăr-ē'zēr king of Zō'băh, David smote of [2]the Sўr'ĭ-ăns two and twenty thousand men. 6 Then David put *garrisons* in [2]Sўr'ĭ-ā of [3]Dă-măs'cŭs; and [2]the Sўr'ĭ-ăns became servants to David, and brought tribute. And Jĕ-hō'văh [4]gave victory to David whithersoever he went. 7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hăd-ăr-ē'zēr, and brought them to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 8 And from Tĭb'hăth and from Cŭn, cities of Hăd-ăr-ē'zēr, David took very much brass, wherewith Sŏl'ō-mŏn made the brazen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass.

9 And when Tō'ū king of Hā'măth heard that David had smitten all the host of Hăd-ăr-ē'zēr king of Zō'băh, 10 he sent Hă-dō'răm his son to king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hăd-ăr-ē'zēr and smitten him (for Hăd-ăr-ē'zēr had wars with Tō'ū); and *he had with him* all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass. 11 These also did king David dedicate unto Jĕ-hō'văh, with the silver and the gold that he carried away from all the nations; from Ē'dŏm, and from Mō'ăb, and from the children of Ăm'mŏn, and from the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and from Ăm'ă-lĕk.

12 Moreover [5]Ā-bī'shāi the son of Zĕ-ru'ĭăh smote of the Ē'dŏm-ītes in the Valley of Salt eighteen thousand. 13 And he put garrisons in Ē'dŏm; and all the Ē'dŏm-ītes became servants to David. And Jĕ-hō'văh [4]gave victory to David whithersoever he went.

14 And David reigned over all Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and he executed justice and righteousness unto all his people. 15 And Jō'ăb the son of Zĕ-ru'ĭăh was over the host; and Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt the son of Ā-hĭ'lŭd was [6]recorder; 16 and Zā'dŏk the son of Ă-hī'tŭb, and Ă-bĭm'ĕ-lĕch the son of Ă-bī'ă-thăr, were priests; and Shāv'shā was [7]scribe; 17 and Bĕ-nā'ĭah the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dă was over the Chĕr'ĕ-thītes and the Pĕl'ĕ-thītes; and the sons of David were chief about the king.

19 And it came to pass after this, that Nā'hăsh the king of the children of Ăm'mŏn died, and his son reigned in his stead. 2 And David said, I will show kindness unto Hā'nŭn the son of Nā'hăsh, because his father showed kindness to me. So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ăm'mŏn to Hā'nŭn, to comfort him. 3 But the princes of the children of Ăm'mŏn said to Hā'nŭn, Thinkest thou that David doth honor thy father, in that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land? 4 So Hā'nŭn took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. 5 Then there went certain persons, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jĕr'ĭ-chō until your beards be grown, and then return.

6 And when the children of Ăm'mŏn saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hā'nŭn and the children of Ăm'mŏn sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mĕs-ŏ-pŏ-tā'mĭ-ā, and out of

[1] Or, *by* [2] Heb. *Aram* [3] Heb. *Darmesek* [4] Or, *saved David* [5] Heb. *Abshai* [6] Or, *chronicler* [7] Or, *secretary*

Ā′răm-mā′ă-căh, and out of Zō′-băh. 7 So they hired them thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Mā′ă-căh and his people, who came and encamped before Mĕd′ĕ-bā. And the children of Ăm′mŏn gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle. 8 And when David heard of it, he sent Jō′ăb, and all the host of the mighty men. 9 And the children of Ăm′mŏn came out, and put the battle in array at the gate of the city: and the kings that were come were by themselves in the field.

10 Now when Jō′ăb saw that [1]the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Ĭs′rā-ĕl, and put them in array against the Sўr′ĭ-ăns. 11 And the rest of the people he committed into the hand of [2]Ā-bī′shāi his brother; and they put themselves in array against the children of Ăm′mŏn. 12 And he said, If the Sўr′ĭ-ăns be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me; but if the children of Ăm′mŏn be too strong for thee, then I will help thee. 13 Be of good courage, and let us play the man for our people, and for the cities of our God: and Jĕ-hō′văh do that which seemeth him good. 14 So Jō′ăb and the people that were with him drew nigh before the Sўr′ĭ-ăns unto the battle; and they fled before him. 15 And when the children of Ăm′-mŏn saw that the Sўr′ĭ-ăns were fled, they likewise fled before Ā-bī′shāi his brother, and entered into the city. Then Jō′ăb came to Jĕ-ru′să-lĕm.

16 And when the Sўr′ĭ-ăns saw that they were put to the worse before Ĭs′rā-ĕl, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Sўr′ĭ-ăns that were beyond the River, with Shō′phăch the captain of the host of Hăd-ăr-ē′zĕr at their head. 17 And it was told David; and he gathered all Ĭs′rā-ĕl together, and passed over the Jordan, and came upon them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Sўr′ĭ-ăns, they fought with him. 18 And the Sўr′ĭ-ăns fled before Ĭs′rā-ĕl; and David slew of the Sўr′ĭ-ăns *the men of* seven thousand chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shō′phăch the captain of the host. 19 And when the servants of Hăd-ăr-ē′zĕr saw that they were put to the worse before Ĭs′rā-ĕl, they made peace with David, and served him: neither would the Sўr′ĭ-ăns help the children of Ăm′mŏn any more.

20 And it came to pass, at the time of the return of the year, at the time when kings go out *to battle*, that Jō′ăb led forth the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ăm′mŏn, and came and besieged Răb′băh. But David tarried at Jĕ-ru′să-lĕm. And Jō′ăb smote Răb′băh, and overthrew it. 2 And David took the crown of [3]their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head: and he brought forth the spoil of the city, exceeding much. 3 And he brought forth the people that were therein, and cut *them* with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. And thus did David unto all the cities of the children of Ăm′mŏn. And David and all the people returned to Jĕ-ru′să-lĕm.

4 And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at [4]Gē′zĕr with the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭnes: then Sĭb′-bĕ-cāi the Hū′shăth-ĭte slew Sĭp′-pāi, of the sons of the giant; and they were subdued. 5 And there was again war with the Phĭ-lĭs′-tĭnes; and ĕl-hā′năn the son of Jā′ĭr slew Lăh′mĭ the brother of Gō-lī′ăth the Gĭt′tīte, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. 6 And there was again war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six *on each hand*, and six *on each foot*: and he also was born unto the giant.

[1] Heb. *the face of the battle was against*
[2] Heb. *Abshai*
[3] Or, *Malcam* See Zeph. 1. 5
[4] In 2 S. 21. 18, *Gob*

7 And when he [1]defied Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Jŏn'ă-thăn the son of Shĭm'ĕ-ă David's brother slew him. 8 These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

21 And [2]Satan stood up against Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and moved David to number Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 2 And David said to Jō'ăb and to the princes of the people, Go, number Ĭs'rā-ĕl from Bĕ'ĕr-shĕ'bà even to Dan; and bring me word, that I may know the sum of them. 3 And Jō'ăb said, Jĕ-hō'văh make his people a hundred times as many as they are: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? why doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of guilt unto Ĭs'rā-ĕl? 4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Jō'ăb. Wherefore Jō'ăb departed, and went throughout all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and came to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 5 And Jō'ăb gave up the sum of the numbering of the people unto David. And all they of Ĭs'rā-ĕl were a thousand thousand and a hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Jū'dăh was four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword. 6 But Lĕ'vi and Bĕn'jă-mín counted he not among them; for the king's word was abominable to Jō'ăb. 7 And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 8 And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing: but now, put away, I beseech thee, the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

9 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto Gad, David's seer, saying, 10 Go and speak unto David, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, I [3]offer thee three things: choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. 11 So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Take which thou wilt: 12 either three years of famine; or three months to be consumed before thy foes, while the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of Jĕ-hō'văh, [4]even pestilence in the land, and the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh destroying throughout all the borders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. Now therefore consider what answer I shall return to him that sent me. 13 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall, I pray, into the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh; for very [5]great are his mercies: and let me not fall into the hand of man. 14 So Jĕ-hō'văh sent a pestilence upon Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and there fell of Ĭs'rā-ĕl seventy thousand men. 15 And God sent an angel unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm to destroy it: and as he was about to destroy, Jĕ-hō'văh beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the destroying angel, It is enough; now stay thy hand. And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh was standing by the threshing-floor of [6]Or'năn the Jĕb'ū-site. 16 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh standing between earth and heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. 17 And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done very wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? let thy hand, I pray thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh my God, be against me, and against my father's house; but not against thy people, that they should be plagued.

18 Then the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and rear an altar unto Jĕ-hō'văh in the threshing-floor of Or'năn the Jĕb'ū-site. 19 And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh. 20 And Or'năn turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons that were with him hid themselves. Now Or'năn was threshing wheat. 21 And as David came to Or'năn, Or'năn looked and saw David, and

[1] Or, *reproached*
[2] Or, *an adversary*
[3] Heb. *stretch out unto*
[4] Or, *and*
[5] Or, *many*
[6] In 2 S. 24.16, &c., *Araunah*

went out of the threshing-floor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground. 22 Then David said to Ôr'năn, Give me the place of this threshing-floor, that I may build thereon an altar unto Jĕ-hō'văh: for the full price shalt thou give it me, that the plague may be stayed from the people. 23 And Ôr'năn said unto David, Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes: lo, I give *thee* the oxen for burnt-offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal-offering; I give it all. 24 And king David said to Ôr'năn, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for Jĕ-hō'văh, nor offer a burnt-offering without cost. 25 So David gave to Ôr'năn for the place six hundred shĕk'ĕls of gold by weight. 26 And David built there an altar unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, and called upon Jĕ-hō'văh; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt-offering. 27 And Jĕ-hō'văh commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.

28 At that time, when David saw that Jĕ-hō'văh had answered him in the threshing-floor of Ôr'năn the Jĕb'ū-sīte, then he sacrificed there. 29 For the tabernacle of Jĕ-hō'văh, which Mō'sĕs made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt-offering, were at that time in the high place at Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn. 30 But David could not go before it to inquire of God; for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh.

22 1 Then David said, This is the house of Jĕ-hō'văh God, and this is the altar of burnt-offering for Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

2 And David commanded to gather together the sojourners that were in the land of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God. 3 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the couplings; and brass in abundance without weight; 4 and cedar-trees without number: for the Sī-dō'nĭ-ănş and they of Tȳre brought cedar-trees in abundance to David. 5 And David said, Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for Jĕ-hō'văh must be exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

6 Then he called for Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn his son, and charged him to build a house for Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 7 And David said to Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn [1]his son, As for me, it was in my heart to build a house unto the name of Jĕ-hō'văh my God. 8 But the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build a house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight. 9 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about; for his name shall be [2]Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, and I will give peace and quietness unto Ĭs'rā-ĕl in his days. 10 He shall build a house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Ĭs'rā-ĕl for ever. 11 Now, my son, Jĕ-hō'văh be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, as he hath spoken concerning thee. 12 Only Jĕ-hō'văh give thee discretion and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Ĭs'rā-ĕl; that so thou mayest keep the law of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God. 13 Then shalt thou prosper, if thou observe to do the statutes and the ordinances which Jĕ-hō'văh charged Mō'sĕs with concerning Ĭs'rā-ĕl: be strong, and of good courage; fear not, neither be dismayed. 14 Now, behold, in my

[1] According to another reading, *My son, as for me &c.*
[2] That is, *Peaceful*

[1]affliction I have prepared for the house of Jĕ-hō'văh a hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver, and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto. 15 Moreover there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all men that are skilful in every manner of work: 16 of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, there is no number. Arise and be doing, and Jĕ-hō'văh be with thee.

17 David also commanded all the princes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl to help Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn his son, *saying*, 18 Is not Jĕ-hō'văh your God with you? and hath he not given you rest on every side? for he hath delivered the inhabitants of the land into my hand; and the land is subdued before Jĕ-hō'văh, and before his people. 19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek after Jĕ-hō'văh your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of Jĕ-hō'văh God, to bring the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of Jĕ-hō'văh.

23 Now David was old and full of days; and he made Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn his son king over Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 2 And he gathered together all the princes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, with the priests and the Lē'vītes. 3 And the Lē'vītes were numbered from thirty years old and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand. 4 Of these, twenty and four thousand were to oversee the work of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh; and six thousand were officers and judges; 5 and four thousand were door-keepers; and four thousand praised Jĕ-hō'văh with the instruments which I made, *said David*, to praise therewith. 6 And David divided them into [2]courses according to the sons of Lē'vī: Gĕr'shŏn, Kō'hăth, and Mĕ-rā'rī.

7 Of the Gĕr'shŏn-ītes: [3]Lā'dăn and Shĭm'ĕ-ī. 8 The sons of Lā'dăn: Jĕ-hī'ĕl the chief, and Zē'thăm, and Jō'ĕl, three. 9 The sons of Shĭm'ĕ-ī: Shĕl'ŏ-mŏth, and Hā'zī-ĕl, and Hā'răn, three. These were the heads of the fathers' *houses* of Lā'dăn. 10 And the sons of Shĭm'ĕ-ī: Jā'hăth, [4]Zī'nā, and Jē'ŭsh, and Bĕ-rī'ăh. These four were the sons of Shĭm'ĕ-ī. 11 And Jā'hăth was the chief, and Zī'zăh the second: but Jē'ŭsh and Bĕ-rī'ăh had not many sons; therefore they became a fathers' house in one reckoning.

12 The sons of Kō'hăth: Ăm'răm, Ĭz'hăr, Hĕ'brŏn, and Ŭz-zī'ĕl, four. 13 The sons of Ăm'răm: Aär'ŏn and Mō'sĕs; and Aär'ŏn was separated, [5]that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons, for ever, to burn incense before Jĕ-hō'văh, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, for ever. 14 But as for Mō'sĕs the man of God, his sons were named among the tribe of Lē'vī. 15 The sons of Mō'sĕs: Gĕr'shŏm and Ē-lĭ-ē'zĕr. 16 The sons of Gĕr'shŏm: [6]Shĕb'ū-ĕl the chief. 17 And the sons of Ē-lĭ-ē'zĕr were: Rē-hă-bī'ăh the chief; and Ē-lĭ-ē'zĕr had no other sons; but the sons of Rē-hă-bī'ăh were very many. 18 The sons of Ĭz'hăr: [7]Shĕl'ŏ-mĭth the chief. 19 The sons of Hĕ'brŏn: Jĕ-rī'ăh the chief, Ăm-ă-rī'ăh the second, Jă-hā'zĭ-ĕl the third, and Jĕk-ă-mē'ăm the fourth. 20 The sons of Ŭz-zī'ĕl: Mī'căh the chief, and Ĭs-shī'ăh the second.

21 The sons of Mĕ-rā'rī: Măh'lī and Mū'shī. The sons of Măh'lī: Ē-lē-ā'zär and Kĭsh. 22 And Ē-lē-ā'zär died, and had no sons, but daughters only: and their brethren the sons of Kĭsh took them *to wife*. 23 The sons of Mū'shī: Măh'lī, and Ē'dĕr, and Jĕr'ĕ-mŏth, three.

24 These were the sons of Lē'vī after their fathers' houses, even the heads of the fathers' *houses* of

[1] Or, *low estate*
[2] Heb. *divisions*
[3] In ch. 6.17, *Libni*
[4] In ver. 11, *Zizah*
[5] Or, *to sanctify as most holy him &c.*
[6] In ch. 24.20, *Shubael*
[7] In ch. 24.22, *Shelomoth*

those of them that were counted, in the number of names by their polls, who did the work for the service of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, from twenty years old and upward. 25 For David said, Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, hath given rest unto his people; and he dwelleth in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm for ever: 26 and also the Lē'vītes shall no more have need to carry the tabernacle and all the vessels of it for the service thereof. 27 For [1]by the last words of David the sons of Lē'vī were numbered, from twenty years old and upward. 28 For [2]their office was to wait on the sons of Aär'ŏn for the service of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, even the work of the service of the house of God; 29 for the showbread also, and for the fine flour for a meal-offering, whether of unleavened wafers, or of that which is baked in the pan, or of that which is soaked, and for all manner of measure and size; 30 and to stand every morning to thank and praise Jĕ-hō'văh, and likewise at even; 31 and to offer all burnt-offerings unto Jĕ-hō'văh, on the sabbaths, on the new moons, and on the set feasts, in number according to the ordinance concerning them, continually before Jĕ-hō'văh; 32 and that they should keep the charge of the tent of meeting, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aär'ŏn their brethren, for the service of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh.

24 And the courses of the sons of Aär'ŏn *were these*. The sons of Aär'ŏn: Nā'dăb and Ă-bī'hū, Ĕ-lē-ā'zär and ĭth'ă-mär. 2 But Nā'dăb and Ă-bī'hū died before their father, and had no children: therefore Ĕ-lē-ā'zär and ĭth'ă-mär executed the priest's office. 3 [3]And David with Zā'dŏk of the sons of Ĕ-lē-ā'zär, and Ă-hĭm'ĕ-lĕch of the sons of ĭth'ă-mär, divided them according to their ordering in their service. 4 And there were more chief men found of the sons of Ĕ-lē-ā'zär than of the sons of ĭth'ă-mär; and *thus* were they divided: of the sons of Ĕ-lē-ā'zär there were sixteen, heads of fathers' houses; and of the sons of ĭth'ă-mär, according to their fathers' houses, eight. 5 Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for there were princes of the sanctuary, and princes of God, both of the sons of Ĕ-lē-ā'zär, and of the sons of ĭth'ă-mär. 6 And Shĕ-mā'ĭah the son of Nĕ-thăn'ĕl the scribe, who was of the Lē'vītes, wrote them in the presence of the king, and the princes, and Zā'dŏk the priest, and Ă-hĭm'ĕ-lĕch the son of Ă-bī'ă-thär, and the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the priests and of the Lē'vītes; one fathers' house being taken for Ĕ-lē-ā'zär, and [4]one taken for ĭth'ă-mär.

7 Now the first lot came forth to Jĕ-hoi'ă-rĭb, the second to Jĕ-dā'ĭah, 8 the third to Hā'rĭm, the fourth to Sĕ-ō'rĭm, 9 the fifth to Măl-chī'jăh, the sixth to Mĭj'ă-mĭn, 10 the seventh to Hăk'kŏz, the eighth to Ă-bī'jăh, 11 the ninth to Jĕsh'ū-ä, the tenth to Shĕc-ă-nī'ăh, 12 the eleventh to Ĕ-lī'ă-shĭb, the twelfth to Jā'kĭm, 13 the thirteenth to Hŭp'păh, the fourteenth to Jĕ-shĕb'ĕ-ăb, 14 the fifteenth to Bĭl'găh, the sixteenth to ĭm'mĕr, 15 the seventeenth to Hē'zĭr, the eighteenth to Hăp'pĭz-zĕz, 16 the nineteenth to Pĕth-ă-hi'ăh, the twentieth to Jĕ-hĕz'kĕl, 17 the one and twentieth to Jā'chĭn, the two and twentieth to Gā'mŭl, 18 the three and twentieth to Dĕ-lā'ĭah, the four and twentieth to Mā-ă-zī'ăh. 19 This was the ordering of them in their service, to come into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh according to the ordinance *given* unto them by Aär'ŏn their father, as Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, had commanded him.

20 And of the rest of the sons of Lē'vī: of the sons of Ăm'răm,

[1] Or, *in the last acts* [2] Heb. *their station was at the hand of the sons of Aaron.* See Neh. 11.24 [3] Or, *And David divided them, even Zadok &c.*

[4] The Hebrew text has, *taken, taken*

[1]Shu'bā-ĕl; of the sons of Shu'bā-ĕl, Jĕh-dē'ĭăh. 21 Of Rē-hă-bī'ăh: of the sons of Rē-hă-bī'ăh, ĭs-shī'ăh the chief. 22 Of the ĭz'hăr-ītes, [2]Shĕl'ō-mŏth; of the sons of Shĕl'ŏ-mŏth, Jā'hăth. 23 And the sons *of He'bron*: Jē-rī'ăh *the chief*, Ăm-ă-rī'ăh the second, Jă-hă'zĭ-ĕl the third, Jĕk-ă-mē'ăm the fourth. 24 The sons of ŭz-zī'ĕl, Mī'căh; of the sons of Mī'căh, Shā'mĭr. 25 The brother of Mī'căh, ĭs-shī'ăh; of the sons of ĭs-shī'ăh, Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh. 26 The sons of Mĕ-rā'rī: Măh'lī and Mū'shī; the sons of Jā-ă-zī'ăh: Bē'nō. 27 The sons of Mĕ-rā'rī: of Jā-ă-zī'ăh, Bē'nō, and Shō'hăm, and Zăc'cŭr, and Ĭb'rī. 28 Of Măh'lī: Ē-lē-ā'zăr, who had no sons. 29 Of Kĭsh: the sons of Kĭsh: Jē-răh'mē-ĕl. 30 And the sons of Mū'shī: Măh'lī, and Ē'dĕr, and Jĕr'ĭ-mŏth. These were the sons of the Lē'vītes after their fathers' houses. 31 These likewise cast lots even as their brethren the sons of Aâr'ŏn in the presence of David the king, and Zā'dŏk, and Ă-hĭm'ĕ-lĕch, and the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the priests and of the Lē'vītes; the fathers' *houses* of the chief even as those of his younger brother.

25 Moreover David and the captains of the host set apart for the service certain of the sons of Ā'săph, and of Hĕ'măn, and of Jĕ-dū'thŭn, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of them that did the work according to their service was: 2 of the sons of Ā'săph: Zăc'cŭr, and Joseph, and Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh, and [3]Ăsh-ă-rē'lăh, the sons of Ā'săph, under the hand of Ā'săph, who prophesied [4]after the order of the king. 3 Of Jĕ-dū'thŭn; the sons of Jĕ-dū'thŭn: Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh, and [5]Zē'rī, and Jĕsh'ă-ĭăh, Hăsh-ă-bī'ăh, and Măt-tĭ-thī'ăh, [6]six, under the hands of their father Jĕ-dū'thŭn with the harp, who prophesied in giving thanks and praising Jē-hō'văh. 4 Of Hĕ'măn; the sons of Hĕ'măn: Bŭk-kī'ăh, Măt-tă-nī'ăh, [7]ŭz-zī'ĕl, [8]Shĕb'ū-ĕl, and Jĕr'ĭ-mŏth, Hăn-ă-nī'ăh, Hă-nā'nī, Ē-lī'ă-thăh, Gĭd-dăl'tī, and Rō-măm'tĭ-ē'zĕr, Jŏsh-bĕk'ă-shăh, Măl'lō-thī, Hō'thĭr, Mă-hă'zĭ-ŏth. 5 All these were the sons of Hĕ'măn the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Hĕ'măn fourteen sons and three daughters. 6 All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God; [9]Ā'săph, Jĕ-dū'thŭn, and Hĕ'măn being under the order of the king. 7 And the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in singing unto Jĕ-hō'văh, even all that were skilful, was two hundred fourscore and eight. 8 And they cast lots [10]for their offices, all alike, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar.

9 Now the first lot came forth for Ā'săph to Joseph: the second to Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh; he and his brethren and sons were twelve: 10 the third to Zăc'cŭr, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 11 the fourth to ĭz'rī, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 12 the fifth to Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 13 the sixth to Bŭk-kī'ăh, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 14 the seventh to Jĕ-shăr'ĕ-lăh, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 15 the eighth to Jĕsh'ă-ĭăh, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 16 the ninth to Măt-tă-nī'ăh, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 17 the tenth to Shĭm'ĕ-ī, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 18 the eleventh to Ăz'ăr-ĕl, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 19 the twelfth to Hăsh-ă-bī'ăh, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 20 for the thirteenth, Shū'bă-ĕl, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 21 for the fourteenth, Măt-tĭ-thī'ăh, his sons and

[1] In ch. 23.16, *Shebuel*
[2] In ch. 23.18, *Shelomith*
[3] In ver. 14, *Jesharelah*
[4] Heb. *by the hands of the king*
[5] In ver. 11, *Izri*
[6] With Shimei, mentioned in ver. 17
[7] In ver. 18, *Azarel*
[8] In ver. 20, *Shubael*
[9] Or, *after the order of the king*, even *Asaph &c.*
[10] Or, *ward against* ward, *as well &c.*

his brethren, twelve: 22 for the fifteenth to Jĕr'ĕ-mŏth, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 23 for the sixteenth to Hăn-ă-nī'ăh, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 24 for the seventeenth to Jŏsh-bĕk'ă-shăh, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 25 for the eighteenth to Hă-nā'nī, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 26 for the nineteenth to Măl'lō-thī, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 27 for the twentieth to Ē-lī'ă-thăh, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 28 for the one and twentieth to Hō'thīr, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 29 for the two and twentieth to Gĭd-dăl'tī, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 30 for the three and twentieth to Mă-hă'zī-ŏth, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 31 for the four and twentieth to Rō-măm'tī-ē'zēr, his sons and his brethren, twelve.

26 For the courses of the doorkeepers: of the Kō'răh-ītes, [1]Mĕ-shĕl-ē-mī'ăh the son of Kō'rĕ, of the sons of [2]Ā'săph. 2 And Mĕ-shĕl-ē-mī'ăh had sons: Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh the first-born, Jĕ-dī'ă-ĕl the second, Zĕb-ă-dī'ăh the third, Jăth'nī-ĕl the fourth, 3 Ē'lăm the fifth, Jĕ-hŏ-hā'năn the sixth, ĕl'-iĕ-hō-ē'nāi the seventh. 4 And Ō'bĕd-ē'dŏm had sons: Shĕ-mā'-iăh the first-born, Jĕ-hŏz'ă-bād the second, Jō'ăh the third, and Sā'căr the fourth, and Nĕ-thăn'ĕl the fifth, 5 Ăm'mī-ĕl the sixth, Ĭs'să-chär the seventh, Pĕ-ŭl-lē'-thāi the eighth; for God blessed him. 6 Also unto Shĕ-mā'iăh his son were sons born, that ruled over the house of their father; for they were mighty men of valor. 7 The sons of Shĕ-mā'iăh: Ŏth'nī, and Rĕ'phă-ĕl, and Ō'bĕd, ĕl'ză-bād, whose brethren were valiant men, Ē-lī'hū, and Sĕm-ă-chī'ăh. 8 All these were of the sons of Ō'bĕd-ē'dŏm: they and their sons and their brethren, able men in strength for the service; threescore and two of Ō'bĕd-ē'dŏm. 9 And Mĕ-shĕl-ē-mī'ăh had sons and brethren, valiant men, eighteen. 10 Also Hō'săh, of the children of Mĕ-rā'rī, had sons: Shĭm'rī the chief (for though he was not the first-born, yet his father made him chief), 11 Hĭl-kī'ăh the second, Tĕb-ă-lī'ăh the third, Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh the fourth: all the sons and brethren of Hō'săh were thirteen.

12 Of these were the courses of the doorkeepers, even of the chief men, having [3]offices like their brethren, to minister in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 13 And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, according to their fathers' houses, for every gate. 14 And the lot eastward fell to [4]Shĕl-ĕ-mī'ăh. Then for Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh his son, a discreet counsellor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward. 15 To Ō'bĕd-ē'dŏm southward; and to his sons the store-house. 16 To Shŭp'pĭm and Hō'săh westward, by the gate of [5]Shăl'lĕ-chĕth, at the causeway that goeth up, watch against watch. 17 Eastward were six Lē'vītes, northward four a day, southward four a day, and for the store-house two and two. 18 For [6]Pär'bär westward, four at the causeway, and two at [6]Pär'-bär. 19 These were the courses of the doorkeepers; of the sons of the Kō'răh-ītes, and of the sons of Mĕ-rā'rī.

20 And of the Lē'vītes, Ă-hī'jăh was over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the [7]dedicated things. 21 The sons of [8]Lā'dăn, the sons of the Gĕr'shŏn-ītes belonging to Lā'dăn, the heads of the fathers' *houses* belonging to Lā'dăn the Gĕr'shŏn-īte: [9]Jĕ-hī'ĕ-lī. 22 The sons of Jĕ-hī'-ĕ-lī: Zē'thăm, and Jō'ĕl his brother, over the treasures of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 23 Of the Ăm'răm-ītes, of the Ĭz'här-ītes, of the Hĕ'-brŏn-ītes, of the Ŭz-zī'ĕl-ītes: 24 and Shĕb'ū-ĕl the son of Gĕr'shŏm, the son of Mō'sĕs, was ruler over the treasures. 25 And his brethren: of Ē-lī-ē'zēr *came* Rĕ-hă-bī'ăh

[1] In ver. 14, *Shelemiah* [2] In ch. 9.19, *Ebiasaph*
[3] Or, *wards over against their brethren* [4] In ver. 1, *Meshelemiah* [5] That is, *Casting forth* [6] Or, *the precinct* [7] Heb. *holy things* [8] In ch. 6.17, *Libni* [9] In ch. 23.8, *Jehiel*

his son, and Jĕsh'ă-iăh his son, and Jō'răm his son, and Zĭch'rī his son, and Shĕl'ō-mŏth his son. 26 This Shĕl'ō-mŏth and his brethren were over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the heads of the fathers' *houses*, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated. 27 [1]Out of the spoil won in battles did they dedicate to repair the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 28 And all that Săm'ū-ĕl the seer, and Saul the son of Kĭsh, and Ăb'nēr the son of Nēr, and Jō'ăb the son of Zĕ-ru'iăh, had dedicated, whosoever had dedicated anything, it was under the hand of [2]Shĕl'ō-mŏth, and of his brethren.

29 Of the Ĭz'hăr-ītes, Chĕn-ă-nī'ăh and his sons were for the outward business over Ĭs'rā-ĕl, for officers and judges. 30 Of the Hē'-brŏn-ītes, Hăsh-ă-bī'ăh and his brethren, men of valor, a thousand and seven hundred, had the oversight of Ĭs'rā-ĕl beyond the Jordan westward, for all the business of Jĕ-hō'văh, and for the service of the king. 31 Of the Hē'brŏn-ītes was Jĕ-rī'jăh the chief, even of the Hē'brŏn-ītes, according to their generations by fathers' *houses*. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valor at Jā'zēr of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd. 32 And his brethren, men of valor, were two thousand and seven hundred, heads of fathers' *houses*, whom king David made overseers over the Reu'bĕn-ītes, and the Găd'ītes, and the half-tribe of the Mă-năs'sītes, for every matter pertaining to God, and for the affairs of the king.

27 Now the children of Ĭs'-rā-ĕl after their number, *to wit*, the heads of fathers' *houses* and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and their officers that served the king, in any matter of the courses which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course were twenty and four thousand. 2 Over the first course for the first month was Jā-shō'bĕ-ăm the son of Zăb'dĭ-ĕl: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 3 *He was* of the children of Pē'rĕz, the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month. 4 And over the course of the second month was Dō'dāi the Ă-hō'hīte, and his course; and Mik'lŏth the ruler: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 5 The third captain of the host for the third month was Bĕ-nā'iăh, the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà the [3]priest, chief: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 6 This is that Bĕ-nā'iăh, who was the mighty man of the thirty, and over the thirty: and *of* his course was Ăm-mĭz'ă-băd his son. 7 The fourth *captain* for the fourth month was A'să-hĕl the brother of Jō'ăb, and Zĕb-ă-dī'ăh his son after him: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 8 The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shăm'-hŭth the Ĭz'ră-hīte: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 9 The sixth *captain* for the sixth month was Ī'rà the son of Ĭk'kĕsh the Tē-kō'īte: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 10 The seventh *captain* for the seventh month was Hē'lĕz the Pĕl'ō-nīte, of the children of Ē'phrā-ĭm: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 11 The eighth *captain* for the eighth month was Sĭb'bĕ-cāi the Hū'shăth-īte of the Zē'răh-ītes: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 12 The ninth *captain* for the ninth month was Ā-bĭ-ē'zēr the Ăn'ă-thŏth-īte, of the Bĕn'jă-mītes: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 13 The tenth *captain* for the tenth month was Mā'hă-rāi the Nē-tŏph'ă-thīte, of the Zē'-răh-ītes: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 14 The eleventh month was Bĕ-nā'iăh the Pĭr'ă-thŏn-īte, of the children of Ē'phrā-

[1] Heb. *Out of the battles and the spoil*
[2] Heb. *Shelomith*
[3] Or, *chief minister* See 2 S. 8.18

ĭm: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 15 The twelfth *captain* for the twelfth month was [1]Hĕl'dāi the Nĕ-tŏph'ă-thīte, of ŏth'nĭ-ĕl: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

16 Furthermore over the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: of the Reu'bĕn-ītes was Ē-lĭ-ē'zĕr the son of Zĭch'rĭ the ruler: of the Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn-ītes, Shĕph-ă-tī'ăh the son of Mā'ă-căh: 17 of Lē'vi, Hăsh-ă-bī'ăh the son of Kĕm'ū-ĕl: of Aär'ŏn, Zā'dŏk: 18 of Jū'dăh, [2]Ē-lī'hū, one of the brethren of David: of Ĭs'să-chär, Ōm'rĭ the son of Mī'chă-ĕl: 19 of Zĕb'ū-lŭn, Ĭsh-mā'ĭăh the son of Ō-bă-dī'ăh: of Năph'tă-lī, Jĕr'ĕ-mŏth the son of Ăz'rĭ-ĕl: 20 of the children of Ē'phrā-ĭm, Hō-shē'ă the son of Ăz-ă-zī'ăh: of the half-tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh, Jō'ĕl the son of Pĕ-dā'ĭăh: 21 of the half-*tribe* of Mă-năs'sĕh in Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, Ĭd'dō the son of Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh: of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, Jă-ă'sĭ-ĕl the son of Ăb'nēr: 22 of Dan, Ăz'ăr-ĕl the son of Jĕr'-ŏ-hăm. These were the captains of the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 23 But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under, because Jĕ-hō'văh had said he would increase Ĭs'rā-ĕl like to the stars of heaven. 24 Jō'ăb the son of Zĕ-ru'ĭăh began to number, but finished not; and there came wrath for this upon Ĭs'rā-ĕl; neither was the number put into the account in the chronicles of king David.

25 And over the king's treasures was Ăz'mă-vĕth the son of Ā'dĭ-ĕl: and over the treasures in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, was Jŏn'ă-thăn the son of Ŭz-zī'ăh: 26 and over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ĕz'rĭ the son of Chĕ'-lŭb: 27 and over the vineyards was Shĭm'ĕ-ī the Rā'măth-īte: and over the increase of the vineyards for the wine-cellars was Zăb'dĭ the Shĭph'mīte: 28 and over the olive-trees and the sycomore-trees that were in the lowland was Bā'ăl-hā'năn the Gĕd'ĕ-rīte: and over the cellars of oil was Jō'ăsh: 29 and over the herds that fed in Shär'ŏn was Shĭt'rāi the Shär'ŏn-īte: and over the herds that were in the valleys was Shā'phăt the son of Ăd'lāi: 30 and over the camels was Ō'bĭl the Ĭsh'mă-ĕl-īte: and over the asses was Jĕh-dē'ĭăh the Mĕ-rŏn'ŏ-thīte: 31 and over the flocks was Jā'zĭz the Hăg'rīte. All these were the rulers of the substance which was king David's.

32 Also Jŏn'ă-thăn, David's [3]uncle, was a counsellor, a man of understanding, and a scribe: and Jĕ-hī'ĕl the son of Hăch'mō-nī was with the king's sons: 33 and Ă-hĭth'ō-phĕl was the king's counsellor: and Hū'shāi the Ăr'chīte was the king's friend: 34 and after Ă-hĭth'ō-phĕl was Jĕ-hoi'ă-dă the son of Bĕ-nā'ĭah, and Ă-bī'ă-thär: and the captain of the king's host was Jō'ăb.

28 And David assembled all the princes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that served the king by course, and the captains of thousands, and the captains of hundreds, and the rulers over all the substance and [4]possessions of the king and of his sons, with the [5]officers, and the mighty men, even all the mighty men of valor, unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: as for me, it was in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh, and for the footstool of our God; and I had made ready for the building. 3 But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build a house for my name, because thou art a man of war, and hast shed blood. 4 Howbeit Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, chose me out of all the house of my father to be king over Ĭs'rā-ĕl for ever: for he hath chosen Jū'dăh to be [6]prince; and in the house of Jū'dăh, the house of my father; and among the sons

[1] In ch. 11. 30, *Heled*. [2] In 1 S.16.6, *Eliab*.
[3] Or, *brother's son*. [4] Or, *cattle*. [5] Or, *eunuchs*. [6] Or, *leader*

of my father he took pleasure in me to make me king over all Ĭs'-rā-ĕl; 5 and of all my sons (for Jĕ-hō'vāh hath given me many sons), he hath chosen Sŏl'ō-mŏn my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of Jĕ-hō'vāh over Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 6 And he said unto me, Sŏl'ō-mŏn thy son, he shall build my house and my courts; for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. 7 And I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and mine ordinances, as at this day. 8 Now therefore, in the sight of all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, the assembly of Jĕ-hō'vāh, and in the audience of our God, observe and seek out all the commandments of Jĕ-hō'vāh your God; that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children after you for ever.

9 And thou, Sŏl'ō-mŏn my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for Jĕ-hō'vāh searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts. If thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. 10 Take heed now; for Jĕ-hō'vāh hath chosen thee to build a house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.

11 Then David gave to Sŏl'ō-mŏn his son the pattern of the porch *of the temple*, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper rooms thereof, and of the inner chambers thereof, and of the [1]place of the mercy-seat; 12 and the pattern of all that he had [2]by the Spirit, for the courts of the house of Jĕ-hō'vāh, and for all the chambers round about, for the treasuries of the house of God, and for the treasuries of the dedicated things; 13 also for the courses of the priests and the Lē'vītes, and for all the work of the service of the house of Jĕ-hō'vāh, and for all the vessels of service in the house of Jĕ-hō'vāh; 14 of gold by weight for th *vessels of* gold, for all vessels o every kind of service; *of silver* fo all the vessels of silver by weigh for all vessels of every kind of ser vice; 15 by weight also for th candlesticks of gold, and for th lamps thereof, of gold, by weigh for every candlestick and for th lamps thereof; and for the candle sticks of silver, *silver* by weight fo *every* candlestick and for the lamp thereof, according to the use o every candlestick; 16 and the gol by weight for the tables of show bread, for every table; and silve for the tables of silver; 17 and th flesh-hooks, and the basins, an the cups, of pure gold; and for th golden bowls by weight for ever bowl; and for the silver bowls b weight for every bowl; 18 and fo the altar of incense refined gol by weight; and gold for the patter of the chariot, *even* the chĕr'ū-bĭm that spread out *their wings*, an covered the ark of the covenant o Jĕ-hō'vāh. 19 All this, *said David* [3]have I been made to understan in writing from the hand of Jĕ-hō' vāh, even all the works of thi pattern.

20 And David said to Sŏl'ō-mŏ his son, Be strong and of goo courage, and do it: fear not, no be dismayed; for Jĕ-hō'vāh God even my God, is with thee; he wi not fail thee, nor forsake thee, unt all the work for the service of th house of Jĕ-hō'vāh be finished 21 And, behold, there are th courses of the priests and the Lē' vites, for all the service of th house of God: and there shall b with thee in all manner of wor every willing man that hath skil for any manner of service: also th captains and all the people will b wholly at thy commandment.

29 And David the king sai unto all the assembly, Sŏl'ō mŏn my son, whom alone Go hath chosen, is yet young and ten der, and the work is great; for th palace is not for man, but for Jĕ

[1] Heb. *house* [2] Or, *in his spirit* [3] Or, *Jehovah made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even &c.*

hō'văh God. 2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for the *things of* gold, and the silver for the *things of* silver, and the brass for the *things of* brass, the iron for the *things of* iron, and wood for the *things of* wood; [1]onyx stones, and *stones* to be set, stones for inlaid work, and of divers colors, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. 3 Moreover also, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, seeing that I have a treasure of mine own of gold and silver, I give it unto the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, 4 even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ō'phĭr, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, wherewith to overlay the walls of the houses; 5 of gold for the *things of* gold, and of silver for the *things of* silver, and for all manner of work *to be made* by the hands of artificers. Who then offereth willingly [2]to consecrate himself this day unto Jĕ-hō'văh?

6 Then the princes of the fathers' *houses*, and the princes of the tribes of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers over the king's work, offered willingly; 7 and they gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand darics, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and of iron a hundred thousand talents. 8 And they with whom *precious* stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, under the hand of Jĕ-hī'ĕl the Gēr'shŏn-īte. 9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with a perfect heart they offered willingly to Jĕ-hō'văh: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

10 Wherefore David blessed Jĕ-hō'văh before all the assembly; and David said, Blessed be thou, O Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl our father, for ever and ever. 11 Thine, O Jĕ-hō'văh, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heavens and in the earth *is thine*; thine is the kingdom, O Jĕ-hō'văh, and thou art exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor come of thee, and thou rulest over all; and in thy hand is power and might; and in thy hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. 13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. 14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we should [3]be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and [4]of thine own have we given thee. 15 For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is no [5]abiding. 16 O Jĕ-hō'văh our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee a house for thy holy name cometh of thy hand, and is all thine own. 17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, that are present here, offer willingly unto thee. 18 O Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Abraham, of ī'săac, and of ĭs'rā-ĕl, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and [6]prepare their heart unto thee; 19 and give unto Sŏl'ō-mŏn my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for which I have made provision.

20 And David said to all the assembly, Now bless Jĕ-hō'văh your God. And all the assembly blessed Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped Jĕ-hō'văh, and the king. 21 And

[1] Or, *beryl*
[2] Heb. *to fill his hand*
[3] Heb. *retain strength*
[4] Heb. *of thy hand*
[5] Heb. *hope*
[6] Or, *establish*

they sacrificed sacrifices unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and offered burnt-offerings unto Jĕ-hō'văh, on the morrow after that day, even a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink-offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all ĭs'rā-ĕl, 22 and did eat and drink before Jĕ-hō'văh on that day with great gladness.

And they made Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn the son of David king the second time, and anointed him unto Jĕ-hō'văh to be [1]prince, and Zā'dŏk to be priest. 23 Then Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn sat on the throne of Jĕ-hō'văh as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all ĭs'rā-ĕl obeyed him. 24 And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, [2]submitted themselves unto Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn the king. 25 And Jĕ-hō'văh magnified Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn exceedingly in the sight of all ĭs'rā-ĕl, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in ĭs'rā-ĕl.

26 Now David the son of Jĕs'sĕ reigned over all ĭs'rā-ĕl. 27 And the time that he reigned over ĭs'rā-ĕl was forty years; seven years reigned he in Hē'brŏn, and thirty and three *years* reigned he in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor: and Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn his son reigned in his stead. 29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the [3]history of Săm'ū-ĕl the seer, and in the [3]history of Nā'thăn the prophet, and in the [3]history of Gad the seer, 30 with all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over ĭs'rā-ĕl, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

[1] Or, *leader under Solomon*
[2] Heb. *gave the hand*
[3] Heb. *words*

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES

Solomon worships at Gibeon. His Prayer for Wisdom

1 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and Jĕ-hō'văh his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly. 2 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn spake unto all ĭs'rā-ĕl, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every prince in all ĭs'rā-ĕl, the heads of the fathers' *houses*. 3 So Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that was at Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn; for there was the tent of meeting of God, which Mō'sĕs the servant of Jĕ-hō'văh had made in the wilderness. 4 But the ark of God had David brought up from Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-jĕ'ă-rĭm to *the place* that David had prepared for it; for he had pitched a tent for it at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 5 Moreover the brazen altar, that Bĕ-zăl'ĕl the son of ū'rī, the son of Hûr, had made, [1]was there before the tabernacle of Jĕ-hō'văh: and Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn and the assembly sought unto it. 6 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn [2]went up thither to the brazen altar before Jĕ-hō'văh, which was at the tent of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt-offerings upon it.

7 In that night did God appear unto Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee. 8 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn said unto God, Thou hast showed great lovingkindness unto David my father, and hast made me king in his stead. 9 Now, O Jĕ-hō'văh God, let thy promise unto David my father be established; for thou hast

[1] Or, as otherwise read, *he had put*
[2] Or, *offered there, upon . . . yea, he offered*

made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. 10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this thy people, that is so great? 11 And God said to Sŏl'ō-mŏn, Because this was in thy heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honor, nor the life of them that hate thee, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king: 12 wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honor, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee; neither shall there any after thee have the like. 13 So Sŏl'ō-mŏn came [1]from the high place that was at Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn, from before the tent of meeting, unto Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm; and he reigned over ĭs'rā-ĕl.

14 And Sŏl'ō-mŏn gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, that he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm. 15 And the king made silver and gold to be in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore-trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. 16 And the horses which Sŏl'ō-mŏn had were brought out of Ē'gypt; the king's merchants received them in droves, each drove at a price. 17 And they fetched up and brought out of Ē'gypt a chariot for six hundred *shek'els* of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hĭt'tites, and the kings of Sўr'ĭ-a, did they bring them out by their means.

*2 Now Sŏl'ō-mŏn purposed to build a house for the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, and a house for his kingdom. †2 And Sŏl'ō-mŏn counted out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and four-score thousand men that were hewers in the mountains, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them. 3 And Sŏl'ō-mŏn sent to [2]Hū'răm the king of Tўre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him a house to dwell therein, *even so deal with me.* 4 Behold, I am about to build a house for the name of Jĕ-hō'văh my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him incense of sweet spices, and for the continual showbread, and for the burnt-offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the set feasts of Jĕ-hō'văh our God. This is *an ordinance* for ever to ĭs'rā-ĕl. 5 And the house which I build is great; for great is our God above all gods. 6 But who [3]is able to build him a house, seeing heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who am I then, that I should build him a house, save only to burn incense before him? 7 Now therefore send me a man skilful to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that knoweth how to grave *all manner of* gravings, *to be* with the skilful men that are with me in Jū'dăh and in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm, whom David my father did provide. 8 Send me also cedar-trees, [4]fir-trees, and [5]ăl'gŭm-trees, out of Lĕb'ă-nŏn; for I know that thy servants know how to cut timber in Lĕb'ă-nŏn. And, behold, my servants shall be with thy servants, 9 even to prepare me timber in abundance; for the house which I am about to build shall be great and wonderful. 10 And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand [6]measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand [6]measures of barley, and twenty thousand bāths of wine, and twenty thousand bāths of oil.

[1] So Sept., Vulg., and Syr. The Heb. has, *to*
*[Ch. 1.18 in Heb.] †[Ch. 2.1 in Heb.]

[2] In 1 K. 5.1, *Hiram* [3] Heb. *retaineth strength* [4] Or, *cypress-trees* [5] In 1 K. 10. 11, *almug-trees* [6] Heb. *cors*

11 Then Hū'răm the king of Tȳre answered in writing, which he sent to Sŏl'ō-mŏn, Because Jĕ-hō'văh loveth his people, he hath made thee king over them. 12 Hū'răm said moreover, Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with discretion and understanding, that should build a house for Jĕ-hō'văh, and a house for his kingdom. 13 And now I have sent a skilful man, endued with understanding, [1]of Hū'răm my father's, 14 the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan; and his father was a man of Tȳre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson, also to grave any manner of graving, and to devise any device; that there may be *a place* appointed unto him with thy skilful men, and with the skilful men of my lord David thy father. 15 Now therefore the wheat and the barley, the oil and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants: 16 and we will cut wood out of Lĕb'ă-nŏn, as much as thou shalt need; and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to [2]Jŏp'pā; and thou shalt carry it up to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

17 And Sŏl'ō-mŏn numbered all the sojourners that were in the land of ĭs'rā-ĕl, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them; and they were found a hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred. 18 And he set threescore and ten thousand of them to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand that were hewers in the mountains, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people at work.

3 Then Sŏl'ō-mŏn began to build the house of Jĕ-hō'văh at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm on mount Mō-rī'ăh, where *Je-ho'vah* appeared unto David his father, which he made ready [3]in the place that David had appointed, in the threshing-floor of [4]Ōr'năn the Jĕb'ū-sīte. 2 And he began to build in the second *day* of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign. 3 Now [5]these are the foundations which Sŏl'ō-mŏn laid for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure was threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. 4 And the porch that was before *the house*, the length of it, according to the breadth of the house, was twenty cubits, and the height a hundred and twenty; and he overlaid it within with pure gold. 5 And the greater house he ceiled with [6]fir-wood, which he overlaid with fine gold, and wrought thereon palm-trees and chains. 6 And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold was gold of Păr-vā'ĭm. 7 He overlaid also the house, the beams, the thresholds, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved chĕr'ū-bĭm on the walls.

8 And he made the most holy house: the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house, was twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits; and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents. 9 And the weight of the nails was fifty skĕk'ĕls of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

10 And in the most holy house he made two chĕr'ū-bĭm of image work; and they overlaid them with gold. 11 And the wings of the chĕr'ū-bĭm were twenty cubits long: the wing of the one *cher'ub* was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was *likewise* five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other chĕr'ŭb. 12 And the wing of the other chĕr'ŭb was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was five cubits

[1] Or, *even Huram my father* [2] Heb. *Japho* [3] Heb. *in the place of David* [4] In 2 S. 24.16, &c., *Araunah* [5] Or, *these are the things wherein Solomon was instructed for &c.* [6] Or, *cypress-wood*

also, joining to the wing of the other chĕr'ŭb. 13 The wings of these chĕr'ŭ-bĭm spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces were [1]toward the house. 14 And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought chĕr'ŭ-bĭm thereon.

15 Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the capital that was on the top of each of them was five cubits. 16 And he made chains in the oracle, and put *them* on the tops of the pillars; and he made a hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains. 17 And he set up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand [2]Jā'chĭn, and the name of that on the left [3]Bō'ăz.

4 Moreover he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof. 2 Also he made the molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass; and the height thereof was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits compassed it round about. 3 And under it was the likeness of [4]oxen, which did compass it round about, [5]for ten cubits, compassing the sea round about. The [4]oxen were in two rows, cast when it was cast. 4 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set upon them above, and all their hinder parts were inward. 5 And it was a handbreadth thick; and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily: it received and held three thousand baths. 6 He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them; such things as belonged to the burnt-offering they washed in them; but the sea was for the priests to wash in.

7 And he made the ten candlesticks of gold according to the ordinance concerning them; and he set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left. 8 He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made a hundred basins of gold. 9 Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass. 10 And he set the sea on the right side *of the house* eastward, toward the south. 11 And Hū'răm made the pots, and the shovels, and the basins.

So Hū'răm made an end of doing the work that he wrought for king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn in the house of God: 12 the two pillars, and the bowls, and the two capitals which were on the top of the pillars, and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars, 13 and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were [6]upon the pillars. 14 He made also the bases, and the lavers made he upon the bases; 15 one sea, and the twelve oxen under it. 16 The pots also, and the shovels, and the flesh-hooks, and all the vessels thereof, did Hū'răm his father make for king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, for the house of Jĕhō'văh, of bright brass. 17 In the plain of the Jordan did the king cast them, in clay ground between Sŭc'cŏth and Zĕr'ĕ-dăh. 18 Thus Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass [7]could not be found out.

19 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn made all the vessels that were in the house of God, the golden altar also, and the

[1] Or, *inward* [2] That is, *He shall establish* [3] That is, *In it is strength* [4] In 1 K. 7.24, *knops* [5] Or, *ten in a cubit*

[6] Heb. *upon the face of the pillars* [7] Or, *was not searched out*

tables whereon was the showbread; 20 and the candlesticks with their lamps, to burn according to the ordinance before the oracle, of pure gold; 21 and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold, and that perfect gold; 22 and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the firepans, of pure gold. And as for the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the most holy place, and the doors of the house, *to wit*, of the temple, were of gold.

5 Thus all the work that Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn wrought for the house of Jĕ-hō'văh was finished. And Sŏl'-ŏ-mŏn brought in the things that David his father had dedicated, even the silver, and the gold, and all the vessels, and put them in the treasuries of the house of God.

2 Then Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn assembled the elders of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' *houses* of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, unto Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, to bring up the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh out of the city of David, which is Zī'ŏn. 3 And all the men of ĭs'rā-ĕl assembled themselves unto the king at the feast, which was *in* the seventh month. 4 And all the elders of ĭs'rā-ĕl came: and the Lē'vites took up the ark; 5 and they brought up the ark, and the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; these did the priests the Lē'vites bring up. 6 And king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn and all the congregation of ĭs'rā-ĕl, that were assembled unto him, were before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude. 7 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh unto its place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the chĕr'ū-bĭm. 8 For the chĕr'ū-bĭm spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the chĕr'ū-bĭm covered the ark and the staves thereof above. 9 And [1]the staves were so long that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without: and there it is unto this day. 10 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Mō'-sĕs put *there* at Hō'rĕb, [2]when Jĕ-hō'văh made a covenant with the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, when they came out of Ē'gўpt.

11 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place (for all the priests that were present had sanctified themselves, and did not keep their courses; 12 also the Lē'vites who were the singers, all of them, even Ā'săph, Hē'măn, Jĕ-dū'thŭn, and their sons and their brethren, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them a hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets); 13 it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking Jĕ-hō'văh; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments [3]of music, and praised Jĕ-hō'văh, *saying*, For he is good; for his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever; that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, 14 so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh filled the house of God.

6 Then spake Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, Jĕ-hō'văh hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. 2 But I have built thee a house of habitation, and a place for thee to dwell in for ever. 3 And the king turned his face, and blessed all the assembly of ĭs'rā-ĕl: and all the assembly of ĭs'rā-ĕl stood.

4 And he said, Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, who spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hands fulfilled it, saying, 5 Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Ē'gўpt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of ĭs'rā-ĕl

[1] Or, *they drew out the staves, so that &c.*
[2] Or, *where*
[3] Or, *for song*

to build a house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be [1]prince over my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl: 6 but I have chosen Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, that my name might be there, and have chosen David to be over my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 7 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 8 But Jĕ-hō'văh said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thy heart to build a house for my name, thou didst well that it was in thy heart: 9 nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name. 10 And Jĕ-hō'văh hath performed his word that he spake; for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, as Jĕ-hō'văh promised, and have built the house for the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 11 And there have I set the ark, wherein is the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh, which he made with the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

12 And he stood before the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh in the presence of all the assembly of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and spread forth his hands 13 (for Sŏl'ō-mŏn had made a brazen scaffold, five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the assembly of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and spread forth his hands toward heaven); 14 and he said, O Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, there is no God like thee, in heaven, or on earth; who keepest covenant and loving-kindness [2]with thy servants, that walk before thee with all their heart; 15 who hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou didst promise him: yea, thou spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thy hand, as it is this day. 16 Now therefore, O Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, [3]There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, if only thy children take heed to their way, to walk in my law as thou hast walked before me. 17 Now therefore, O Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, let thy word be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David.

18 But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven° of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have builded! 19 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Jĕ-hō'văh my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee; 20 that thine eyes may be open toward this house day and night, even toward the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall pray toward this place. 21 And hearken thou to the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, when they shall pray toward this place: yea, hear thou from thy dwelling-place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.

22 [4]If a man sin against his neighbor, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and he come *and* swear before thine altar in this house; 23 then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, requiting the wicked, to bring his way upon his own head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

24 And if thy people Ĭs'rā-ĕl be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house; 25 then hear thou from

[1] Or, *leader*
[2] Or, *for*
[3] Heb. *There shall not be cut off unto thee a man from my sight*
[4] Or, *Whereinsoever a man shall sin*

heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers.

26 When the heavens are shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, [1]when thou [2]dost afflict them: 27 then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, [1]when thou teachest them the good way wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

28 If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting or mildew, locust or caterpillar; if their enemies besiege them in the land of their [3]cities; whatsoever plague or whatsoever sickness there be; 29 what prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, who shall know every man his own plague and his own sorrow, and shall spread forth his hands toward this house: 30 then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and render unto every man according to all his ways, whose heart thou knowest (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of the children of men); 31 that they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

32 Moreover concerning the foreigner, that is not of thy people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, when he shall come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thine outstretched arm; when they shall come and pray toward this house: 33 then hear thou from heaven, even from thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calleth to thee for; that all the peoples of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and that they may know that [4]this house which I have built is called by thy name.

34 If thy people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatsoever way thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name; 35 then hear thou from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their [5]cause.

36 If they sin against thee (for there is no man that sinneth not), and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that [6]they carry them away captive unto a land far off or near; 37 yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done perversely, and have dealt wickedly; 38 if they return unto thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captive, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name: 39 then hear thou from heaven, even from thy dwelling-place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their [5]cause, and forgive thy people who have sinned against thee.

40 Now, O my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent, unto the prayer that is made in this place. 41 Now therefore arise, O Jĕ-hō'văh God, into thy resting-place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O Jĕ-hō'văh God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in [7]goodness. 42 O Jĕ-hō'văh God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember *thy* [8]loving-kindnesses to David thy servant.

[1] Or, *because* [2] Or, *answerest* [3] Heb. *gates*
[4] Or, *thy name is called upon this house &c.*
[5] Or, *right* [6] Heb. *they that take them captive carry them away* [7] Or, *good*
[8] Or, *good deeds* See ch. 32.32

7 Now when Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt-offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh filled the house. 2 And the priests could not enter into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, because the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh filled Jĕ-hō'văh's house. 3 And all the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl looked on, when the fire came down, and the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh was upon the house; and they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and gave thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh, *saying*, For he is good; for his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.

4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifice before Jĕ-hō'văh. 5 And king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. 6 And the priests stood, according to their offices; the Lĕ'vites also with instruments [1]of music of Jĕ-hō'văh, which David the king had made to give thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh (for his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever), when David praised by their ministry: and the priests sounded trumpets before them; and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl stood. 7 Moreover Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn hallowed the middle of the court that was before the house of Jĕ-hō'văh; for there he offered the burnt-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings, because the brazen altar which Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn had made was not able to receive the burnt-offering, and the meal-offering, and the fat.

8 So Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn held the feast at that time seven days, and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl with him, a very great assembly, from the entrance of Hă'măth unto the brook of Ĕ'gўpt. 9 And on the eighth day they held a [2]solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

10 And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away unto their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the goodness that Jĕ-hō'văh had showed unto David, and to Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, and to Ĭs'rā-ĕl his people.

11 Thus Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn finished the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the king's house: and all that came into Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn's heart to make in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and in his own house, he prosperously effected. 12 And Jĕ-hō'văh appeared to Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice. 13 If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; 14 if my people [3]who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent, unto the prayer that is made in this place. 16 For now have I chosen and hallowed this house, that my name may be there for ever; and mine eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually. 17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and mine ordinances; 18 then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

19 But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; 20 then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will

[1] Or, *for the song of Jehovah*
[2] Or, *closing festival*
[3] Heb. *upon whom my name is called*

I cast out of my sight, and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 21 And this house, which is so high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall say, Why hath Jĕ-hō'văh done thus unto this land, and to this house? 22 And they shall answer, Because they forsook Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of their fathers, who brought them forth out of the land of Ē'gўpt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

8 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn had built the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and his own house, 2 that the cities which Hū'răm had given to Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn built them, and caused the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl to dwell there.

3 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn went to Hā'măth-zō'băh, and prevailed against it. 4 And he built Tăd'môr in the wilderness, and all the store-cities, which he built in Hā'măth. 5 Also he built Bĕth-hō'rŏn the upper, and Bĕth-hō'rŏn the nether, fortified cities, with walls, gates, and bars; 6 and Bā'ăl-ăth, and all the store-cities that Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn had, and all the cities for his chariots, and the cities for his horsemen, and all that Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn desired to build for his pleasure in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and in Lĕb'ă-nŏn, and in all the land of his dominion.

7 As for all the people that were left of the Hĭt'tītes, and the Ăm'ôr-ītes, and the Pĕr'ĭz-zītes, and the Hī'vītes, and the Jĕb'ū-sītes, that were not of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; 8 of their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl consumed not, of them did Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn raise a [1]levy *of bond servants* unto this day. 9 But of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl did Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn make no servants for his work; but they were men of war, and chief of his captains, and rulers of his chariots and of his horsemen. 10 And these were the chief officers of king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, even two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.

11 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn brought up the daughter of Phā'raōh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her; for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, because [2]the places are holy, whereunto the ark of Jĕ-hō'văh hath come.

12 Then Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn offered burnt-offerings unto Jĕ-hō'văh on the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh, which he had built before the porch, 13 even as the duty of every day required, offering according to the commandment of Mō'sĕs, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the set feasts, three times in the year, *even* in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

14 And he appointed, according to the ordinance of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Lē'vītes to their offices, to praise, and to minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required; the doorkeepers also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded. 15 And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Lē'vītes concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.

16 Now all the work of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and until it was finished. *So* the house of Jĕ-hō'văh was completed.

17 Then went Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn to Ē-zī-ŏn-gē'bĕr, and to Ē'lŏth, on the sea-shore in the land of Ē'dŏm. 18 And Hū'răm sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they came with the servants of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn to Ō'phĭr, and fetched from thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and

[1] Heb. *men subject to taskwork*

[2] Heb. *they are*

brought them to king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn.

9 And when the queen of Shē'-bâ heard of the fame of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, she came to prove Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn with hard questions at Jē-ru'sâ-lĕm, with a very great train, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. 2 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn told her all her questions; and there was not anything hid from Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn which he told her not. 3 And when the queen of Shē'bâ had seen the wisdom of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, and the house that he had built, 4 and the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the [1]attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, his cupbearers also, and their apparel, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of Jē-hō'văh; there was no more spirit in her. 5 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thine [2]acts, and of thy wisdom. 6 Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it; and, behold, the half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: thou exceedest the fame that I heard. 7 Happy are thy men, and happy are these thy servants, that stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom. 8 Blessed be Jē-hō'văh thy God, who delighted in thee, to set thee on his throne, to be king for Jē-hō'văh thy God: because thy God loved Ĭs'râ-ĕl, to estab'lish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do justice and righteousness.

9 And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and spices in great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Shē'bâ gave to king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn. 10 And the servants also of Hū'răm, and the servants of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, that brought gold from Ō'phĭr, brought [3]ăl'gŭm-trees and precious stones. 11 And the king made of the [3]ăl'gŭm-trees terraces for the house of Jē-hō'văh, and for the king's house, and harps and psalteries for the singers: and there were none such seen before in the land of Jū'dăh. 12 And king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn gave to the queen of Shē'bâ all her desire, whatsoever she asked, besides that which she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went to her own land, she and her servants.

13 Now the weight of gold that came to Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold, 14 besides that which the traders and merchants brought: and all the kings of Ă-rā'bĭ-â and the governors of the country brought gold and silver to Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn. 15 And king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn made two hundred bucklers of beaten gold; six hundred *shek'els* of beaten gold went to one buckler. 16 And *he made* three hundred shields of beaten gold; three hundred *shek'els* of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lĕb'ă-nŏn. 17 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. 18 And there were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and [4]stays on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the stays. 19 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom. 20 And all king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lĕb'ă-nŏn were of pure gold: silver was nothing accounted of in the days of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn. 21 For the king had ships that went to Tär'shĭsh with the servants of Hū'răm; once every three years came the ships of Tär'shĭsh, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

22 So king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn exceeded

[1] Heb, *standing* [2] Or, *sayings*
[3] In 1 K. 10.11, *almug-trees*
[4] Or, *arms* Heb. *hands*

all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. 23 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 24 And they brought every man his tribute, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, armor, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year. 25 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, that he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm. 26 And he ruled over all the kings from the River even unto the land of the Phĭ-lĭs'tines, and to the border of Ē'gŷpt. 27 And the king made silver to be in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore-trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. 28 And they brought horses for Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn out of Ē'gŷpt, and out of all lands.

29 Now the rest of the acts of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, first and last, are they not written in the [1]history of Nā'thăn the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ā-hī'jăh the Shī'lō-nīte, and in the visions of [2]Ĭd'dō the seer concerning Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of Nĕ'băt? 30 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn reigned in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm over all Ĭs'rā-ĕl forty years. 31 And Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm his son reigned in his stead.

10 And Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm went to Shĕ'chĕm; for all Ĭs'rā-ĕl were come to Shĕ'chĕm to make him king. 2 And it came to pass, when Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of Nĕ'băt heard of it (for he was in Ē'gŷpt, whither he had fled from the presence of king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn), that Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm returned out of Ē'gŷpt. 3 And they sent and called him; and Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl came, and they spake to Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm, saying, 4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee. 5 And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.

6 And king Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm took counsel with the old men, that had stood before Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to return answer to this people? 7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever. 8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men that were grown up with him, that stood before him. 9 And he said unto them, What counsel give ye, that we may return answer to this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke that thy father did put upon us lighter? 10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou say unto the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. 11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions.

12 So Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm and all the people came to Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come to me again the third day. 13 And the king answered them roughly; and king Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm forsook the counsel of the old men, 14 and spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions. 15 So the king hearkened not unto the people; for it was brought about of God, that Jĕ-hō'văh might establish his word

[1] Heb. *words* [2] Heb. *Jedai*, or, *Jedo*

which he spake by Ă-hī'jăh the Shī'lō-nīte to Jĕr-ō-bō'ăm the son of Nē'băt.

16 And when all ĭs'rā-ĕl saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jĕs'sē: every man to your tents, O ĭs'rā-ĕl: now see to thine own house, David. So all ĭs'rā-ĕl departed unto their tents. 17 But as for the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl that dwelt in the cities of Jū'dăh, Rē-hŏ-bō'-ăm reigned over them. 18 Then king Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm sent Hă-dō'-răm, who was over the men subject to taskwork; and the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl stoned him to death with stones. And king Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 19 So ĭs'rā-ĕl rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

11 And when Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm was come to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, he assembled the house of Jū'dăh and Bĕn'jă-mĭn, a hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, that were warriors, to fight against ĭs'rā-ĕl, to bring the kingdom again to Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm. 2 But the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came to Shĕ-mā'ĭăh the man of God, saying, 3 Speak unto Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm the son of Sŏl'ō-mŏn, king of Jū'dăh, and to all ĭs'rā-ĕl in Jū'dăh and Bĕn'jă-mĭn, saying, 4 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house; for this thing is of me. So they hearkened unto the words of Jĕ-hō'văh, and returned from going against Jĕr-ō-bō'ăm.

5 And Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm dwelt in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and built cities for defence in Jū'dăh. 6 He built Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm, and Ē'tăm, and Tĕ-kō'ă, 7 and Bĕth'-zûr, and Sō'-cō, and Ă-dūl'lăm, 8 and Gath, and Mă-rē'shăh, and Zĭph, 9 and Ăd-ō-rā'ĭm, and Lā'chĭsh, and Ă-zē'kăh, 10 and Zō'răh, and Ăi'-jă-lŏn, and Hē'brŏn, which are in Jū'dăh and in Bĕn'jă-mĭn, fortified cities. 11 And he fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and stores of victuals, and oil and wine. 12 And in every city *he put* shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong. And Jū'dăh and Bĕn'jă-mĭn belonged to him.

13 And the priests and the Lē'-vites that were in all ĭs'rā-ĕl resorted to him out of all their border. 14 For the Lē'vites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'-să-lĕm: for Jĕr-ō-bō'ăm and his sons cast them off, that they should not execute the priest's office unto Jĕ-hō'văh; 15 and he appointed him priests for the high places, and for the he-goats, and for the calves which he had made. 16 And after them, out of all the tribes of ĭs'rā-ĕl, such as set their hearts to seek Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, came to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm to sacrifice unto Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of their fathers. 17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Jū'-dăh, and made Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm the son of Sŏl'ō-mŏn strong, three years; for they walked three years in the way of David and Sŏl'ō-mŏn.

18 And Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm took him a wife, Mā'hă-lăth the daughter of Jĕr'ĭ-mŏth the son of David, [1]*and of* Ăb-ĭ-hā'ĭl the daughter of Ē-lī'ăb the son of Jĕs'sē; 19 and she bare him sons: Jē'ŭsh, and Shĕm-ă-rī'ăh, and Zā'hăm. 20 And after her he took [2]Mā'ă-cāh the daughter of Ăb'să-lŏm; and she bare him Ă-bī'jăh, and Ăt'tāi, and Zĭ'zā, and Shĕl'ō-mĭth. 21 And Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm loved Mā'ă-cāh the daughter of Ăb'să-lŏm above all his wives and his concubines (for he took eighteen wives and threescore concubines, and begat twenty and eight sons and threescore daughters). 22 And Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm appointed Ă-bī'jăh the son of Mā'ă-cāh to be chief, *even* the prince among his brethren; for *he was minded* to make him king.

[1] Or, and *Abihail* the daughter of *Uriel* [2] In ch. 13.2, *Micaiah*

23 And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his sons throughout all the lands of Jū'dăh and Bĕn'-jă-mĭn, unto every fortified city: and he gave them victuals in abundance. And he [1]sought *for them* many wives.

12 And it came to pass, when the kingdom of Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm was established, and he was strong, that he forsook the law of Jĕ-hō'văh, and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl with him. 2 And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm, that Shĭ'shăk king of Ē'gўpt came up against Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, because they had trespassed against Jĕ-hō'văh, 3 with twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen. And the people were without number that came with him out of Ē'gўpt: the Lū'bĭm, the Sŭk'kĭ-ĭm, and the Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-ănș. 4 And he took the fortified cities which pertained to Jū'dăh, and came unto Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm. 5 Now Shĕ-mā'ĭăh the prophet came to Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm, and to the princes of Jū'dăh, that were gathered together to Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm because of Shĭ'shăk, and said unto them, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Ye have forsaken me, therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shĭ'shăk. 6 Then the princes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and the king humbled themselves; and they said, Jĕ-hō'văh is righteous. 7 And when Jĕ-hō'văh saw that they humbled themselves, the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came to Shĕ-mā'ĭăh, saying, They have humbled themselves: I will not destroy them; but I will grant them [2]some deliverance, and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm by the hand of Shĭ'shăk. 8 Nevertheless they shall be his servants, that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.

9 So Shĭ'shăk king of Ē'gўpt came up against Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, and took away the treasures of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all away: he took away also the shields of gold which Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn had made. 10 And king Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm made in their stead shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the [3]guard, that kept the door of the king's house. 11 And it was so, that, as oft as the king entered into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, the guard came and bare them, and brought them back into the guard-chamber. 12 And when he humbled himself, the wrath of Jĕ-hō'-văh turned from him, so as not to destroy him altogether: and moreover in Jū'dăh there were good things *found*.

13 So king Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm strengthened himself in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, and reigned: for Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, the city which Jĕ-hō'văh had chosen out of all the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, to put his name there: and his mother's name was Nā'ă-măh the Ăm'mŏn-ī-tĕss. 14 And he did that which was evil, because he set not his heart to seek Jĕ-hō'văh.

15 Now the acts of Rē-hŏ-bō'-ăm, first and last, are they not written in the [4]histories of Shĕ-mā'ĭăh the prophet and of ĭd'dō the seer, [5]after the manner of genealogies? And there were wars between Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm and Jĕr-ō-bō'ăm continually. 16 And Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and Ă-bī'jăh his son reigned in his stead.

13 In the eighteenth year of king Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm began Ă-bī'-jăh to reign over Jū'dăh. 2 Three years reigned he in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm: and his mother's name was Mī-cā'ĭăh the daughter of Ū-rī'ĕl of Gĭb'ē-ăh. And there was war between Ă-bī'jăh and Jĕr-ō-bō'ăm. 3 And Ă-bī'jăh joined battle with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand cho-

[1] Or, *sought a multitude of wives* [2] Or, *deliverance within a little while* Or, *few that shall escape*

[3] Heb. *runners* [4] Heb. *words* [5] Or, *in reckoning the genealogies*

sen men: and Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, who were mighty men of valor. 4 And Ā-bī'jăh stood up upon mount Zĕm-ă-rā'ĭm, which is in the hill-country of Ĕ'phrā-ĭm, and said, Hear me, O Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm and all ĭs'rā-ĕl: 5 Ought ye not to know that Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, gave the kingdom over ĭs'rā-ĕl to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt? 6 Yet Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of Nē'băt, the servant of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn the son of David, rose up, and rebelled against his lord. 7 And there were gathered unto him worthless men, base fellows, that strengthened themselves against Rĕ-hŏ-bō'ăm the son of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn, when Rĕ-hŏ-bō'ăm was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them. 8 And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of Jĕ-hō'văh in the hand of the sons of David; and ye are a great multitude, and there are with you the golden calves which Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm made you for gods. 9 Have ye not driven out the priests of Jĕ-hō'văh, the sons of Aâr'ŏn, and the Lē'vites, and made you priests after the manner of the peoples of *other* lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of *them that are* no gods. 10 But as for us, Jĕ-hō'văh is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and *we have* priests ministering unto Jĕ-hō'văh, the sons of Aâr'ŏn, and the Lē'vītes in their work: 11 and they burn unto Jĕ-hō'văh every morning and every evening burnt-offerings and sweet incense: the showbread also *set they* in order upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of Jĕ-hō'văh our God; but ye have forsaken him. 12 And, behold, God is with us at our head, and his priests with the trumpets of alarm to sound an alarm against you. O children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, fight ye not against Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

13 But Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Jū'dăh, and the ambushment was behind them. 14 And when Jū'dăh looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind them; and they cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. 15 Then the men of Jū'dăh gave a shout: and as the men of Jū'dăh shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm and all ĭs'rā-ĕl before Ā-bī'jăh and Jū'dăh. 16 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl fled before Jū'dăh; and God delivered them into their hand. 17 And Ā-bī'jăh and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of ĭs'rā-ĕl five hundred thousand chosen men. 18 Thus the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl were brought under at that time, and the children of Jū'dăh prevailed, because they relied upon Jĕ'hō-văh, the God of their fathers. 19 And Ā-bī'jăh pursued after Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm, and took cities from him, Bĕth'-ĕl with the towns thereof, and Jĕsh'ă-năh with the towns thereof, and [1]Ĕ'phrŏn with the towns thereof. 20 Neither did Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm recover strength again in the days of Ā-bī'jăh: and Jĕ-hō'văh smote him, and he died. 21 But Ā-bī'jăh waxed mighty, and took unto himself fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters. 22 And the rest of the acts of Ā-bī'jăh, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the commentary of the prophet Ĭd'dō.

*14 So Ā-bī'jăh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and Ā'să his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years. †2 And Ā'să did that which was good and right in the

[1] Another reading is, *Ephrain*
*[Ch. 13.23 in Heb.] †[Ch. 14.1 in Heb.]

eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh his God: 3 for he took away the foreign altars, and the high places, and brake down the [1]pillars, and hewed down the Ă-shē'rĭm, 4 and commanded Jū'dăh to seek Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. 5 Also he took away out of all the cities of Jū'dăh the high places and the sun-images: and the kingdom was quiet before him. 6 And he built fortified cities in Jū'dăh; for the land was quiet, and he had no war in those years, because Jĕ-hō'văh had given him rest. 7 For he said unto Jū'dăh, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars; the land is yet before us, because we have sought Jĕ-hō'văh our God; we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered. 8 And Ā'sà had an army that bare bucklers and spears, out of Jū'dăh three hundred thousand; and out of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these were mighty men of valor.

9 And there came out against them Zē'răh the Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-ăn with an army of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and he came unto Mă-rē'shăh. 10 Then Ā'sà went out to meet him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zĕph'ă-thăh at Mă-rē'shăh. 11 And Ā'sà cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh his God, and said, Jĕ-hō'văh, [2]there is none [3]besides thee to help, between the mighty and him that hath no strength: help us, O Jĕ-hō'văh our God; for we rely on thee, and in thy name are we come against this multitude. O Jĕ-hō'văh, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee. 12 So Jĕ-hō'văh smote the Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-ăns before Ā'sà, and before Jū'dăh; and the Ē-thĭ-ō'-pĭ-ăns fled. 13 And Ā'sà and the people that were with him pursued them unto Gē'rär: and there fell of the Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-ăns [4]so many that they could not recover themselves; for they were [5]destroyed before Jĕ-hō'văh, and before his host; and they carried away very much booty. 14 And they smote all the cities round about Gē'rär; for [6]the fear of Jĕ-hō'văh came upon them: and they despoiled all the cities; for there was much spoil in them. 15 They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep in abundance, and camels, and returned to Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm.

15 And the Spirit of God came upon Ăz-ă-rī'ăh the son of Ō'dĕd: 2 and he went out to meet Ā'sà, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Ā'sà, and all Jū'dăh and Bĕn'jă-mĭn: Jĕ-hō'văh is with you, while ye are with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. 3 Now for a long season Ĭs'rà-ĕl was without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law: 4 but when in their distress they turned unto Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rà-ĕl, and sought him, he was found of them. 5 And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in; but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the lands. 6 And they were broken in pieces, nation against nation, and city against city; for God did vex them with all adversity. 7 But be ye strong, and let not your hands be slack; for your work shall be rewarded.

8 And when Ā'sà heard these words, [7]and the prophecy of Ō'dĕd the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominations out of all the land of Jū'dăh and Bĕn'jă-mĭn, and out of the cities which he had taken from the hill-country of Ē'phrà-ĭm; and he renewed the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh, that was before the porch of Jĕ-hō'văh. 9 And he gathered all Jū'dăh and Bĕn'jă-mĭn, and them that sojourned with them out of Ē'phrà-ĭm and Mă-

[1] Or, *obelisks* [2] Or, *there is no difference with thee to help, whether the mighty or him &c.* [3] Or, *like*

[4] Or, *so that none remained alive* [5] Heb. *broken* [6] Or, *a terror from Jehovah* [7] Or, *even*

năs'sĕh, and out of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn: for they fell to him out of Ĭs'rā-ĕl in abundance, when they saw that Jĕ-hō'văh his God was with him. 10 So they gathered themselves together at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Ā'să. 11 And they sacrificed unto Jĕ-hō'văh in that day, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. 12 And they entered into the covenant to seek Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul; 13 and that whosoever would not seek Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. 14 And they sware unto Jĕ-hō'văh with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. 15 And all Jū'dăh rejoiced at the oath; for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and Jĕ-hō'văh gave them rest round about.

16 And also Mā'ă-căh, the mother of Ā'să the king, he removed from being [1]queen, because she had made an abominable image [2]for an Ă-shē'răh; and Ā'să cut down her image, and made dust of it, and burnt it at the brook Kĭd'rŏn. 17 But the high places were not taken away out of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: nevertheless the heart of Ā'să was perfect all his days. 18 And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels. 19 And there was no more war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Ā'să.

16 In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Ā'să, Bā'ă-shà king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl went up against Jū'dăh, and built Rā'măh, that he might not suffer any one to go out or come in to Ā'să king of Jū'dăh. 2 Then Ā'să brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh and of the king's house, and sent to Bĕn-hā'dăd king of Sȳr'ĭ-à, that dwelt at [3]Dă-măs'cŭs, saying, 3 [4]*There is* a league between me and thee, as *there was* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Bā'ă-shà king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that he may depart from me. 4 And Bĕn-hā'dăd hearkened unto king Ā'să, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and they smote Ī'jŏn, and [5]Dan, and Ā'bĕl-mā'ĭm, and all the [5]store-cities of Năph'tă-lī. 5 And it came to pass, when Bā'ă-shà heard thereof, that he left off building Rā'măh, and let his work cease. 6 Then Ā'să the king took all Jū'dăh; and they carried away the stones of Rā'măh, and the timber thereof, wherewith Bā'ă-shà had builded; and he built therewith Gē'bà and Mĭz'-păh.

7 And at that time Hă-nā'nī the seer came to Ā'să king of Jū'dăh, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Sȳr'ĭ-à, and hast not relied on Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Sȳr'ĭ-à escaped out of thy hand. 8 Were not the Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-ăns and the Lū'bĭm a huge host, with chariots and horsemen exceeding many? yet, because thou didst rely on Jĕ-hō'văh, he delivered them into thy hand. 9 For the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly; for from henceforth thou shalt have wars. 10 Then Ā'să was wroth with the seer, and put him in the [6]prison-house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Ā'să oppressed some of the people at the same time.

11 And, behold, the acts of Ā'să,

[1] Or, *queen mother*
[2] Or, *for Asherah*
[3] Heb. *Darmesek*
[4] Or, Let there be
[5] Heb. *storehouses of the cities*
[6] Heb. *house of the stocks*

first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Jū'dăh and Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 12 And in the thirty and ninth year of his reign Ā'sà was diseased in his feet; his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to Jĕ-hō'văh, but to the physicians. 13 And Ā'sà slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign. 14 And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had hewn out for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odors and divers kinds *of spices* prepared by the perfumers' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

17 And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 2 And he placed forces in all the fortified cities of Jū'dăh, and set garrisons in the land of Jū'dăh, and in the cities of E'phrā-ĭm, which Ā'sà his father had taken. 3 And Jĕ-hō'văh was with Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto the Bā'ăl-ĭm, 4 but sought to the God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 5 Therefore Jĕ-hō'văh established the kingdom in his hand; and all Jū'dăh brought to Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt tribute; and he had riches and honor in abundance. 6 And his heart was lifted up in the ways of Jĕ-hō'văh: and furthermore he took away the high places and the Ă-shē'rĭm out of Jū'dăh.

7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent his princes, even Bĕn-hā'ĭl, and Ō-bă-dī'ăh, and Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, and Nĕ-thăn'ĕl, and Mĭ-cā'ĭăh, to teach in the cities of Jū'dăh; 8 and with them the Lĕ'vītes, even Shĕ-mā'ĭăh, and Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh, and Zĕb-ă-dī'ăh, and Ā'sà-hĕl, and Shĕ-mĭr'ă-mŏth, and Jĕ-hŏn'ă-thăn, and Ăd-ō-nī'jăh, and Tō-bī'jăh, and Tō̆b-ăd-ō-nī'jăh, the Lĕ'vītes; and with them Ē-lĭsh'ă-mà and Jĕ-hō'răm, the priests. 9 And they taught in Jū'dăh, having the book of the law of Jĕ-hō'văh with them; and they went about throughout all the cities of Jū'dăh, and taught among the people.

10 And [1]the fear of Jĕ-hō'văh fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Jū'dăh, so that they made no war against Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt. 11 And some of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes brought Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt presents, and silver for tribute; the Ă-rā'bĭ-ănș also brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he-goats. 12 And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Jū'dăh castles and cities of store. 13 And he had many works in the cities of Jū'dăh; and men of war, mighty men of valor, in Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm. 14 And this was the numbering of them according to their fathers' houses: Of Jū'dăh, the captains of thousands: Ăd'năh the captain, and with him mighty men of valor three hundred thousand; 15 and next to him Jĕ-hō-hā'năn the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand; 16 and next to him Ăm-ă-sī'ăh the son of Zĭch'rī, who willingly offered himself unto Jĕ-hō'văh; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor. 17 And of Bĕn'jă-mĭn: Ē-lī'ă-dà a mighty man of valor, and with him two hundred thousand armed with bow and shield; 18 and next to him Jĕ-hŏz'ă-băd, and with him a hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for war. 19 These were they that waited on the king, besides those whom the king put in the fortified cities throughout all Jū'dăh.

18 Now Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt had riches and honor in abundance; and he joined affinity with Ā'hăb. 2 And after certain years he went down to Ā'hăb to Să-mā'rĭ-ā. And Ā'hăb killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that were with him,

[1] Or, *a terror from Jehovah*

and moved him to go up *with him* to Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ĕ-ăd. 3 And Ā'hăb king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl said unto Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt king of Jū'dăh, Wilt thou go with me to Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ĕ-ăd? And he answered him, I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and *we will be* with thee in the war.

4 And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt said unto the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Inquire [1]first, I pray thee, for the word of Jĕ-hō'văh. 5 Then the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl gathered the prophets together, four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ĕ-ăd to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver it into the hand of the king.

6 But Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt said, Is there not here a prophet of Jĕ-hō'văh besides, that we may inquire of him? 7 And the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl said unto Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt, There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of Jĕ-hō'văh: but I hate him; for he never prophesieth good concerning me, but always evil: the same is Mī-cā'ĭăh the son of Ĭm'lă. And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt said, Let not the king say so. 8 Then the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl called an [2]officer, and said, Fetch quickly Mī-cā'ĭăh the son of Ĭm'lă. 9 Now the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt the king of Jū'dăh sat each on his throne, arrayed in their robes, and they were sitting in [3]an open place at the entrance of the gate of Să-mā'rĭ-ă; and all the prophets were prophesying before them. 10 And Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh the son of Chĕ-nā'ă-năh made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, With these shalt thou push the Sўr'ĭ-ăns, until they be consumed. 11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ĕ-ăd, and prosper; for Jĕ-hō'văh will deliver it into the hand of the king.

12 And the messenger that went to call Mī-cā'ĭăh spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets *declare* good to the king with one mouth: let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good. 13 And Mī-cā'ĭăh said, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, what my God saith, that will I speak. 14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, [4]Mī-cā'ĭăh, shall we go to Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ĕ-ăd to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper; and they shall be delivered into your hand. 15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou speak unto me nothing but the truth in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh? 16 And he said, I saw all Ĭs'rā-ĕl scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and Jĕ-hō'văh said, These have no master; let them return every man to his house in peace. 17 And the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl said to Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil? 18 And *Mi-ca'iah* said, Therefore hear ye the word of Jĕ-hō'văh: I saw Jĕ-hō'văh sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left. 19 And Jĕ-hō'văh said, Who shall [5]entice Ā'hăb king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that he may go up and fall at Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ĕ-ăd? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner. 20 And there came forth [6]a spirit, and stood before Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, I will entice him. And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, Wherewith? 21 And he said, I will go forth, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt entice him, and shalt prevail also: go forth, and do so. 22 Now therefore, behold, Jĕ-hō'văh hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets; and Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken evil concerning thee.

23 Then Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh the son of Chĕ-nā'ă-năh came near, and smote Mī-cā'ĭăh upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh from me to speak unto thee? 24 And Mī-cā'-

[1] Heb. *to-day*
[2] Or, *eunuch*
[3] Heb. *a threshing-floor*
[4] Heb. *Micah*
[5] Or, *deceive*
[6] Heb. *the spirit*

iăh said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day, when thou shalt go [1]into an inner chamber to hide thyself. 25 And the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl said, Take ye Mī-cā'ĭăh, and carry him back unto Ā'mŏn the governor of the city, and to Jō'ăsh the king's son; 26 and say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace. 27 And Mī-cā'ĭăh said, If thou return at all in peace, Jĕ-hō'văh hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hear, ye peoples, all of you.

28 So the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt the king of Jū'dăh went up to Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ē-ăd. 29 And the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl said unto Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt, I will disguise myself, and go into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl disguised himself; and they went into the battle. 30 Now the king of Sȳr'ĭ-ă had commanded the captains of his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 31 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt, that they said, It is the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. Therefore they turned about to fight against him: but Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt cried out, and Jĕ-hō'văh helped him; and God moved them *to depart* from him. 32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that they turned back from pursuing him. 33 And a certain man drew his bow [2]at a venture, and smote the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl between [3]the joints of the armor: wherefore he said to the driver of the chariot, Turn thy hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am sore wounded. 34 And the battle increased that day: howbeit the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl stayed himself up in his chariot against the Sȳr'ĭ-ăns until the even; and about the time of the going down of the sun he died.

19 And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt the king of Jū'dăh returned to his house in peace to Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm. 2 And Jē'hū the son of Hă-nā'nī the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt, Shouldest thou help the wicked, and love them that hate Jĕ-hō'văh? for this thing wrath is upon thee from before Jĕ-hō'văh. 3 Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast put away the Ă-shē'rŏth out of the land, and hast set thy heart to seek God.

4 And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt dwelt at Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm: and he went out again among the people from Bē'ĕr-shē'bà to the hill-country of Ē'phrā-ĭm, and brought them back unto Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of their fathers. 5 And he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Jū'dăh, city by city, 6 and said to the judges, Consider what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for Jĕ-hō'văh; and *he is* with you [4]in the judgment. 7 Now therefore let the fear of Jĕ-hō'văh be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with Jĕ-hō'văh our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of bribes.

8 Moreover in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm did Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt set of the Lē'vites and the priests, and of the heads of the fathers' *houses* of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, for the judgment of Jĕ-hō'văh, and for controversies. And they returned to Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm. 9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of Jĕ-hō'văh, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. 10 And whensoever any controversy shall come to you from your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and ordinances, ye shall warn them, that they be not guilty towards Jĕ-hō'văh, and so wrath come upon you and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not be guilty. 11 And, behold, Ăm-ă-

[1] Or, *from chamber to chamber* [2] Heb. *in his simplicity* [3] Or, *the lower armor and the breastplate*

[4] Or, *in giving judgment* Heb. *in the matter of judgment*

rī'ăh the chief priest is over you in all matters of Jĕ-hō'văh; and Zĕb-ă-dī'ăh the son of ĭsh'mă-ĕl, the ruler of the house of Jū'dăh, in all the king's matters: also the Lē'vītes shall be officers before you. [1]Deal courageously, and Jĕ-hō'văh be with the good.

20 And it came to pass after this, that the children of Mō'ăb, and the children of Ăm'mŏn, and with them some of the [2]Ăm'mŏn-ītes, came against Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt to battle. 2 Then there came some that told Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea from Sȳr'ĭ-ā; and, behold, they are in Hăz'ă-zŏn-tā'mär (the same is Ĕn-gĕ'dī). 3 And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt feared, and set himself to seek unto Jĕ-hō'văh; and he proclaimed a fast throughout all Jū'dăh. 4 And Jū'dăh gathered themselves together, to seek *help* of Jĕ-hō'văh: even out of all the cities of Jū'dăh they came to seek Jĕ-hō'văh.

5 And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt stood in the assembly of Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, before the new court; 6 and he said, O Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and art not thou ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? and in thy hand is power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee. 7 Didst not thou, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people ĭs'rā-ĕl, and give it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? 8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying, 9 If evil come upon us, [3]the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house, and before thee (for thy name is in this house), and cry unto thee in our affliction, and thou wilt hear and save. 10 And now, behold, the children of Ăm'mŏn and Mō'ăb and mount Sē'ĭr, whom thou wouldest not let ĭs'rā-ĕl invade, when they came out of the land of Ē'gўpt, but they turned aside from them, and destroyed them not; 11 behold, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit. 12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee. 13 And all Jū'dăh stood before Jĕ-hō'văh, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

14 Then upon Jă-hā'zĭ-ĕl the son of Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, the son of Bĕ-nā'ĭăh, the son of Jĕ-ī'ĕl, the son of Măt-tă-nī'ăh, the Lē'vīte, of the sons of Ā'săph, came the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh in the midst of the assembly; 15 and he said, Hearken ye, all Jū'dăh, and ye inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and thou king Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt: Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh unto you, Fear not ye, neither be dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. 16 Tomorrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the ascent of Zĭz; and ye shall find them at the end of the valley, before the wilderness of Jĕ-ru'ĕl. 17 Ye shall not need to fight in this *battle*: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of Jĕ-hō'văh with you, O Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; fear not, nor be dismayed: tomorrow go out against them; for Jĕ-hō'văh is with you. 18 And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt bowed his head with his face to the ground; and all Jū'dăh and the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm fell down before Jĕ-hō'văh, worshipping Jĕ-hō'văh. 19 And the Lē'vītes, of the children of the Kō'hăth-ītes and of the children of the Kō'răh-ītes, stood up to praise Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, with an exceeding loud voice.

20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tĕ-kō'ă: and as they

[1] Heb. *Be strong and do* [2] Perhaps an error for *Meunim* See ch. 26.7 [3] Or, *the sword of judgment*

went forth, Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt stood and said, Hear me, O Jū'dăh, and ye inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm: believe in Jĕ-hō'văh your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. 21 And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed them that should sing unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and give praise [1]in holy array, as they went out before the army, and say, Give thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh; for his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever. 22 And when they began to sing and to praise, Jĕ-hō'văh set liers-in-wait against the children of Ăm'mŏn, Mō'ăb, and mount Sē'ĭr, that were come against Jū'dăh; and they were smitten. 23 For the children of Ăm'mŏn and Mō'ăb stood up against the inhabitants of mount Sē'ĭr, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Sē'ĭr, every one helped to destroy another.

24 And when Jū'dăh came to the watch-tower of the wilderness, they looked upon the multitude; and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and there were none that escaped. 25 And when Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt and his people came to take the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches and [2]dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in taking the spoil, it was so much. 26 And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of [3]Bĕr'ă-cāh; for there they blessed Jĕ-hō'văh: therefore the name of that place was called The valley of Bĕr'ă-cāh unto this day. 27 Then they returned, every man of Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, and Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt in the forefront of them, to go again to Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm with joy; for Jĕ-hō'văh had made them to rejoice over their enemies. 28 And they came to Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of the countries, when they heard that Jĕ-hō'văh fought against the enemies of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 30 So the realm of Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt was quiet; for his God gave him rest round about.

31 And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt reigned over Jū'dăh: he was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm: and his mother's name was A-zū'băh the daughter of Shĭl'hī. 32 And he walked in the way of A'sā his father, and turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh. 33 Howbeit the high places were not taken away; neither as yet had the people set their hearts unto the God of their fathers. 34 Now the rest of the acts of Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt, first and last, behold, they are written in the [4]history of Jē'hū the son of Hă-nā'nī, [5]which is inserted in the book of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

35 And after this did Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt king of Jū'dăh join himself with Ă-hă-zī'ăh king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; the same did very wickedly: 36 and he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tär'shĭsh; and they made the ships in Ē'zī-ŏn-gĕ'bĕr. 37 Then Ĕ-lī-ē'zĕr the son of Dŏd-ăv'ă-hū of Mă-rē'shăh prophesied against Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ă-hă-zī'ăh, Jĕ-hō'văh hath [6]destroyed thy works. And the ships were broken, so that they were not able to go to Tär'shĭsh.

21 And Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Jĕ-hō'răm his son reigned in his stead. 2 And he had brethren, the sons of Jĕ-hŏsh'-ă-phăt: Ăz-ă-rī'ăh, and Jĕ-hī'ĕl, and Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, and Ăz-ă-rī'ăh, and Mī-chā-ĕl, and Shĕph-ă-tī'ăh; all these were the sons of Jĕ-hŏsh'-ă-phăt king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 3 And their father gave them great gifts, of silver, and of gold, and of prec-

[1] Or, *in the beauty of holiness* [2] Acc. to Vulg. *garments* [3] That is, *Blessing* [4] Heb. *words* [5] Or, *who is mentioned* [6] Or, *made a breach in*

ious things, with fortified cities in Jū'dăh: but the kingdom gave he to Jĕ-hō'răm, because he was the first-born. 4 Now when Jĕ-hō'răm was risen up over the kingdom of his father, and had strengthened himself, he slew all his brethren with the sword, and divers also of the princes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 5 Jĕ-hō'răm was thirty and two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm. 6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, as did the house of Ā'hăb; for he had the daughter of Ā'hăb to wife: and he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh. 7 Howbeit Jĕ-hō'văh would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a lamp to him and to his children alway.

8 In his days Ē'dŏm revolted from under the hand of Jū'dăh, and made a king over themselves. 9 Then Jĕ-hō'răm passed over with his captains, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Ē'dŏm-ītes that compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots. 10 So Ē'dŏm revolted from under the hand of Jū'dăh unto this day: then did Lĭb'năh revolt at the same time from under his hand, because he had forsaken Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of his fathers.

11 Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Jū'dăh, and made the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm to play the harlot, and [1]led Jū'dăh astray. 12 And there came a writing to him from Ē-lī'jăh the prophet, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jĕ-hŏsh'a-phăt thy father, nor in the ways of Ā'sa king of Jū'dăh, 13 but hast walked in the ways of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and hast made Jū'dăh and the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm to play the harlot, like as the house of Ā'hăb [2]did, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, who were better than thyself: 14 behold, Jĕ-hō'văh will smite with a great [3]plague thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy substance; 15 and thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness, [4]day by day.

16 And Jĕ-hō'văh stirred up against Jĕ-hō'răm the spirit of the Phĭ-lĭs'tines, and of the Ā-rā'bi-ans that are beside the Ē-thĭ-ō'pi-ans: 17 and they came up against Jū'dăh, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found [5]in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save [6]Jĕ-hō'ă-hăz, the youngest of his sons.

18 And after all this Jĕ-hō'văh smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease. 19 And it came to pass, in process of time, at the end of two years, that his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness, and he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers. 20 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm eight years: and he departed without being desired; and they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

22 And the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm made [7]Ă-hă-zī'ăh his youngest son king in his stead; for the band of men that came with the Ā-rā'bi-ans to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ă-hă-zī'ăh the son of Jĕ-hō'răm king of Jū'dăh reigned. 2 [8]Forty and two years old was Ă-hă-zī'ăh when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm: and his mother's name was Ăth-ă-lī'ăh the [9]daughter of Ŏm'rī. 3 He also walked in the ways of the house of

[1] Or, *compelled Judah thereto*
[2] Heb. *made to play the harlot*
[3] Heb. *stroke*
[4] Or, *year after year*
[5] Or, *belonging to*
[6] In ch. 22.1, *Ahaziah*
[7] In ch. 21.17, *Jehoahaz*
[8] In 2 K. 8.26, *Two and twenty*
[9] Or, *granddaughter*

Ā'hăb; for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly. 4 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, as did the house of Ā'hăb; for they were his counsellors after the death of his father, to his destruction. 5 He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jĕ-hō'răm the son of Ā'hăb king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl to war against Hăz'ā-ĕl king of Sȳr'ĭ-ā at Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ĕ-ăd: and the Sȳr'ĭ-ăns wounded Jō'răm. 6 And he returned to be healed in Jĕz'rē-ĕl [1]of the wounds which they had given him at Rā'măh, when he fought against Hăz'ā-ĕl king of Sȳr'ĭ-ā. And [2]Ăz-ă-rī'ăh the son of Jĕ-hō'răm king of Jū'dăh went down to see Jĕ-hō'răm the son of Ā'hăb in Jĕz'rē-ĕl, because he was sick.

7 Now the [3]destruction of Ă-hăz-ī'ăh was of God, in that he went unto Jō'răm: for when he was come, he went out with Jĕ-hō'răm against Jē'hū the son of Nĭm'shī, whom Jĕ-hō'văh had anointed to cut off the house of Ā'hăb. 8 And it came to pass, when Jē'hū was executing judgment upon the house of Ā'hăb, that he found the princes of Jū'dăh, and the sons of the brethren of Ă-hă-zī'ăh, ministering to Ă-hă-zī'ăh, and slew them. 9 And he sought Ă-hă-zī'ăh, and they caught him (now he was hiding in Să-mā'rĭ-ā), and they brought him to Jē'hū, and slew him; and they buried him, for they said, He is the son of Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt, who sought Jĕ-hō'văh with all his heart. [4]And the house of Ă-hă-zī'ăh had no power to hold the kingdom.

10 Now when Ăth-ă-lī'ăh the mother of Ă-hă-zī'ăh saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Jū'dăh. 11 But [5]Jĕ-hŏsh-bă'ĕ-ăth, the daughter of the king, took Jō'ăsh the son of Ă-hă-zī'ăh, and stole him away from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in the [6]bedchamber. So Jĕ-hŏsh-bă'ĕ-ăth, the daughter of king Jĕ-hō'răm, the wife of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà the priest (for she was the sister of Ă-hă-zī'ăh), hid him from Ăth-ă-lī'ăh, so that she slew him not. 12 And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Ăth-ă-lī'ăh reigned over the land.

23 And in the seventh year Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Ăz-ă-rī'ăh the son of Jĕr'ŏ-hăm, and Ĭsh'mă-ĕl the son of Jĕ-hŏ-hā'năn, and Ăz-ă-rī'ăh the son of Ō'bĕd, and Mā-ă-sē'ĭăh the son of Ă-dā'ĭăh, and Ē-lĭsh'ă-phăt the son of Zĭch'rī, into covenant with him. 2 And they went about in Jū'dăh, and gathered the Lē'vītes out of all the cities of Jū'dăh, and the heads of fathers' *houses* of Ĭs'-rā-ĕl, and they came to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 3 And all the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken concerning the sons of David. 4 This is the thing that ye shall do: a third part of you, that come in on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Lē'vītes, shall be porters of the thresholds; 5 and a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 6 But let none come into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, save the priests, and they that minister of the Lē'vītes; they shall come in, for they are holy: but all the people shall keep the charge of Jĕ-hō'văh. 7 And the Lē'vītes shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever cometh into the house, let him be slain: and be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

[1] So in 2 K. 8.29 The text has, *because the wounds which &c.* [2] In ver. 1, *Ahaziah*
[3] Heb. *treading down*
[4] Or, *And there was none of the house of Ahaziah that had power &c.* [5] In 2 K. 11.2, *Jehosheba*
[6] Or, *chamber for the beds*

8 So the Lē'vītes and all Jū'dăh did according to all that Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà the priest commanded: and they took every man his men, those that were to come in on the sabbath, with those that were to go out on the sabbath; for Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà the priest dismissed not the courses. 9 And Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds the spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in the house of God. 10 And he set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the right [1]side of the house to the left [1]side of the house, along by the altar and the house, by the king round about. 11 Then they brought out the king's son, and [2]put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the testimony, and made him king: and Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà and his sons anointed him; and they said, *Long* live the king.

12 And when Ăth-ă-lī'ăh heard the noise [3]of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh: 13 and she looked, and, behold, the king stood by his pillar at the entrance, and the captains and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew trumpets; the singers also *played* on instruments of music, and led the singing of praise. Then Ăth-ă-lī'ăh rent her clothes, and said, Treason! treason! 14 And Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth between the ranks; and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword: for the priest said, Slay her not in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 15 So they made way for her; and she went to the entrance of the horse gate to the king's house: and they slew her there.

16 And Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà made a covenant between himself, and all the people, and the king, that they should be Jĕ-hō'văh's people. 17 And all the people went to the house of Bā'ăl, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Măt'tăn the priest of Bā'ăl before the altars. 18 And Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà appointed the [4]officers of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh under the hand of the priests the Lē'vītes, whom David had distributed in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, to offer the burnt-offerings of Jĕ-hō'văh, as it is written in the law of Mō'sĕs, with rejoicing and with singing, [5]according to the order of David. 19 And he set the porters at the gates of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, that none that was unclean in anything should enter in. 20 And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of Jĕ-hō'văh: and they came through the upper gate unto the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom. 21 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. And Ăth-ă-lī'ăh they had slain with the sword.

24 Jō'ăsh was seven years old when he began to reign; and he reigned forty years in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and his mother's name was Zĭb'ī-ăh, of Bĕ'ĕr-shĕ'bà. 2 And Jō'ăsh did that which was right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh all the days of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà the priest. 3 And Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.

4 And it came to pass after this, that Jō'ăsh was minded to restore the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 5 And he gathered together the priests and the Lē'vītes, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Jū'dăh, and gather of all īs'rà-ĕl money to repair the house of your God from year to year; and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Lē'vītes hastened it not. 6 And the

[1] Heb. *shoulder* [2] Or, *put upon him the crown and the testimony* [3] Or, *of the people, of the guard, and of those who praised the king* [4] Heb. *offices* [5] Heb. *by the hands of David*

king called for Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Lē'vites to bring in out of Jū'dăh and out of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm the tax of Mō'sēs the servant of Jĕ-hō'văh, and of the assembly [1]of ĭs'rā-ĕl, for the tent of the testimony? 7 For the sons of Ăth-ă-lī'ăh, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh did they bestow upon the Bā'ăl-ĭm.

8 So the king commanded, and they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 9 And they made a proclamation through Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, to bring in for Jĕ-hō'văh the tax that Mō'sēs the servant of God laid upon ĭs'rā-ĕl in the wilderness. 10 And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end. 11 And it was so, that, at what time the chest was brought unto the king's [2]officers [3]by the hand of the Lē'vites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king's [4]scribe and the chief priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to its place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance. 12 And the king and Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh; and they hired masons and carpenters to restore the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and also such as wrought iron and brass to repair the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 13 So the workmen wrought, and [5]the work of repairing went forward in their hands, and they set up the house of God [6]in its state, and strengthened it. 14 And when they had made an end, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà, whereof were made vessels for the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, even vessels wherewith to minister and [7]to offer, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt-offerings in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh continually all the days of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà.

15 But Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà waxed old and was full of days, and he died; a hundred and thirty years old was he when he died. 16 And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in ĭs'rā-ĕl, and toward God and his house. 17 Now after the death of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà came the princes of Jū'dăh, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them. 18 And they forsook the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of their fathers, and served the ă-shē'rĭm and the idols: and wrath came upon Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm for this their guiltiness. 19 Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto Jĕ-hō'văh; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.

20 And the Spirit of God [8]came upon Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà the priest; and he stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of Jĕ-hō'văh, so that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken Jĕ-hō'văh, he hath also forsaken you. 21 And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 22 Thus Jō'ăsh the king remembered not the kindness which Jĕ-hoi'ă-dà his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, Jĕ-hō'văh look upon it, and require it.

23 And it came to pass at the [9]end of the year, that the army of the Sўr'ĭ-ăns came up against him: and they came to Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Dă-más'cŭs. 24 For the army of the Sўr'-

[1] Or, *for Israel* [2] Heb. *office* [3] Or, *which was under the hand* [4] Or, *secretary* [5] Heb. *healing went up upon the work* [6] Or, *according to the proportion thereof*
[7] Or, *pestles* [8] Heb. *clothed itself with* [9] Heb. *revolution*

ĭ-ănş came with a small company of men; and Jĕ-hō'văh delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of their fathers. So they executed [1]judgment upon Jō'ăsh.

25 And when they were departed from him (for they left him very sick), his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the [2]sons of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dă the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died; and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings. 26 And these are they that conspired against him: [3]Zā'băd the son of Shim'ĕ-ăth the Ăm'mŏn-ī-tĕss, and Jĕ-hŏz'ă-băd the son of [4]Shim'rĭth the Mō'ăb-ī-tĕss. 27 Now concerning his sons, and the greatness of the burdens [5]*laid* upon him, and the [6]rebuilding of the house of God, behold, they are written in the commentary of the book of the kings. And Ăm-ă-zī'ăh his son reigned in his stead.

25 Ăm-ă-zī'ăh was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and his mother's name was Jĕ-hŏ-ăd'dăn, of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 2 And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh, but not with a perfect heart. 3 Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established unto him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father. 4 But he put not their children to death, but did according to that which is written in the law in the book of Mō'sĕs, as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers; but every man shall die for his own sin.

5 Moreover Ăm-ă-zī'ăh gathered Jū'dăh together, and ordered them according to their fathers' houses, under captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, even all Jū'dăh and Bĕn'jă-mĭn: and he numbered them from twenty years old and upward, and found them three hundred thousand chosen men, able to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield. 6 He hired also a hundred thousand mighty men of valor out of ĭs'rā-ĕl for a hundred talents of silver. 7 But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the army of ĭs'rā-ĕl go with thee; for Jĕ-hō'văh is not with ĭs'rā-ĕl, *to wit*, with all the children of Ē'phrā-ĭm. 8 But [7]if thou wilt go, do *valiantly*, be strong for the battle: God will cast thee down before the enemy; for God hath power to help, and to cast down. 9 And Ăm-ă-zī'ăh said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the [8]army of ĭs'rā-ĕl? And the man of God answered, Jĕ-hō'văh is able to give thee much more than this. 10 Then Ăm-ă-zī'ăh separated them, *to wit*, the [8]army that was come to him out of Ē'phrā-ĭm, to go home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Jū'dăh, and they returned home in fierce anger. 11 And Ăm-ă-zī'ăh took courage, and led forth his people, and went to the Valley of Salt, and smote of the children of Sē'ĭr ten thousand. 12 And *other* ten thousand did the children of Jū'dăh carry away alive, and brought them unto the top of [9]the rock, and cast them down from the top of [9]the rock, so that they all were broken in pieces. 13 But [10]the men of the army whom Ăm-ă-zī'ăh sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Jū'dăh, from Să-mā'rĭ-ă even unto Bĕth-hō'rŏn, and smote of them three thousand, and took much spoil.

14 Now it came to pass, after that Ăm-ă-zī'ăh was come from the slaughter of the Ē'dŏm-ītes, that he brought the gods of the children of Sē'ĭr, and set them up

[1] Heb. *judgments* [2] The Vulg. and some editions of Sept. read, *son* [3] In 2 K. 12.21, *Jozacar* [4] In 2 K. 12.21, *Shomer* [5] Or, uttered *against* [6] Heb. *founding*
[7] Or, *go thou* [8] Heb. *troop* [9] Or, *Sela* [10] Heb. *the sons of the troop*

to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them. 15 Wherefore the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh was kindled against Ăm-ă-zī'ăh, and he sent unto him a prophet, who said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which have not delivered their own people out of thy hand? 16 And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that *the king* said unto him, Have we made thee of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbare, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.

17 Then Ăm-ă-zī'ăh king of Jū'dăh took advice, and sent to Jō'ăsh, the son of Jĕ-hō'ă-hăz the son of Jē'hū, king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face. 18 And Jō'ăsh king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl sent to Ăm-ă-zī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, saying, The [1]thistle that was in Lĕb'ă-nŏn sent to the cedar that was in Lĕb'ă-nŏn, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lĕb'ă-nŏn, and trod down the thistle. 19 Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten Ē'dŏm; and thy heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldest thou [2]meddle to *thy* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Jū'dăh with thee?

20 But Ăm-ă-zī'ăh would not hear; for it was of God, that he might deliver them into the hand *of their enemies*, because they had sought after the gods of Ē'dŏm. 21 So Jō'ăsh king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl went up; and he and Ăm-ă-zī'ăh king of Jū'dăh looked one another in the face at Bĕth-shĕ'mĕsh, which belongeth to Jū'dăh. 22 And Jū'dăh was put to the worse before Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and they fled every man to his tent. 23 And Jō'ăsh king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl took Ăm-ă-zī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, the son of Jō'ăsh the son of Jĕ-hō'ă-hăz, at Bĕth-shĕ'mĕsh, and brought him to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and brake down the wall of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm from the gate of Ē'phră-im unto [3]the corner gate, four hundred cubits. 24 And *he took* all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Ō'bĕd-ē'dŏm, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Să-mā'rĭ-ă.

25 And Ăm-ă-zī'ăh the son of Jō'ăsh king of Jū'dăh lived after the death of Jō'ăsh son of Jĕ-hō'ă-hăz king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl fifteen years. 26 Now the rest of the acts of Ăm-ă-zī'ăh, first and last, behold, are they not written in the book of the kings of Jū'dăh and Ĭs'rā-ĕl? 27 Now from the time that Ăm-ă-zī'ăh did turn away from following Jĕ-hō'văh they made a conspiracy against him in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and he fled to Lā'chĭsh: but they sent after him to Lā'chĭsh, and slew him there. 28 And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in [4]the city of Jū'dăh.

26 And all the people of Jū'dăh took [5]Ŭz-zī'ăh, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Ăm-ă-zī'ăh. 2 He built Ē'lŏth, and restored it to Jū'dăh, after that the king slept with his fathers. 3 Sixteen years old was Ŭz-zī'ăh when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty and two years in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and his mother's name was Jĕch-ĭ-lī'ăh, of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 4 And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh, according to all that his father Ăm-ă-zī'ăh had done. 5 And he set himself to seek God in the days of Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, who [6]had understanding in [7]the vision of God: and as long as he sought Jĕ-hō'văh, God made him to prosper.

6 And he went forth and warred against the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jăb'nĕh, and the wall

[1] Or, *thorn* [2] Or, *provoke calamity* [3] So in 2 K. 14.13. The text has, *the gate that looketh* [4] In 2 K. 14.20, *the city of David* [5] In 2 K. 14.21, *Azariah* [6] Or, *gave instruction* [7] Heb. *the seeing*

of Ash'dŏd; and he built cities in *the country of* Ash'dŏd, and among the Phi-lis'tines. 7 And God helped him against the Phi-lis'tines, and against the Ar-ā'bi-ans that dwelt in Gûr-bā'ăl, and the Mē-ū'nim. 8 And the Am'mŏn-ites gave tribute to Uz-zī'ăh: and his name spread abroad even to the entrance of E'gypt; for he waxed exceeding strong. 9 Moreover Uz-zī'ăh built towers in Je-ru'sa-lĕm at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning *of the wall*, and fortified them. 10 And he built towers in the wilderness, and hewed out many cisterns, for he had much cattle; in the lowland also, and in the [1]plain: *and he had* husbandmen and vinedressers in the mountains and in [2]the fruitful fields; for he loved husbandry. 11 Moreover Uz-zī'ăh had an army of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their reckoning made by Je-ī'ĕl the scribe and Mā-ă-sē'iăh the officer, under the hand of Hăn-ă-nī'ăh, one of the king's captains. 12 The whole number of the heads of fathers' *houses*, even the mighty men of valor, was two thousand and six hundred. 13 And under their hand was [3]an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. 14 And Uz-zī'ăh prepared for them, even for all the host, shields, and spears, and helmets, and coats of mail, and bows, and stones for slinging. 15 And he made in Je-ru'sa-lĕm engines, invented by skilful men, to be on the towers and upon the [4]battlements, wherewith to shoot arrows and great stones. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

16 But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up, [5]so that he did corruptly, and he trespassed against Je-hō'văh his God; for he went into the temple of Je-hō'văh to burn incense upon the altar of incense. 17 And Az-ă-rī'ăh the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of Je-hō'văh, that were valiant men: 18 and they withstood Uz-zī'ăh the king, and said unto him, It pertaineth not unto thee, Uz-zī'ăh, to burn incense unto Je-hō'văh, but to the priests the sons of Aâr'ŏn, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honor from Je-hō'văh God. 19 Then Uz-zī'ăh was wroth; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense; and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy [6]brake forth in his forehead before the priests in the house of Je-hō'văh, beside the altar of incense. 20 And Az-ă-rī'ăh the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out quickly from thence; yea, himself hasted also to go out, because Je-hō'văh had smitten him. 21 And Uz-zī'ăh the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a [7]separate house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of Je-hō'văh: and Jō'thăm his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land. 22 Now the rest of the acts of Uz-zī'ăh, first and last, did Ī-sā'iăh the prophet, the son of Ā'mŏz, write. 23 So Uz-zī'ăh slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper: and Jō'thăm his son reigned in his stead.

27 Jō'thăm was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteeen years in Je-ru'sa-lĕm: and his mother's name was Je-ru'shăh the daughter of Zā'dŏk. 2 And he did that which was right in the eyes of Je-hō'văh, according to all that his father Uz-zī'ăh had done: howbeit he entered not into the temple of Je-hō'văh. And the

[1] Or, *table-land* [2] Or, *Carmel* See 1 S. 25.2 [3] Heb. *the power of an army* [4] Or, *corner towers* [5] Or, *to* his *destruction*
[6] Heb. *rose* (as the sun) [7] Or, *infirmary*

people did yet corruptly. 3 He built the upper gate of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and on the wall of Ō'phĕl he built much. 4 Moreover he built cities in the hill-country of Jū'dăh, and in the forests he built castles and towers. 5 He fought also with the king of the children of Ăm'mŏn, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ăm'mŏn gave him the same year a hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand [1]measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ăm'mŏn render unto him, in the second year also, and in the third. 6 So Jō'thăm became mighty, because he ordered his ways before Jĕ-hō'văh his God. 7 Now the rest of the acts of Jō'thăm, and all his wars, and his ways, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and Jū'dăh. 8 He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 9 And Jō'thăm slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ā'hăz his son reigned in his stead.

28 Ā'hăz was twenty years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and he did not that which was right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh, like David his father; 2 but he walked in the ways of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and made also molten images for the Bā'ăl-ĭm. 3 Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hĭn'nŏm, and burnt his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom Jĕ-hō'văh cast out before the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Wherefore Jĕ-hō'văh his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Sȳr'ĭ-ă; and they smote him, and carried away of his a great multitude of captives, and brought them to Dă-măs'cŭs. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, who smote him with a great slaughter. 6 For Pē'kăh the son of Rĕm-ă-lī'ăh slew in Jū'dăh a hundred and twenty thousand in one day, all of them valiant men; because they had forsaken Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of their fathers. 7 And Zĭch'rī, a mighty man of Ē'phrā-ĭm, slew Mā-ă-sē'ĭăh the king's son, and Ăz'rĭ-kăm the ruler of the house, and Ēl'kā-năh that was [2]next to the king.

8 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Să-mā'rĭ-ă. 9 But a prophet of Jĕ-hō'văh was there, whose name was Ō'dĕd: and he went out to meet the host that came to Să-mā'rĭ-ă, and said unto them, Behold, because Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of your fathers, was wroth with Jū'dăh, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage which hath reached up unto heaven. 10 And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm for bondmen and bondwomen unto you: *but* are there not even with you [3]trespasses of your own against Jĕ-hō'văh your God? 11 Now hear me therefore, and send back the captives, that ye have taken captive of your brethren; for the fierce wrath of Jĕ-hō'văh is upon you. 12 Then certain of the heads of the children of Ē'phrā-ĭm, Ăz-ă-rī'ăh the son of Jō-hā'năn, Bĕr-ĕ-chī'ăh the son of Mĕ-shĭl'lĕ-mŏth, and Jĕ-hĭz-kī'ăh the son of Shăl'lŭm, and Ăm'ă-să the son of Hăd'lăi, stood up against them that came from the war, 13 and said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither: for ye purpose that which will bring upon us [4]a trespass against Jĕ-hō'văh, to add unto our sins and to our [4]trespass; for our [4]trespass is great, and there is fierce wrath against Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 14 So the armed men

[1] Heb. *cors*
[2] Heb. *second* [3] Heb. *guiltinesses* [4] Or, *guilt*

left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. 15 And the men that have been mentioned by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jĕr'ĭ-chō, the city of palm-trees, unto their brethren: then they returned to Să-mā'rĭ-ā.

16 At that time did king Ā'hăz send unto the [1]kings of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ā to help him. 17 For again the Ē'dŏm-ītes had come and smitten Jū'dăh, and carried away [2]captives. 18 The Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes also had invaded the cities of the lowland, and of the South of Jū'dăh, and had taken Bĕth-shĕ'mĕsh, and Āi'jă-lŏn, and Gĕ-dē'rŏth, and Sō'cō with the [3]towns thereof, and Tĭm'năh with the [3]towns thereof, Gĭm'zō also and the [3]towns thereof: and they dwelt there. 19 For Jĕ-hō'văh brought Jū'dăh low because of Ā'hăz king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; for he had [4]dealt wantonly in Jū'dăh, and trespassed sore against Jĕ-hō'văh. 20 And Tĭl'găth-pĭl-nē'sĕr king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ā came [5]unto him, and distressed him, but [6]strengthened him not. 21 For Ā'hăz took away a portion out of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and out of the house of the king and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ā: but it helped him not.

22 And in the time [7]of his distress did he trespass yet more against Jĕ-hō'văh, this same king Ā'hăz. 23 For he sacrificed unto the gods of [8]Dă-măs'cŭs, which smote him; and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Sȳr'ĭ-ā helped them, *therefore* will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 24 And Ā'hăz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh; and he made him altars in every corner of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm. 25 And in every city of Jū'dăh he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of his fathers. 26 Now the rest of his acts, and all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Jū'dăh and Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 27 And Ā'hăz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm; for they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh his son reigned in his stead.

29 Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh began to reign when he was five and twenty years old; and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm: and his mother's name was Ă-bī'jăh, the daughter of Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh. 2 And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh, according to all that David his father had done. 3 He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and repaired them. 4 And he brought in the priests and the Lē'vītes, and gathered them together into the broad place on the east, 5 and said unto them, Hear me, ye Lē'vītes; now sanctify yourselves, and sanctify the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place. 6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of Jĕ-hō'văh, and turned their backs. 7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt-offerings in the holy place unto the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 8 Wherefore the wrath of Jĕ-hō'văh was upon Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'-

[1] Acc. to Sept., Vulg., and Syr., *king*
[2] Heb. *a captivity*
[3] Heb. *daughters*
[4] Or, *cast away restraint*
[5] Or, *against*
[6] Or, *prevailed not against him*
[7] Or, *that he distressed him*
[8] Heb. *Darmesek*

så-lĕm, and he hath delivered them to be [1]tossed to and fro, to be an astonishment, and a hissing, as ye see with your eyes. 9 For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this. 10 Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, that his fierce anger may turn away from us. 11 My sons, be not now negligent; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath chosen you to stand before him, to minister unto him, and that ye should be his ministers, and burn incense.

12 Then the Lē'vītes arose, Mā'hăth, the son of Ăm'ă-sāi, and Jō'ĕl the son of Ăz-ă-rī'ăh, of the sons of the Kō'hăth-ītes; and of the sons of Mĕ-rā'rī, Kĭsh the son of Ăb'dī, and Ăz-ă-rī'ăh the son of Jĕ-hăl'lĕ-lĕl; and of the Gĕr'shŏn-ītes, Jō'ăh the son of Zĭm'măh, and Ē'dĕn the son of Jō'ăh; 13 and of the sons of Ē-lĭz'ă-phăn, Shĭm'rī and Jē'ū-ĕl; and of the sons of Ā'săph, Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh and Măt-tă-nī'ăh; 14 and of the sons of Hē'măn, Jĕ'hŭ-ĕl and Shĭm'ĕ-ī; and of the sons of Jĕ-dū'thŭn, Shĕ-mā'ĭăh and Ŭz-zī'ĕl. 15 And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and went in, according to the commandment of the king by the words of Jĕ-hō'văh, to cleanse the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 16 And the priests went in unto the inner part of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of Jĕ-hō'văh into the court of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. And the Lē'vītes took it, to carry it out abroad to the brook Kĭd'rŏn. 17 Now they began on the first *day* of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of Jĕ-hō'văh; and they sanctified the house of Jĕ-hō'văh in eight days: and on the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end. 18 Then they went in to Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh the king within *the palace,* and said, We have cleansed all the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the altar of burnt-offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the table of showbread, with all the vessels thereof. 19 Moreover all the vessels, which king Ā'hăz in his reign did cast away when he trespassed, have we prepared and sanctified; and, behold, they are before the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh.

20 Then Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh the king arose early, and gathered the princes of the city, and went up to the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he-goats, for a sin-offering for the kingdom and for the sanctuary and for Jū'dăh. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aâr'ŏn to offer them on the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh. 22 So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: and they killed the rams, and sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and sprinkled the blood upon the altar. 23 And they brought near the he-goats for the sin-offering before the king and the assembly; and they laid their hands upon them: 24 and the priests killed them, and they made a sin-offering with their blood upon the altar, to make atonement for all ĭs'rā-ĕl; for the king commanded *that* the burnt-offering and the sin-offering *should be made* for all ĭs'rā-ĕl.

25 And he set the Lē'vītes in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nā'thăn the prophet; for the commandment was of Jĕ-hō'văh by his prophets. 26 And the Lē'vītes stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. 27 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh commanded to offer the burnt-offering upon the altar. And when the burnt-offering began, the song of Jĕ-hō'văh began also, and the trumpets, together with the instruments of David king of ĭs'rā-

[1] Or, *a terror*

ĕl. 28 And all the assembly worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this *continued* until the burnt-offering was finished.

29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves and worshipped. 30 Moreover Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh the king and the princes commanded the Lĕ'vītes to sing praises unto Jĕ-hō'văh with the words of David, and of Ā'săph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

31 Then Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh answered and said, Now ye have [1]consecrated yourselves unto Jĕ-hō'văh; come near and bring sacrifices and thank-offerings into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. And the assembly brought in sacrifices and thank-offerings; and as many as were of a willing heart *brought* burnt-offerings. 32 And the number of the burnt-offerings which the assembly brought was threescore and ten bullocks, a hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt-offering to Jĕ-hō'văh. 33 And the consecrated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep. 34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt-offerings: wherefore their brethren the Lĕ'vītes did help them, till the work was ended, and until the priests had sanctified themselves; for the Lĕ'vītes were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests. 35 And also the burnt-offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace-offerings, and with the drink-offerings for every burnt-offering. So the service of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh was set in order. 36 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh rejoiced, and all the people, because of that which God had prepared for the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

30 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh sent to all Ĭs'rā-ĕl and Jū'dăh, and wrote letters also to Ē'phrā-ĭm and Mă-năs'sĕh, that they should come to the house of Jĕ-hō'văh at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, to keep the passover unto Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the assembly in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, to keep the passover in the second month. 3 For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves in sufficient number, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 4 And the thing was right in the eyes of the king and of all the assembly. 5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, from Bĕ'ĕr-shĕ'bà even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: for they had not kept it [3]in great numbers in such sort as it is written. 6 So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Ĭs'rā-ĕl and Jū'dăh, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, turn again unto Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Abraham, Ī'săac, and Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that he may return to the remnant that are escaped of you out of the hand of the kings of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-à. 7 And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, who trespassed against Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of their fathers, so that he gave them up [3]to desolation, as ye see. 8 Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were; but [4]yield yourselves unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever, and serve Jĕ-hō'văh your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you. 9 For if ye turn again unto Jĕ-hō'văh, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that led them captive, and shall come again into this land: for Jĕ-hō'văh your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face

[1] Heb. *filled your hand*
[2] Or, *of a long time* [3] Or, *to be an astonishment*
[4] Heb. *give the hand*

from you, if ye return unto him.
10 So the posts passed from city to city through the country of E'phrā-ĭm and Mă-năs'sĕh, even unto Zĕb'ū-lŭn: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.
11 Nevertheless certain men of Ash'ĕr and Mă-năs'sĕh and of Zĕb'ū-lŭn humbled themselves, and came to Je-ru'sā-lĕm. 12 Also upon Jū'dăh came the hand of God to give them one heart, to do the commandment of the king and of the princes by the word of Jĕ-hō'văh.
13 And there assembled at Je-ru'sā-lĕm much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great assembly. 14 And they arose and took away the altars that were in Je-ru'sā-lĕm, and all the [1]altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kĭd'rŏn. 15 Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth *day* of the second month: and the priests and the Lē'vītes were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought burnt-offerings into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 16 And they stood in their place after their order, according to the law of Mō'sēs the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood *which they received* of the hand of the Lē'vītes. 17 For there were many in the assembly that had not sanctified themselves: therefore the Lē'vītes had the charge of killing the passovers for every one that was not clean, to sanctify them unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 18 For a multitude of the people, even many of E'phrā-ĭm and Mă-năs'sĕh, ĭs'să-chăr and Zĕb'ū-lŭn, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it is written. For Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh had prayed for them, saying, The good Jĕ-hō'văh pardon [2]every one 19 that setteth his heart to seek God, Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of his fathers, though *he be* not *cleansed* according to the purification of the sanctuary. 20 And Jĕ-hō'văh hearkened to Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, and healed the people. 21 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl that were present at Je-ru'sā-lĕm kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness; and the Lē'vītes and the priests praised Jĕ-hō'văh day by day, *singing* with loud instruments unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 22 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh spake comfortably unto all the Lē'vītes that had good understanding *in the service* of Jĕ-hō'văh. So they did eat throughout the feast for the seven days, offering sacrifices of peace-offerings, and [3]making confession to Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of their fathers.
23 And the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days; and they kept *other* seven days with gladness. 24 For Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh did give to the assembly for offerings a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the assembly a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves. 25 And all the assembly of Jū'dăh, with the priests and the Lē'vītes, and all the assembly that came out of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and the sojourners that came out of the land of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and that dwelt in Jū'dăh, rejoiced. 26 So there was great joy in Je-ru'sā-lĕm; for since the time of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn the son of David king of ĭs'rā-ĕl there was not the like in Je-ru'sā-lĕm. 27 Then the priests the Lē'vītes arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy habitation, even unto heaven.

31 Now when all this was finished, all ĭs'rā-ĕl that were present went out to the cities of Jū'dăh, and brake in pieces the [1]pillars, and hewed down the A-shĕ'rĭm, and brake down the high places and the altars out of all Jū'dăh and Bĕn'jă-mĭn, in E'phrā-ĭm also and Mă-năs'sĕh, until they had destroyed them all. Then all the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl returned,

[1] Or, *vessels*
[2] Or, *him that setteth his whole heart*
[3] Or, *giving thanks* [4] Or, *obelisks*

every man to his possession, into their own cities.

2 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh appointed the courses of the priests and the Lē'vītes after their courses, every man according to his service, both the priests and the Lē'vītes, for burnt-offerings and for peace-offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the camp of Jĕ-hō'văh. 3 *He appointed* also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt-offerings, *to wit*, for the morning and evening burnt-offerings, and the burnt-offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of Jĕ-hō'văh. 4 Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm to give the portion of the priests and the Lē'vītes, that they might [1]give themselves to the law of Jĕ-hō'văh. 5 And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl gave in abundance the first-fruits of grain, new wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly. 6 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and Jū'dăh, that dwelt in the cities of Jū'dăh, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of dedicated things which were consecrated unto Jĕ-hō'văh their God, and laid them by heaps. 7 In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month. 8 And when Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed Jĕ-hō'văh, and his people Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 9 Then Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh questioned the priests and the Lē'vītes concerning the heaps. 10 And Ăz-ă-rī'ăh the chief priest, of the house of Zā'dŏk, answered him and said, Since *the people* began to bring the oblations into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, we have eaten and had enough, and have left plenty: for Jĕ-hō'văh hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store.

[1] Heb. *be strong in*

11 Then Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh commanded to prepare chambers in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh; and they prepared them; 12 and they brought in the oblations and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully. And over them Cŏn-ă-nī'ăh the Lē'vīte was ruler, and Shĭm'ē-ī his brother was second; 13 and Jĕ-hī'ĕl, and Ăz-ă-zī'ăh, and Nā'hăth, and Ā'să-hĕl, and Jĕr'ĭ-mŏth, and Jŏz'ă-băd, and Ē-lī'ĕl, and Ĭs-mă-chī'ăh, and Mā'hăth, and Bĕ-nā'ĭăh, were overseers under the hand of Cŏn-ă-nī'ăh and Shĭm'ē-ī his brother, by the appointment of Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh the king, and Ăz-ă-rī'ăh the ruler of the house of God. 14 And Kō'rĕ the son of ĭm'năh the Lē'vīte, the porter at the east *gate*, was over the freewill-offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the most holy things. 15 And under him were Eden, and Mĭ-nī'ă-mĭn, and Jĕsh'ū-ă, and Shĕ-mă'ĭăh, Ăm-ă-rī'ăh, and Shĕc-ă-nī'ăh, in the cities of the priests, in their office of trust, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the small: 16 besides them that were reckoned by genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, even every one that entered into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, [2]as the duty of every day required, for their service in their offices according to their courses; 17 and them that were reckoned by genealogy of the priests by their fathers' houses, and the Lē'vītes from twenty years old and upward, in their offices by their courses; 18 [3]and them that were reckoned by genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their office of trust they sanctified themselves in holiness. 19 Also for the sons of Aâr'ŏn the priests, that were in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every city, there were men that were mentioned by name, to give portions to

[2] Or, *for his daily portion*
[3] Or, *even* to give *to them &c.*

all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogy among the Lē'vītes.

20 And thus did Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh throughout all Jū'dăh; and he wrought that which was good and right and [1]faithful before Jĕ-hō'-văh his God. 21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

32 After these things, and this [1]faithfulness, Sĕn-năch'ĕ-rĭb king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ā came, and entered into Jū'dăh, and encamped against the fortified cities, and thought [2]to win them for himself. 2 And when Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh saw that Sĕn-năch'ĕ-rĭb was come, and that [3]he was purposed to fight against Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, 3 he took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city; and they helped him. 4 So there was gathered much people together, and they stopped all the fountains, and the brook that flowed through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ā come, and find much water? 5 And he took courage, and built up all the wall that was broken down, and [4]raised *it* up to the towers, and [5]the other wall without, and strengthened Mĭl'lō *in* the city of David, and made weapons and shields in abundance. 6 And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the broad place at the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying, 7 Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ā, nor for all the multitude that is with him; for [6]there is a greater with us than with him: 8 with him is an arm of flesh; but with us is Jĕ-hō'văh our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh.

9 After this did Sĕn-năch'ĕ-rĭb king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ā send his servants to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm (now he was before Lā'chish, and all his power with him), unto Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, and unto all Jū'dăh that were at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, saying, 10 Thus saith Sĕn-năch'ĕ-rĭb king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ā, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide [7]the siege in Jĕ-ru'-să-lĕm? 11 Doth not Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh persuade you, to give you over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, Jĕ-hō'văh our God will deliver us out of the hand of the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ā? 12 Hath not the same Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and upon it shall ye burn incense? 13 Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands in any wise able to deliver their land out of my hand? 14 Who was there among all the gods of those nations which my fathers [8]utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of my hand? 15 Now therefore let not Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh deceive you, nor persuade you after this manner, neither believe ye him; for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of my hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your [9]God deliver you out of my hand?

16 And his servants spake yet more against Jĕ-hō'văh God, and against his servant Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh. 17 He wrote also [10]letters, to rail on Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of the lands, which have not delivered their people out of my hand, so shall not the God of Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh deliver his people out of my hand. 18 And they cried with a loud

[1] Heb. *faithfulness* [2] Heb. *to break them up* [3] Heb. *his face was to fight* [4] The Vulg. has, *built towers thereon* [5] Or, *another* [6] Or, *there are more* [7] Or, *in the stronghold* [8] Heb. *devoted* [9] Or, *gods* [10] Or, *a letter*

voice in the Jews' language unto the people of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm that were on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city. 19 And they spake of the God of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, as of the gods of the peoples of the earth, which are the work of men's hands.

20 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh the king, and Ī-să'ĭăh the prophet the son of Ā'mŏz, prayed because of this, and cried to heaven. 21 And Jĕ-hō'văh sent an angel, who cut off all the mighty men of valor, and the leaders and captains, in the camp of the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth from his own bowels [1]slew him there with the sword. 22 Thus Jĕ-hō'văh saved Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh and the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm from the hand of Sĕn-năch'ē-rĭb the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă, and from the hand of all *others*, and guided them on every side. 23 And many brought gifts unto Jĕ-hō'văh to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and precious things to Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh; so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

24 In those days Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh was sick even unto death: and he prayed unto Jĕ-hō'văh; and he spake unto him, and gave him a [2]sign. 25 But Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 26 Notwithstanding Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh humbled himself for [3]the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, so that the wrath of Jĕ-hō'văh came not upon them in the days of Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh.

27 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh had exceeding much riches and honor: and he provided him treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of goodly vessels; 28 store-houses also for the increase of grain and new wine and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and flocks in folds. 29 Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for God had given him very much substance. 30 This same Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh also stopped the upper spring of the waters of Gī'hŏn, and brought them straight down on the west side of the city of David. And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh prospered in all his works. 31 Howbeit in *the business of* the [4]ambassadors of the princes of Băb'ў-lŏn, who sent unto him to inquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

32 Now the rest of the acts of Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, and his good deeds, behold, they are written in the vision of Ī-să'ĭăh the prophet the son of Ā'mŏz, in the book of the kings of Jū'dăh and Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 33 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the ascent of the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Jū'dăh and the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm did him honor at his death. And Mă-năs'sĕh his son reigned in his stead.

33 Mă-năs'sĕh was twelve years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty and five years in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, after the abominations of the nations whom Jĕ-hō'văh cast out before the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 3 For he built again the high places which Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh his father had broken down; and he reared up altars for the Bā'ăl-ĭm, and made Ă-shē'rŏth, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. 4 And he built altars in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, whereof Jĕ-hō'văh said, In Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm shall my name be for ever. 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 6 He al-

[1] Heb. *caused him to fall* [2] Or, *wonder*
[3] Heb. *the lifting up*
[4] Heb. *interpreters*

so made his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hĭn'nŏm; and he practised augury, and used enchantments, and practised sorcery, and dealt with them that had familiar spirits, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, to provoke him to anger. 7 And he set the graven image of the idol, which he had made, in the house of God, of which God said to David and to Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn his son, In this house, and in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of ĭs'rā-ĕl, will I put my name for ever: 8 neither will I any more remove the foot of ĭs'rā-ĕl from off the land which I have appointed for your fathers, if only they will observe to do all that I have commanded them, even all the law and the statutes and the ordinances *given* by Mō'sĕs. 9 And Mă-năs'sĕh seduced Jū'dăh and the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm, so that they did evil more than did the nations whom Jĕ-hō'văh destroyed before the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl.

10 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake to Mă-năs'sĕh, and to his people; but they gave no heed. 11 Wherefore Jĕ-hō'văh brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-a, who took Mă-năs'sĕh [1]in chains, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Băb'ў-lŏn. 12 And when he was in distress, he besought Jĕ-hō'văh his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. 13 And he prayed unto him; and he was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm into his kingdom. Then Mă-năs'sĕh knew that Jĕ-hō'văh he was God.

14 Now after this he built an outer wall to the city of David, on the west side of Gī'hŏn, in the valley, even to the entrance at the fish gate; and he compassed Ō'phĕl about *with it*, and raised it up to a very great height: and he put [2]valiant captains in all the fortified cities of Jū'dăh. 15 And he took away the foreign gods, and the idol out of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm, and cast them out of the city. 16 And he [3]built up the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh, and offered thereon sacrifices of peace-offerings and of thanksgiving, and commanded Jū'dăh to serve Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 17 Nevertheless the people sacrificed still in the high places, but only unto Jĕ-hō'văh their God.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Mă-năs'sĕh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, behold, they are written among the acts of the kings of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 19 His prayer also, and how *God* was entreated of him, and all his sin and his trespass, and the places where in he built high places, and set up the Ă-shĕ'rĭm and the graven images, before he humbled himself: behold, they are written in the history of [4]Hō'zāi. 20 So Mă-năs'sĕh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Ā'mŏn his son reigned in his stead.

21 Ā'mŏn was twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm. 22 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, as did Mă-năs'sĕh his father; and Ā'mŏn sacrificed unto all the graven images which Mă-năs'sĕh his father had made, and served them. 23 And he humbled not himself before Jĕ-hō'văh, as Mă-năs'sĕh his father had humbled himself; but this same Ā'mŏn [5]trespassed more and more. 24 And his servants conspired against him, and put him to death in his own house. 25 But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Ā'mŏn; and the people of the land made Jō-sī'ăh his son king in his stead.

[1] Or, *with hooks*
[2] Or, *captains of the army*
[3] According to another reading, *prepar*
[4] Or, *the seers*
[5] Or, *became guil*

34 Jō-sī'ăh was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned thirty and one years in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 2 And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh, and walked in the ways of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left. 3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm from the high places, and the Ă-shē'rĭm, and the graven images, and the molten images. 4 And they brake down the altars of the Bā'ăl-ĭm in his presence; and the sun-images that were on high above them he hewed down; and the Ă-shē'rĭm, and the graven images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strewed it upon the graves *of them* that had sacrificed unto them. 5 And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and purged Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 6 And *so did he* in the cities of Mă-năs'sĕh and Ē'phrā-ĭm and Sĭm'ē-ŏn, even unto Năph'tă-lī, [1]in their ruins round about. 7 And he brake down the altars, and beat the Ă-shē'rĭm and the graven images into powder, and hewed down all the sun-images throughout all the land of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and returned to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the house, he sent Shā'phăn the son of Ăz-ă-lī'ăh, and Mă-ă-sē'ĭăh the governor of the city, and Jō'ăh the son of of Jō'ă-hăz the [2]recorder, to repair the house of Jĕ-hō'văh his God. 9 And they came to Hĭl-kī'ăh the high priest, and delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Lē'vītes, the keepers of the threshold, had gathered of the hand of Mă-năs'sĕh and Ē'phrā-ĭm, and of all the remnant of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and of all Jū'dăh and Bĕn'jă-mĭn, [3]and of the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 10 And they delivered it into the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh; and [4]the workmen that wrought in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh gave it to mend and repair the house; 11 even to the carpenters and to the builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to make beams for the houses which the kings of Jū'dăh had destroyed. 12 And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them were Jă'hăth and Ō-bă-dī'ăh, the Lē'vītes, of the sons of Mĕ-rā'rĭ; and Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh and Mĕ-shŭl'lăm, of the sons of the Kō'hăth-ītes, [5]to set it forward; and *others of* the Lē'vītes, all that were skilful with instruments of music. 13 Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and set forward all that did the work in every manner of service: and of the Lē'vītes there were scribes, and officers, and porters.

14 And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, Hĭl-kī'ăh the priest found the book of the law of Jĕ-hō'văh [6]*given* by Mō'sĕs. 15 And Hĭl-kī'ăh answered and said to Shā'phăn the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. And Hĭl-kī'ăh delivered the book to Shā'phăn. 16 And Shā'phăn carried the book to the king, and moreover brought back word to the king, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they are doing. 17 And they have [7]emptied out the money that was found in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and into the hand of the workmen. 18 And Shā'phăn the scribe told the king, saying, Hĭl-kī'ăh the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shā'phăn read therein before the king. 19 And it came to pass,

[1] Or, as otherwise read, *with their axes* The Hebrew is obscure [2] Or, *chronicler* [3] Another reading is, *and they returned to Jerusalem* [4] Or, *they gave it to the workmen &c.* See 2 K. 22.5 [5] Or, *to preside over it* [6] Heb. *by the hand of* [7] Or, *poured out*

when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes. 20 And the king commanded Hĭl-kī'ăh, and Ă-hī'kăm the son of Shā'phăn, and [1]Ăb'dŏn the son of Mī'căh, and Shā'phăn the scribe, and Ă-sā'ĭăh the king's servant, saying, 21 Go ye, inquire of Jĕ-hō'văh for me, and for them that are left in ĭs'rā-ĕl and in Jū'dăh, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great is the wrath of Jĕ-hō'văh that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, to do according unto all that is written in this book.

22 So Hĭl-kī'ăh, and they whom the king *had commanded*, went to Hŭl'dăh the prophetess, the wife of Shăl'lŭm the son of [2]Tŏk'hăth, the son of [3]Hăs'răh, keeper of the wardrobe (now she dwelt in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm in the [4]second quarter); and they spake to her to that effect. 23 And she said unto them, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl: Tell ye the man that sent you unto me, 24 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Jū'dăh. 25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore is my wrath poured out upon this place, and it shall not be quenched. 26 But unto the king of Jū'dăh, who sent you to inquire of Jĕ-hō'văh, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl: As touching the words which thou hast heard, 27 because thy heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and hast humbled thyself before me, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof. And they brought back word to the king.

29 Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 30 And the king went up to the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and all the men of Jū'dăh and the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and the priests, and the Lē'vītes, and all the people, both great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 31 And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before Jĕ-hō'văh, to walk after Jĕ-hō'văh, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book. 32 And he caused all that were found in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm and Bĕn'jă-mĭn to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. 33 And Jō-sī'ăh took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and made all that were found in ĭs'rā-ĕl to serve, even to serve Jĕ-hō'văh their God. All his days they departed not from following Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of their fathers.

35 And Jō-sī'ăh kept a passover unto Jĕ-hō'văh in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth *day* of the first month. 2 And he set the priests in their offices, and encouraged them to the service of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 3 And he said unto the Lē'vites that taught all ĭs'rā-ĕl, that were holy unto Jĕ-hō'văh, Put the holy ark in the house which Sŏl'ō-mŏn the son of David king of ĭs'rā-ĕl did build; there

[1] In 2 K. 22.12, *Achbor the son of Micaiah*
[2] In 2 K. 22.14, *Tikvah*
[3] In 2 K. 22.14, *Harhas*
[4] Heb. *Mishneh*

shall no more be a burden upon your shoulders. Now serve Jĕ-hō'văh your God, and his people Ĭs'rā-ĕl; 4 and prepare yourselves after your fathers' houses by your courses, according to the writing of David king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and according to the writing of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn his son. 5 And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of your brethren the children of the people, [1]and *let there be for each* a portion of a father's house of the Lē'vītes. 6 And kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brethren, to do according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh by Mō'sĕs.

7 And Jō-sī'ăh [2]gave to the children of the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all of them for the passover-offerings, unto all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these were of the king's substance. 8 And his princes gave [3]for a freewill-offering unto the people, to the priests, and to the Lē'vītes. Hĭl-kī'ăh and Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh and Jĕ-hī'ĕl, the rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover-offerings two thousand and six hundred *small cattle*, and three hundred oxen. 9 Cŏn-ăn-nī'ăh also, and Shĕ-mā'ĭăh and Nĕ-thăn'ĕl, his brethren, and Hăsh-ă-bī'ăh and Jĕ-ī'ĕl and Jŏz'ă-băd, the chiefs of the Lē'vītes, gave unto the Lē'vītes, for the passover-offerings five thousand *small cattle*, and five hundred oxen.

10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Lē'vītes by their courses, according to the king's commandment. 11 And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled *the blood which they received* of their hand, and the Lē'vītes flayed them. 12 And they removed the burnt-offerings, that they might give them according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of the children of the people, to offer unto Jĕ-hō'văh, as it is written in the book of Mō'sĕs. And so did they with the oxen. 13 And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance: and the holy offerings boiled they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and carried them quickly to all the children of the people. 14 And afterward they prepared for themselves, and for the priests, because the priests the sons of Aâr'ŏn *were busied* in offering the burnt-offerings and the fat until night: therefore the Lē'vītes prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aâr'ŏn. 15 And the singers the sons of Ā'săph were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Ā'săph, and Hē'măn, and Jĕ-dū'thŭn the king's seer; and the porters were at every gate: they needed not to depart from their service; for their brethren the Lē'vītes prepared for them.

16 So all the service of Jĕ-hō'văh was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt-offerings upon the altar of Jĕ-hō'văh, according to the commandment of king Jō-sī'ăh. 17 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. 18 And there was no passover like to that kept in Ĭs'rā-ĕl from the days of Săm'ū-ĕl the prophet; neither did any of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl keep such a passover as Jō-sī'ăh kept, and the priests, and the Lē'vītes, and all Jū'dăh and Ĭs'rā-ĕl that were present, and the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm. 19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Jō-sī'ăh was this passover kept.

20 After all this, when Jō-sī'ăh had prepared the temple, Nē'cō king of Ē'gўpt went up to fight against Căr'chĕ-mĭsh by the Ū-phrā'tēs: and Jō-sī'ăh went out against him. 21 But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Jū'dăh? *I come* not against thee this day, but against the

[1] Or, *and* according to *the distribution of each fathers' house* and so in ver. 8, 9 [2] Or, *gave for offerings* See ch. 30.24 [3] Or, *willingly*

house wherewith I have war; and God [1]hath commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from *meddling with* God, who is with me, that he destroy thee not. 22 Nevertheless Jō-sī'ăh would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Nē'cō from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Mĕ-gĭd'dō. 23 And the archers shot at king Jō-sī'ăh; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore wounded. 24 So his servants took him out of the chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had, and brought him to Jē-ru'sā-lĕm; and he died, and was buried in the sepulchres of his fathers. And all Jū'dăh and Jē-ru'sā-lĕm mourned for Jō-sī'ăh. 25 And Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh lamented for Jō-sī'ăh: and all the singing men and singing women spake of Jō-sī'ăh in their lamentations unto this day; and they made them an ordinance in Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and, behold, they are written in the lamentations. 26 Now the rest of the acts of Jō-sī'ăh, and his good deeds, according to that which is written in the law of Jē-hō'văh, 27 and his acts, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and Jū'dăh.

36 Then the people of the land took Jē-hō'ā-hăz the son of Jō-sī'ăh, and made him king in his father's stead in Jē-ru'sā-lĕm. 2 Jō'ā-hăz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jē-ru'sā-lĕm. 3 And the king of Ē'gĭypt deposed him at Jē-ru'sā-lĕm, and fined the land a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. 4 And the king of Ē'gĭypt made Ē-lī'ā-kĭm his brother king over Jū'dăh and Jē-ru'sā-lĕm, and changed his name to Jē-hoi'ā-kim. And Nē'cō took Jō'ā-hăz his brother, and carried him to Ē'gĭypt.

5 Jē-hoi'ā-kĭm was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jē-ru'sā-lĕm: and he did that which was evil in the sight of Jē-hō'văh his God. 6 Against him came up Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Băb'ў-lŏn. 7 Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär also carried of the vessels of the house of Jē-hō'văh to Băb'ў-lŏn, and put them in his [2]temple at Băb'ў-lŏn. 8 Now the rest of the acts of Jē-hoi'ā-kĭm, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found [3]in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and Jū'dăh: and [4]Jē-hoi'ā-chĭn his son reigned in his stead.

9 Jē-hoi'ā-chĭn was [5]eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months and ten days in Jē-ru'sā-lĕm: and he did that which was evil in the sight of Jē-hō'văh. 10 And at the return of the year king Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär sent, and brought him to Băb'ў-lŏn, with the goodly vessels of the house of Jē-hō'văh, and made Zĕd-ē-kī'ăh his brother king over Jū'dăh and Jē-ru'sā-lĕm.

11 Zĕd-ē-kī'ăh was twenty and one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jē-ru'sā-lĕm: 12 and he did that which was evil in the sight of Jē-hō'văh his God; he humbled not himself before Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet *speaking* from the mouth of Jē-hō'văh. 13 And he also rebelled against king Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and [6]hardened his heart against turning unto Jē-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 14 Moreover all the chiefs of the priests, and the people, trespassed very greatly after all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of Jē-hō'văh which he had hallowed in Jē-ru'sā-lĕm. 15 And Jē-hō'văh, the God of their fathers, sent to them by his messengers, rising up early and sending, be-

[1] Or, *hath given command to speed me*
[2] Or, *palace* [3] Or, *against* [4] In 1 Chr. 3.16, *Jeconiah*. In Jer. 22.24, *Coniah* [5] In 2 K. 24.8, *eighteen* [6] Heb. *strengthened*

Jerusalem laid waste

cause he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling-place: 16 but they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and scoffed at his prophets, until the wrath of Jĕ-hō'văh arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chăl-dē'ăns, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or virgin, old man or hoary-headed: he gave them all into his hand. 18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes, all these he brought to Băb'ў-lŏn. 19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jĕ-ru-să-lĕm, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. 20 And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Băb'ў-lŏn; and they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Pĕr'-si-ă: 21 to fulfil the word of Jĕ-hō'văh by the mouth of Jĕr-ē-mī'ăh, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths: *for* as long as it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

22 Now in the first year of Çў'rŭs king of Pĕr'si-ă, that the word of Jĕ-hō'văh by the mouth of Jĕr-ē-mī'ăh might be accomplished, Jĕ-hō'văh stirred up the spirit of Çў'rŭs king of Pĕr'si-ă, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying, 23 Thus saith Çў'rŭs king of Pĕr'si-ă, All the kingdoms of the earth hath Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of heaven, given me: and he hath charged me to build him a house in Jĕ-ru-să-lĕm, which is in Jū'dăh. Whosoever there is among you of all his people, Jĕ-hō'văh his God be with him, and let him go up.

[1] Heb. *vessels*

[1] Heb. *Cyrus*

THE BOOK OF EZRA

Cyrus's Proclamation concerning the Temple

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5 Then rose up the heads of fathers' houses of Jū'dăh and Bĕn'-jă-mĭn, and the priests, and the Lē'vītes, even all whose spirit God had stirred to go up to build the house of Jĕ-hō'văh which is in Jĕ-ru-să-lĕm. 6 And all they that were round about them strength-

[1] Heb. *Cyrus*

[2] Or, *he is the God who is in Jerusalem*

ened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered. 7 Also Çȳ'rŭs the king brought forth the vessels of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, which Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär had brought forth out of Jĕ-ru'så-lĕm, and had put in the house of his gods; 8 even those did Çȳ'rŭs king of Pĕr'si-å bring forth by the hand of Mĭth'rĕ-dăth the treasurer, and numbered them unto Shĕsh-băz'zär, the prince of Jū'dăh. 9 And this is the number of them: thirty platters of gold, a thousand platters of silver, nine and twenty knives, 10 thirty bowls of gold, silver bowls of a second sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand. 11 All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. All these did Shĕsh-băz'zär bring up, when they of the captivity were brought up from Băb'ȳ-lŏn unto Jĕ-ru'så-lĕm.

2 Now these are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity of those that had been carried away, whom [1]Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär the king of Băb'ȳ-lŏn had carried away unto Băb'ȳ-lŏn, and that returned unto Jĕ-ru'så-lĕm and Jū'dăh, every one unto his city; 2 who came with Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl, Jēsh'ū-å, Nĕ-hĕ-mī'ăh, [2]Sĕ-rā'ĭăh, [3]Rĕ-ĕl-ā'ĭăh, Môr'dĕ-cāi, Bĭl'shăn, [4]Mĭs'pär, Bĭg'vāi, [5]Rĕ'hŭm, Bā'å-năh.

The number of the men of the people of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: 3 The children of Pā'rŏsh, two thousand a hundred seventy and two. 4 The children of Shĕph-ă-tī'ăh, three hundred seventy and two. 5 The children of Ā'răh, seven hundred seventy and five. 6 The children of Pā'hăth-mō'ăb, of the children of Jēsh'ū-å *and* Jō'ăb, two thousand eight hundred and twelve. 7 The children of Ē'lăm, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. 8 The children of Zăt'tu, nine hundred forty and five. 9 The children of Zăc'cāi, seven hundred and threescore. 10 The children of [6]Bā'nī, six hundred forty and two. 11 The children of Bē'bāi, six hundred twenty and three. 12 The children of Ăz'găd, a thousand two hundred twenty and two. 13 The children of Ā-dŏn'ī-kăm, six hundred sixty and six. 14 The children of Bĭg'vāi, two thousand fifty and six. 15 The children of Ā'dĭn, four hundred fifty and four. 16 The children of Ā'tĕr, of Hĕz-ē-kī'ăh, ninety and eight. 17 The children of Bē'zāi, three hundred twenty and three. 18 The children of [7]Jō'răh, a hundred and twelve. 19 The children of Hā'-shŭm, two hundred twenty and three. 20 The children of [8]Gĭb'-bär, ninety and five. 21 The children of Bĕth'-lē-hĕm, a hundred twenty and three. 22 The men of Nē-tō'phăh, fifty and six. 23 The men of Ăn'ă-thŏth, a hundred twenty and eight. 24 The children of [9]Ăz'mă-vĕth, forty and two. 25 The children of [10]Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-ā'rĭm, Chĕ-phī'răh, and Bē-ē'rŏth, seven hundred and forty and three. 26 The children of Rā'-māh and Gē'bå, six hundred twenty and one. 27 The men of Mĭch'-mās, a hundred twenty and two. 28 The men of Bĕth'-ĕl and Ā'ĭ, two hundred twenty and three. 29 The children of Nē'bō, fifty and two. 30 The children of Măg'bĭsh, a hundred fifty and six. 31 The children of the other Ē'lăm, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. 32 The children of Hā'rĭm, three hundred and twenty. 33 The children of Lŏd, Hā'dĭd, and Ō'nō, seven hundred twenty and five. 34 The children of Jĕr'ĭ-chō, three hundred forty and five. 35 The children of Sē-nā'ăh, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.

36 The priests: the children of Jĕ-dā'ĭăh, of the house of Jēsh'-ū-å, nine hundred seventy and

[1] Heb. *Nebuchadnezzar* [2] In Neh. 7.7, *Azariah* [3] In Neh. 7.7, *Raamiah* [4] In Neh. 7.7, *Mispereth* [5] In Neh. 7.7, *Nehum* [6] In Neh. 7.15, *Binnui* [7] In Neh. 7.24, *Hariph* [8] In Neh. 7.25, *Gibeon* [9] In Neh. 7.28, *Beth-azmaveth* [10] In Neh. 7.29, *Kir-iath-jearim*

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three. 37 The children of Ĭm'-mĕr, a thousand fifty and two. 38 The children of Păsh'hŭr, a thousand two hundred forty and seven. 39 The children of Hā'rĭm, a thousand and seventeen.

40 The Lē'vītes: the children of Jĕsh'ū-ă and Kăd'mĭ-ĕl, of the children of [1]Hŏd-ă-vī'ăh, seventy and four. 41 The singers: the children of Ā'săph, a hundred twenty and eight. 42 The children of the porters: the children of Shăl'lŭm, the children of Ā'tĕr, the children of Tăl'mŏn, the children of Ăk'kŭb, the children of Hăt'ĭ-tă, the children of Shō'bāi, in all a hundred thirty and nine.

43 The Nĕth'ĭ-nĭm: the children of Zĭ'hă, the children of Hă-sū'-phă, the children of Tăb'bă-ŏth, 44 the children of [2]Kē'rŏs, the children of [3]Sī'ă-hă, the children of Pā'dŏn, 45 the children of Lĕb'ă-năh, the children of Hăg'ă-băh, the children of Ăk'kŭb, 46 the children of Hā'găb, the children of [3]Shăm'lăi, the children of Hā'-năn, 47 the children of Gĭd'dĕl, the children of Gā'hăr, the children of Rĕ-ā'ĭăh, 48 the children of Rē'zĭn, the children of Nĕ-kō'dă, the children of Găz'zăm, 49 the children of Ŭz'zā, the children of Pă-sē'ăh, the children of Bē'sāi, 50 the children of Ās'năh, the children of Mĕ-ū'nĭm, the children of [4]Nĕ-phī'sĭm, 51 the children of Băk'bŭk, the children of Hă-kū'phă, the children of Hăr'-hŭr, 52 the children of [5]Băz'lŭth, the children of Mĕ-hī'dă, the children of Hăr'shă, 53 the children of Băr'kŏs, the children of Sĭs'ĕ-ră, the children of Tĕ'măh, 54 the children of Nĕ-zī'ăh, the children of Hăt'ĭ-phă.

55 The children of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn's servants: the children of Sō'tăi, the children of [6]Hăs-sŏph'ĕ-rĕth, the children of [7]Pĕ-ru'dă, 56 the children of Jă-ā'lăh, the children of Dăr'kŏn, the children of Gĭd'-dĕl, 57 the children of Shĕph-ă-tī'ăh, the children of Hăt'tĭl, the children of Pŏch'ĕ-rĕth-hăz-zĕ-bā'ĭm, the children of [8]Ā'mī. 58 All the Nĕth'ĭ-nĭm, and the children of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn's servants, were three hundred ninety and two.

59 And these were they that went up from Tĕl-mē'lăh, Tĕl-hăr'shă, Chē'rŭb, [9]Ăd'dăn, *and* Ĭm'mĕr; but they could not show their fathers' houses, and their seed, whether they were of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: 60 the children of Dĕ-lā'ĭăh, the children of Tō-bī'ăh, the children of Nĕ-kō'dă, six hundred fifty and two. 61 And of the children of the priests: the children of [10]Hă-bā'ĭăh, the children of Hăk'-kŏz, the children of Bär-zĭl'lāi, who took a wife of the daughters of Bär-zĭl'lāi the Gĭl'ĕ-ăd-īte, and was called after their name. 62 These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore [11]were they deemed polluted and put from the priesthood. 63 And the governor said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Ū'rĭm and with Thŭm'mĭm.

64 The whole assembly together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore, 65 besides their men-servants and their maid-servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred singing men and singing women. 66 Their horses were seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five; 67 their camels, four hundred thirty and five; *their* asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

68 And some of the heads of fathers' *houses*, when they came to the house of Jĕ-hō'văh which is in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, offered willingly for the house of God to set it up in its

[1] In ch. 3.9, *Judah.* In Neh. 7.43, *Hodevah* [2] In Neh. 7.47, *Sia* [3] In Neh. 7.48, *Salmai.* [4] Another reading is, *Nephusim.* In Neh. 7.52, *Nephushesim* [5] In Neh. 7.54, *Bazluth* [6] In Neh. 7.57, *Sophereth* [7] In Neh. 7.57, *Perida*

[8] In Neh. 7.59, *Amon* [9] In Neh. 7.61, *Addon* [10] In Neh. 7.63, *Hobaiah* [11] Heb. *they were polluted from the priesthood*

place: 69 they gave after their ability into the treasury of the work threescore and one thousand darics of gold, and five thousand [1]pounds of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.

70 So the priests, and the Lĕ'vītes, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nĕth'ī-nĭm, dwelt in their cities, and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl in their cities.

3 And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm. 2 Then stood up Jĕsh'ū-ā the son of Jŏz'ă-dăk, and his brethren the priests, and Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl the son of Shĕ-ăl'tī-ĕl, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Mō'sēs the man of God. 3 And they set the altar [2]upon its base; for fear was upon them because of the peoples of the countries: and they offered burnt-offerings thereon unto Jĕ-hō'văh, even burnt-offerings morning and evening. 4 And they kept the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and *offered* the daily burnt-offerings by number, according to the ordinance, as the duty of every day required; 5 and afterward the continual burnt-offering, and *the offerings* of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of Jĕ-hō'văh that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt-offerings unto Jĕ-hō'văh: but the foundation of the temple of Jĕ-hō'văh was not yet laid. 7 They gave money also unto the [3]masons, and to the carpenters; and food, and drink, and oil, unto them of Sī'dŏn, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar-trees from Lĕb'ă-nŏn to the sea, unto Jŏp'pā, according to the grant that they had of Çў'rŭs king of Pĕr'sī-ā.

8 Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, in the second month, began Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl the son of Shĕ-ăl'tī-ĕl, and Jĕsh'ū-ā the son of Jŏz'ă-dăk, and the rest of their brethren the priests and the Lĕ'vītes, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, and appointed the Lĕ'vītes, from twenty years old and upward, to [4]have the oversight of the work of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 9 Then stood Jĕsh'ū-ā with his sons and his brethren, Kăd'mī-ĕl and his sons, the sons of [5]Jū'dăh, [6]together, to have the oversight of the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Hĕn'ă-dăd, with their sons and their brethren the Lĕ'vītes. 10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of Jĕ-hō'văh, [7]they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Lĕ'vītes the sons of Ā'săph with cymbals, to praise Jĕ-hō'văh, after the order of David king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 11 And they sang one to another in praising and giving thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh, *saying*, For he is good, for his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever toward Ĭs'rā-ĕl. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised Jĕ-hō'văh, because the foundation of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh was laid. 12 But many of the priests and Lĕ'vītes and heads of fathers' *houses*, the old men that had seen [8]the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: 13 so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people; for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

4 Now when the adversaries of Jū'dăh and Bĕn'jă-mĭn heard that the children of the captivity were building a temple unto Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; 2 then

[1] Heb. *maneh* [2] Or, *in its place* [3] Or, *hewers* [4] Or, *set forward the work* [5] In ch. 2.40, *Hodaviah* [6] Heb. *as one* [7] According to some MSS., *the priests stood* [8] Or, *the first house* standing *on its foundation, when this house was before their eyes*

they drew near to Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl, and to the heads of fathers' *houses*, and said unto them, Let us build with you; for we seek your God, as ye do; [1]and we sacrifice unto him since the days of Ē'sär-hăd'dŏn king of Ăs-sŷr'ĭ-à, who brought us up hither. 3 But Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl, and Jĕsh'ū-à, and the rest of the heads of fathers' *houses* of ĭs'rà-ĕl, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us in building a house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rà-ĕl, as king Çŷ'rŭs the king of Pēr'sĭ-à hath commanded us. 4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Jū'dăh, and [2]troubled them in building, 5 and hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Çŷ'rŭs king of Pēr'sĭ-à, even until the reign of Dă-rī'ŭs king of Pēr'sĭ-à. 6 And in the reign of [3]Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they an accusation against the inhabitants of Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm.

7 And in the days of [4]Är-tăx-ērx'ēs wrote Bĭsh'lăm, Mĭth'rĕ-dăth, Tā'bĕ-ĕl, and the rest of his companions, unto Är-tăx-ērx'ēs king of Pēr'sĭ-à; and the writing of the letter was written in the [5]Sŷr'ĭ-ăn *character*, and set forth in the [5]Sŷr'ĭ-ăn *tongue*. 8 [6]Rē'hŭm the chancellor and Shĭm'shāi the scribe wrote a letter against Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm to Är-tăx-ērx'ēs the king in this sort: 9 then *wrote* Rē'hŭm the chancellor, and Shĭm'shāi the scribe, and the rest of their companions, the Dī'nă-ītes, and the Ă-phär'săth-chītes, the Tär'pĕl-ītes, the Ă-phär'sītes, the Är'chĕ-vītes, the Băb-ŷ-lō'nĭ-ăns, the Shū'shăn-chītes, the Dĕ-hā'ītes, the Ē'lăm-ītes, 10 and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Ös-năp'pär brought over, and set in the city of Să-mā'rĭ-à, and in the rest *of the country* beyond the River, and so forth.

11 This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto Är-tăx-ērx'ēs the king: Thy servants the men beyond the River, and so forth. 12 Be it known unto the king, that the Jews that came up from thee are come to us unto Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm; they are building the rebellious and the bad city, and have finished the walls, and repaired the foundations. 13 Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls finished, they will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and in the end it will be hurtful unto the kings. 14 Now because we eat the salt of the palace, and it is not meet for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore have we sent and certified the king; 15 that search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time; for which cause was this city laid waste. 16 We certify the king that, if this city be builded, and the walls finished, by this means thou shalt have no portion beyond the River.

17 *Then* sent the king an answer unto Rē'hŭm the chancellor, and to Shĭm'shāi the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Să-mā'rĭ-à, and [7]in the rest *of the country* beyond the River: Peace, and so forth. 18 The letter which ye sent unto us hath been [8]plainly read before me. 19 And I decreed, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made therein. 20 There have been mighty kings also over Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm, who have ruled over all *the country* beyond the River; and tribute, custom, and toll, was paid unto them. 21 Make ye now a decree to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until a decree shall be made by

[1] Another reading is, *yet we do not sacrifice since, &c.* [2] Or, *terrified* [3] Or, *Xerxes* Heb. *Ahashverosh* [4] Heb. *Artahshashta* [5] Or, *Aramaic* [6] Ch. 4.8-6.18, is in Aramaic [7] Or, *unto the rest beyond &c.* [8] Or, *translated*

me. 22 And take heed that ye be not slack herein: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

23 Then when the copy of king Ăr-tăx-ērx'ēs' letter was read before Rē'hŭm, and Shĭm'shāi the scribe, and their companions, they went in haste to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power. 24 Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and it ceased until the second year of the reign of Dă-rī'ŭs king of Pēr'si-ă.

5 Now the prophets, Hăg'gāi the prophet, and Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh the son of Ĭd'dō, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; in the name of the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl [1]*prophesied they* unto them. 2 Then rose up Zĕ-rŭb'-bă-bĕl the son of Shĕ-ăl'tĭ'ĕl, and Jēsh'ū-ă the son of Jōz'ă-dăk, and began to build the house of God which is at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and with them were the prophets of God, helping them. 3 At the same time came to them Tăt'tĕ-nāi, the governor beyond the River, and Shē'thăr-bōz'ē-nāi, and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who gave you a decree to build this house, and to finish this wall? 4 Then we told them after this manner, what the names of the men were that were making this building. 5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, and they did not make them cease, till the matter should come to Dă-rī'ŭs, and then [2]answer should be returned by letter concerning it.

6 The copy of the letter that Tăt'tĕ-nāi, the governor beyond the River, and Shē'thăr-bōz'ē-nāi, and his companions the Ă-phär'săch-ītes, who were beyond the River, sent unto Dă-rī'ŭs the king; 7 they sent a letter unto him, wherein was written thus: Unto Dă-rī'ŭs the king, all peace. 8 Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Jū'dăh, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls; and this work goeth on with diligence and prospereth in their hands. 9 Then asked we those elders, and said unto them thus, Who gave you a decree to build this house, and to finish this wall? 10 We asked them their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that were at the head of them. 11 And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and are building the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl builded and finished. 12 But [3]after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'-zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn, the Chăl-dē'ăn, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Băb'ў-lŏn. 13 But in the first year of Çў'rŭs king of Băb'ў-lŏn, Çў'rŭs the king made a decree to build this house of God. 14 And the gold and silver vessels also of the house of God, which Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär took out of the temple that was in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and brought into the temple of Băb'ў-lŏn, those did Çў'rŭs the king take out of the temple of Băb'ў-lŏn, and they were delivered unto one whose name was Shēsh-băz'zär, whom he had made governor; 15 and he said unto him, Take these vessels, go, put them in the temple that is in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and let the house of God be builded in its place. 16 Then came the same Shēsh-băz'zär, and laid the foundations of the house of God which is in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and yet it is not completed. 17 Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure-house, which is there at Băb'-ў-lŏn, whether it be so, that a decree was made of Çў'rŭs the king

[1] Or, which was *upon them*
[2] Or, *they returned answer*
[3] Or, *because that*

to build this house of God at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

6 Then Dă-rī'ŭs the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the [1]archives, where the treasures were laid up in Băb'ў-lŏn. 2 And there was found at [2]Ach'mĕ-thā, in the palace that is in the province of Mē'dĭ-ā, a roll, and therein was thus written for a record: 3 In the first year of Çў'rŭs the king, Çў'rŭs the king made a decree: Concerning the house of God at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, let the house be builded, the place where they offer sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits; 4 with three courses of great stones, and a course of new timber: and let the expenses be given out of the king's house. 5 And also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nĕb-ŭ-chăd-nĕz'zär took forth out of the temple which is at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and brought unto Băb'ў-lŏn, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, every one to its place; and thou shalt put them in the house of God.

6 Now therefore, Tăt'tĕ-nāi, governor beyond the River, Shē'thär-bŏz'ĕ-nāi, and [3]your companions the Ă-phär'săch-ītes, who are beyond the River, be ye far from thence: 7 let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in its place. 8 Moreover I make a decree what ye shall do to these elders of the Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the River, expenses be given with all diligence unto these men, that they be not hindered. 9 And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for burnt-offerings to the God of heaven; *also* wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the word of the priests that are at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, let it be given them day by day without fail; 10 that they may offer sacrifices of sweet savor unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons. 11 Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let a beam be pulled out from his house, and let him be lifted up and fastened thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this: 12 and the God that hath caused his name to dwell there overthrow all kings and peoples that shall put forth their hand to alter *the same*, to destroy this house of God which is at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. I Dă-rī'ŭs have made a decree; let it be done with all diligence.

13 Then Tăt'tĕ-nāi, the governor beyond the River, Shē'thär-bŏz'ĕ-nāi, and their companions, [4]because that Dă-rī'ŭs the king had sent, did accordingly with all diligence. 14 And the elders of the Jews builded and prospered, through the prophesying of Hăg'gāi the prophet and Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh the son of ĭd'dō. And they builded and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and according to the decree of Çў'rŭs, and Dă-rī'ŭs, and Är-tăx-ĕrx'ēs king of Pĕr'si-ă. 15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Ā'dăr, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Dă-rī'ŭs the king.

16 And the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, the priests and the Lē'vītes, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy. 17 And they offered at the dedication of this house of God a hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin-offering for all ĭs'rā-ĕl, twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Lē'vītes in their courses,

[1] Aram. *books*
[2] That is, *Ecbatana*
[3] Aram. *their*
[4] Or, *because of that which &c.*

for the service of God, which is at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; as it is written in the book of Mō'sēs.

19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth *day* of the first month. 20 For the priests and the Lē'vītes had purified themselves [1]together; all of them were pure: and they killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves. 21 And the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl that were come again out of the captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the nations of the land, to seek Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, did eat, 22 and kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for Jĕ-hō'văh had made them joyful, and had turned the heart of the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ā unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

7 Now after these things, in the reign of Ăr-tăx-ĕrx'ēs king of Pēr'sĭ-ā, Ĕz'rā the son of Sĕ-rā'ĭăh, the son of Ăz-ă-rī'ăh, the son of Hĭl-kī'ăh, 2 the son of Shăl'lŭm, the son of Zā'dŏk, the son of Ă-hī'tŭb, 3 the son of Ăm-ă-rī'ăh, the son of Ăz-ă-rī'ăh, the son of Mĕ-rā'ĭōth, 4 the son of Zĕr-ă-hī'ăh, the son of Ŭz'zĭ, the son of Bŭk'kĭ, 5 the son of Ăb-ĭ-shū'ă, the son of Phĭn'ĕ-hăs, the son of Ĕ-lĕ-ā'zăr, the son of Aâr'ŏn the chief priest—6 this Ĕz'rā went up from Băb'ȳ-lŏn. And he was a ready scribe in the law of Mō'sēs, which Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh his God upon him. 7 And there went up some of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and of the priests, and the Lē'vītes, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nĕth'ĭ-nĭm, unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, in the seventh year of Ăr-tăx-ĕrx'ēs the king. 8 And he came to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. 9 For upon the first *day* of the first month [2]began he to go up from Băb'ȳ-lŏn; and on the first *day* of the fifth month came he to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, according to the good hand of his God upon him. 10 For Ĕz'rā had set his heart to seek the law of Jĕ-hō'văh, and to do it, and to teach in Ĭs'rā-ĕl statutes and ordinances.

11 Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Ăr-tăx-ĕrx'ēs gave unto Ĕz'rā the priest, the scribe, even the scribe of the words of the commandments of Jĕ-hō'văh, and of his statutes to Ĭs'rā-ĕl: 12 [3]Ăr-tăx-ĕrx'ēs, king of kings, unto Ĕz'rā the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect and so forth. 13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and their priests and the Lē'vītes, in my realm, that are minded of their own free will to go to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, go with thee. 14 Forasmuch as thou art sent [4]of the king and his seven counsellors, to inquire concerning Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, according to the law of thy God which is in thy hand, 15 and to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, whose habitation is in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, 16 and all the silver and gold that thou shalt find in all the province of Băb'ȳ-lŏn, with the freewill-offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; 17 therefore thou shalt with all diligence buy with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meal-offerings and their drink-offerings, and shalt offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which is in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 18 And whatsoever shall seem good to thee and to thy brethren to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do ye after the will of your God. 19 And the vessels that are given thee for the service

[1] Heb. *as one*

[3] Heb. *that was the foundation of the going up* [3] Ch. 7.12-26 is in Aramaic [4] Aram. *from before the king*

of the house of thy God, deliver thou before the God of Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm. 20 And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the king's treasure-house. 21 And I, even I Ăr-tăx-ērx'ēs the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers that are beyond the River, that whatsoever Ēz'rà the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done with all diligence, 22 unto a hundred talents of silver, and to a hundred [1]measures of wheat, and to a hundred bāths of wine, and to a hundred bāths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much. 23 Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be done exactly for the house of the God of heaven; for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons? 24 Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Lĕ'vītes, the singers, porters, Nĕth'ī-nĭm, or servants of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose tribute, custom, or toll, upon them. 25 And thou, Ēz'rà, after the wisdom of thy God that is in thy hand, appoint magistrates and judges, who may judge all the people that are beyond the River, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye him that knoweth them not. 26 And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed upon him with all diligence, whether it be unto death, or to [2]banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

27 Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of our fathers, who hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of Jĕ-hō'văh which is in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm; 28 and hath extended lovingkindness unto me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened according to the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh my God upon me, and I gathered together out of ĭs'rà-ĕl chief men to go up with me.

8 Now these are the heads of their fathers' *houses*, and this is the genealogy of them that went up with me from Băb'ў-lŏn, in the reign of Ăr-tăx-ērx'ēs the king: 2 Of the sons of Phĭn'ē-hās, Ġĕr'shŏm. Of the sons of ĭth'ă-mär, Dăn'ĭĕl. Of the sons of David, Hăt'tŭsh. 3 Of the sons of Shĕc-ă-nī'ăh, of the sons of Pā'rŏsh, Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh; and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males a hundred and fifty. 4 Of the sons of Pā'hăth-mō'ăb, Ĕl'ĭē-hō-ē'nāi the son of Zĕr-ă-hī'ăh; and with him two hundred males. 5 Of the sons of Shĕc-ă-nī'ăh, the son of Jă-hā'zĭ-ĕl; and with him three hundred males. 6 And of the sons of Ā'dĭn, Ē'bĕd the son of Jŏn'ă-thăn; and with him fifty males. 7 And of the sons of Ē'lăm, Jĕsh'ă-ĭăh the son of Ăth-ă-lī'ăh; and with him seventy males. 8 And of the sons of Shĕph-ă-tī'ăh, Zĕb-ă-dī'ăh the son of Mī'chā-ĕl; and with him fourscore males. 9 Of the sons of Jō'ăb, Ō-bă-dī-ăh the son of Jĕ-hī'ĕl; and with him two hundred and eighteen males. 10 And of the sons of Shĕl'ō-mĭth, the son of Jŏs-ĭ-phī'ăh; and with him a hundred and threescore males. 11 And of the sons of Bē'bāi, Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh the son of Bē'bāi; and with him twenty and eight males. 12 And of the sons of Āz'găd, Jŏ-hā'năn the son of Hăk'kă-tăn; and with him a hundred and ten males. 13 And of the sons of Ă-dŏn'ĭ-kăm, *that were* the last; and these are their names: Ē-lĭph'ĕ-lĕt, Jĕ'ū-ĕl, and Shĕ-mā'ĭăh; and with them threescore males. 14 And of the sons of Bĭg'vāi, ū'thāi and [3]Zăb'bŭd; and with them seventy males.

15 And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ă-hā'và; and there we encamped three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Lē'vī. 16 Then sent I for Ē-lĭ-ē'zēr, for Ā'rĭ-ĕl, for

[1] Aram. *cors*
[2] Aram. *rooting out*
[3] Another reading is, *Zaccur*

Shĕ-mā'ĭăh, and for Ĕl-nā'thăn, and for Jā'rĭb, and for Ĕl-nā'thăn, and for Nā'thăn, and for Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, and for Mĕ-shŭl'lăm, chief men; also for Joi'ă-rĭb, and for Ĕl-nā'thăn, [1]who were teachers. 17 And [2]I sent them forth unto Ĭd'dō the chief at the place Că-sĭph'ĭ-ă; and I told them what they should say unto [3]Ĭd'dō, *and* his brethren the Nĕth'ĭ-nĭm, at the place Că-sĭph'ĭ-ă, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God. 18 And according to the good hand of our God upon us they brought us [4]a man of discretion, of the sons of Măh'lĭ, the son of Lē'vi, the son of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and Shĕr-ĕ-bī'ăh, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen; 19 and Hăsh-ă-bī'ăh, and with him Jĕsh'ă-ĭăh of the sons of Mĕ-rā'rĭ, his brethren and their sons, twenty; 20 and of the Nĕth'ĭ-nĭm, whom David and the princes had given for the service of the Lē'vītes, two hundred and twenty Nĕth'ĭ-nĭm: all of them were mentioned by name.

21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ă-hā'vā, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek of him a straight way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance. 22 For I was ashamed to ask of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way, because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them that seek him, for good; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him. 23 So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was entreated of us.

24 Then I set apart twelve of the chiefs of the [5]priests, [6]even Shĕr-ĕ-bī'ăh, Hăsh-ă-bī'ăh, and ten of their brethren with them, 25 and weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering for the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his princes, and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl there present, had offered: 26 I weighed into their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels a hundred talents; of gold a hundred talents; 27 and twenty bowls of gold, of a thousand darics; and two vessels of fine bright brass, precious as gold. 28 And I said unto them, Ye are holy unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and the vessels are holy; and the silver and the gold are a freewill-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of your fathers. 29 Watch ye, and keep them, until ye weigh them before the chiefs of the priests and the Lē'vītes, and the princes of the fathers' *houses* of Ĭs'-rā-ĕl, at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, in the chambers of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 30 So the priests and the Lē'vītes received the weight of the silver and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm unto the house of our God.

31 Then we departed from the river Ă-hā'vā on the twelfth *day* of the first month, to go unto Jĕ-ru'-să-lĕm: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy and the lier-in-wait by the way. 32 And we came to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and abode there three days. 33 And on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the vessels were weighed in the house of our God [7]into the hand of Mĕr'ĕ-mŏth the son of Ū-rī'ăh the priest (and with him was Ĕ-lĕ-ā'zăr the son of Phĭn'ĕ-hăs; and with them was Jōz'ă-băd the son of Jĕsh'ū-ă, and Nō-ă-dī'ăh the son of Bĭn'nū-ī, the Lē'vītes)—34 the whole by number and by weight: and all the weight was written at that time.

35 The children of the captivity, that were come out of exile, offered burnt-offerings unto the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, twelve bullocks for all Ĭs'-rā-ĕl, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he-goats for a sin-offering: all this was a burnt-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

[1] Or, *who had understanding* [2] Another reading is, *I gave them commandment* [3] The text as pointed has, *Iddo, his brother* [4] Or, *Ish-sechel* [5] In Neh. 12.24, *Levites* [6] Or, *besides* [7] Or, *by*

36 And they delivered the king's commissions unto the king's satraps, and to the governors beyond the River: and they furthered the people and the house of God.

9 Now when these things were done, the princes drew near unto me, saying, The people of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and the priests and the Lē'vītes, have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, *doing* according to their abominations, even of the Cā'năan-ītes, the Hĭt'tītes, the Pĕr'ĭz-zītes, the Jĕb'ū-sītes, the Ăm'mŏn-ītes, the Mō'ăb-ītes, the Ē-gŭp'tiăns, and the Ăm'ôr-ītes. 2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves and for their sons, so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the peoples of the lands: yea, the hand of the princes and [1]rulers hath been [2]chief in this trespass. 3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my robe, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down confounded. 4 Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, because of the trespass of them of the captivity; and I sat confounded until the evening oblation.

5 And at the evening oblation I arose up from my [3]humiliation, even with my garment and my robe rent; and I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto Jĕ-hō'văh my God; 6 and I said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God; for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our guiltiness is grown up unto the heavens. 7 Since the days of our fathers we have been [4]exceeding guilty unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to plunder, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. 8 And now for a little moment grace hath been showed from Jĕ-hō'văh our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. 9 For we are bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended lovingkindness unto us in the sight of the kings of Pĕr'sĭ-ă, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the [5]ruins thereof, and to give us a [6]wall in Jū'dăh and in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments, 11 which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land through the uncleanness of the peoples of the lands, through their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their filthiness: 12 now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their prosperity for ever; that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever. 13 And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great guilt, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such a remnant, 14 shall we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the peoples that do these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant, nor any to escape? 15 O Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, thou art righteous; for we are left a remnant that is escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our guiltiness; for none can stand before thee because of this.

10 Now while Ĕz'rā prayed and made confession, weeping and casting himself down be-

[1] Or, *deputies* [2] Or, *first*
[3] Or, *fasting* [4] Heb. *in great guiltiness*
[5] Or, *waste places* [6] Or, *fence*

fore the house of God, there was gathered together unto him out of Ĭs'rā-ĕl a very great assembly of men and women and children; for the people wept very sore. 2 And Shĕc-ă-nī'ăh the son of Jĕ-hī'ĕl, one of the sons of Ē'lăm, answered and said unto Ĕz'rā, We have trespassed against our God, and have married foreign women of the peoples of the land: yet now there is hope for Ĭs'rā-ĕl concerning this thing. 3 Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of [1]my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. 4 Arise; for the matter belongeth unto thee, and we are with thee: be of good courage, and do it.

5 Then arose Ĕz'rā, and made the chiefs of the priests, the Lē'vītes, and all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, to swear that they would do according to this word. So they sware. 6 Then Ĕz'rā rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Jĕ-hō-hā'năn the son of Ē-lī'ă-shīb: and *when* he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water; for he mourned because of the trespass of them of the captivity. 7 And they made proclamation throughout Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; 8 and that whosoever came not within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be [2]forfeited, and himself separated from the assembly of the captivity.

9 Then all the men of Jū'dăh and Bĕn'jă-mĭn gathered themselves together unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm within the three days (it was the ninth month, on the twentieth *day* of the month): and all the people sat in the broad place before the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and for [3]the great rain. 10 And Ĕz'rā the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have trespassed, and have married foreign women, to increase the guilt of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 11 Now therefore [4]make confession unto Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of your fathers, and do his pleasure; and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the foreign women. 12 Then all the assembly answered and said with a loud voice, [5]As thou hast said concerning us, so must we do. 13 But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without: neither is this a work of one day or two; for we have greatly transgressed in this matter. 14 Let now our princes [6]be appointed for all the assembly, and let all them that are in our cities that have married foreign women come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God be turned from us, [7]until this matter be despatched. 15 Only Jŏn'ă-thăn the son of Ā'sā-hĕl and Jăh'zĕ-ĭăh the son of Tĭk'văh [8]stood up against this *matter*: and Mĕ-shūl'lăm and Shăb'bĕ-thāi the Lē'vīte helped them.

16 And the children of the captivity did so. And Ĕz'rā the priest, *with* certain heads of fathers' *houses*, after their fathers' houses, and all of them by their names, were set apart; and they sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. 17 And they made an end with all the men that had married foreign women by the first day of the first month.

18 And among the sons of the priests there were found that had married foreign women: *namely*, of the sons of Jēsh'ū-ā, the son of Jŏz'ă-dăk, and his brethren, Mă-ă-sē'ĭăh, and Ē-lĭ-ē'zēr, and Jā'rĭb, and Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh. 19 And they gave their hand that they would

[1] Or, *the Lord* [2] Heb. *devoted* [3] Heb. *the rains*
[4] Or, *give thanks* [5] Or, *As thou hast said, so it behooveth us to do as touching this matter* [6] Heb. *stand* [7] Or, [8] Or, *were appointed over this*

put away their wives; and being guilty, *they offered* a ram of the flock for their guilt. 20 And of the sons of Im'mĕr: Hă-nā'nī and Zĕb-ă-dī'ăh. 21 And of the sons of Hā'rim: Mā-ă-sē'ĭăh, and Ē-lī'jăh, and Shĕ-mā'ĭăh, and Jĕ-hī'ĕl, and Uz-zī'ăh. 22 And of the sons of Păsh'hŭr: Ē-lī-ō-ē'nāi, Mā-ă-sē'ĭăh, ĭsh'mă-ĕl, Nĕ-thăn'ĕl, Jō'zăbăd, and Ēl'ă-săh.

23 And of the Lē'vītes: Jōz'ăbăd, and Shĭm'ē-ī, and Kĕ-lā'ĭăh (the same is Kĕl'ĭ-tà), Pĕth-ă-hī'ăh, Jū'dăh, and Ē-lī-ē'zĕr.

24 And of the singers: Ē-lī'ă-shĭb. And of the porters: Shăl'lŭm, and Tē'lĕm, and Ū'rī.

25 And of ĭs'rā-ĕl: Of the sons of Pā'rŏsh: Rā-mī'ăh, and Ĭz-zī'ăh, and Măl-chī'jăh, and Mĭj'ă-mĭn, and Ē-lĕ-ā'zăr, and Măl-chī'jăh, and Bĕ-nā'ĭăh. 26 And of the sons of Ē'lăm: Măt-tă-nī'ăh, Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, and Jĕ-hī'ĕl, and Ăb'dī, and Jĕr'ĕ-mŏth, and Ē-lī'jăh. 27 And of the sons of Zăt'tu: Ē-lī-ō-ē'nāi, Ē-lī'ă-shĭb, Măt-tă-nī'ăh, and Jĕr'ĕ-mŏth, and Zā'băd, and Ă-zī'zà. 28 And of the sons of Bē'bāi: Jĕ-hō-hā'năn, Hăn-ă-nī'ăh, Zăb'bāi, Ăth'lāi. 29 And of the sons of Bā'nī: Mĕ-shūl'lăm, Măl'lŭch, and Ă-dā'ĭăh, Jăsh'ŭb, and Shĕ'ăl, [1]Jĕr'ĕ-mŏth. 30 And of the sons of Pā'hăth-mō'ăb: Ăd'nà, and Chĕ'lăl, Bĕ-nā'ĭăh, Mā-ă-sē'ĭăh, Măt-tă-nī'ăh, Bĕ-zăl'ĕl, and Bĭn'nū-ī, and Mă-năs'sĕh. 31 And *of* the sons of Hā'rim: Ē-lī-ē'zĕr, ĭs-shī'jăh, Măl-chī'jăh, Shĕ-mā'ĭăh, Shĭm'ĕ-ŏn, 32 Bĕn'jă-mĭn, Măl'lŭch, Shĕm-ă-rī'ăh. 33 Of the sons of Hā'shŭm: Măt-tē'nāi, Măt'tăt-tăh, Zā'băd, Ē-lĭph'ĕ-lĕt, Jĕr'ĕ-māi, Mă-năs'sĕh, Shĭm'ē-ī. 34 Of the sons of Bā'nī: Mā'ă-dăi, Ăm'răm, and Ū'ĕl, 35 Bĕ-nā'ĭăh, Bĕ-dē'ĭăh, [2]Chĕl'ū-hī, 36 Vă-nī'ăh, Mĕr'ĕ-mŏth, Ē-lī'ă-shĭb, 37 Măt-tă-nī'ăh, Măt-tē'nāi, and [3]Jā'sū, 38 and Bā'nī, and Bĭn'nū-ī, Shĭm'ĕ-ī, 39 and Shĕl-ĕ-mī'ăh, and Nā'thăn, and Ă-dā'ĭăh, 40 Măch-nă-dē'bāi, Shā'shāi, Shā'rāi, 41 Ăz'ăr-ĕl, and Shĕl-ĕ-mī'ăh, Shĕm-ă-rī'ăh, 42 Shăl'lŭm, Ăm-ă-rī'ăh, Joseph. 43 Of the sons of Nē'bŏ: Jĕ-ī'ĕl, Măt-tĭ-thī'ăh, Zā'băd, Zĕ-bī'nà, [4]Īd'dō, and Jō'ĕl, Bĕ-nā'ĭăh. 44 All these had taken foreign wives; and [5]some of them had wives by whom they had children.

[1] Another reading is, *and Ramoth* [2] Another reading is, *Cheluhu* [3] Another reading is, *Jaasai* [4] Another reading is, *Jaddai* [5] Or, *some of the wives had borne children*

THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

Nehemiah's Grief over the Jews left at Jerusalem

1 The [1]words of Nē-hĕ-mī'ăh the son of Hăc-ă-lī'ăh.

Now it came to pass in the month Chis'lĕv, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shu'shăn the [2]palace, 2 that Hă-nā'nī, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men out of Jū'dăh; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, that were left of the captivity, and concerning Jē-ru'să-lĕm. 3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jē-ru'să-lĕm also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.

4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days; and I fasted and prayed before the God of heaven, 5 and said, I beseech thee, O Jē-hō'văh, the God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and lovingkindness with them that

[1] Or, *history* [2] Or, *castle*

love him and keep his commandments: 6 let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee at this time, day and night, for the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl thy servants, while I confess the sins of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, which we have sinned against thee. Yea, I and my father's house have sinned: 7 we have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances, which thou commandedst thy servant Mō'sēs. 8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Mō'sēs, saying, If ye trespass, I will scatter you abroad among the peoples: 9 but if ye return unto me, and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts were in the uttermost part of the heavens, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen, to cause my name to dwell there. 10 Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand. 11 O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who delight to fear thy name; and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.

2 Now I was cupbearer to the king. 1 And it came to pass in the month Nĭ'sān, in the twentieth year of Ăr-tăx-ērx'ēs the king, when wine was before him, that I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been *beforetime* sad in his presence. 2 And the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid. 3 And I said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire? 4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. 5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favor in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Jū'dāh, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it. 6 And the king said unto me (the queen also sitting by him), For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time. 7 Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the River, that they may let me pass through till I come unto Jū'dāh; 8 and a letter unto Ā'săph the keeper of the king's [1]forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the castle which appertaineth to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

9 Then I came to the governors beyond the River, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me captains of the army and horsemen. 10 And when Săn-băl'lăt the Hōr'ō-nīte, and Tō-bī'āh the servant, the Ăm'-mōn-īte, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly, for that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 11 So I came to Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, and was there three days. 12 And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God put into my heart to do for Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm; neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon. 13 And I went out by night by the valley gate, even toward the jackal's well, and to the dung gate, and viewed the walls of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were

[1] Or, *park*

consumed with fire. 14 Then I went on to the fountain gate and to the king's pool: but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass. 15 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall; and I turned back, and entered by the valley gate, and so returned. 16 And the [1]rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the [1]rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.

17 Then said I unto them, Ye see the evil case that we are in, how Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, that we be no more a reproach. 18 And I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me, as also of the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for the good *work*. 19 But when Săn-băl'lăt the Hŏr'ō-nīte, and Tō-bī'ăh the servant, the Ăm'mŏn-īte, and Gĕ'shĕm the Ā-rā'bĭ-ăn, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king? 20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

3 Then Ĕ-lī'ă-shīb the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of [2]Hăm-mĕ'ăh they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hă-năn'ĕl. 2 And next unto him builded the men of Jĕr'ĭ-chō. And next to [3]them builded Zăc'cŭr the son of Ĭm'rĭ.

3 And the fish gate did the sons of Hăs-sĕ-nā'ăh build; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the bolts thereof, and the bars thereof. 4 And next unto them repaired Mĕr'ĕ-mŏth the son of ū-rī'ăh, the son of Hăk'kŏz. And next unto them repaired Mĕ-shŭl'lăm the son of Bĕr-ĕ-chī'ăh, the son of Mĕ-shĕz'ă-bĕl. And next unto them repaired Zā'dŏk the son of Bā'ă-nā. 5 And next unto them the Tē-kō'ītes repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their [4]lord.

6 And [5]the old gate repaired Joi'ă-dă the son of Pă-sē'ăh and Mĕ-shŭl'lăm the son of Bĕs-ō-dĕ'ĭăh; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the bolts thereof, and the bars thereof. 7 And next unto them repaired Mĕl-ă-tī'ăh the Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn-īte, and Jā'dŏn the Mē-rŏn'ŏthite, the men of Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn, and of Mĭz'păh, *that appertained* to the throne of the governor beyond the River. 8 Next unto him repaired Ŭz-zī'ĕl the son of Hăr-hā'ĭăh, goldsmiths. And next unto him repaired Hăn-ă-nī'ăh one of the perfumers, and they [6]fortified Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm even unto the broad wall. 9 And next unto them repaired Rĕ-phā'ĭăh the son of Hūr, the ruler of half the district of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 10 And next unto them repaired Jĕ-dā'ĭăh the son of Hă-ru'măph, over against his house. And next unto him repaired Hăt'tūsh the son of Hăsh-ăb-nei'ăh. 11 Măl-chī'jăh the son of Hā'rĭm, and Hăs'shŭb the son of Pā'hăth-mō'ăb, repaired another portion, and the tower of the furnaces. 12 And next unto him repaired Shăl'lŭm the son of Hăl-lō'hĕsh, the ruler of half the district of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, he and his daughters.

13 The valley gate repaired Hā'nūn, and the inhabitants of Zā-nō'ăh; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the bolts thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits of the wall unto the dung gate.

14 And the dung gate repaired

[1] Or, *deputies* [2] Or, *The hundred* [3] Heb. *him*
[4] Or, *lords* Or, *Lord* [5] Or, *the gate of the old* city or, *of the old* wall [6] Or, *left*

Măl-chī'jăh the son of Rē'chăb, the ruler of the district of Bĕth-hăc'chĕ-rĕm; he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the bolts thereof, and the bars thereof.

15 And the fountain gate repaired Shăl'lŭn the son of Cŏl-hō'zĕh, the ruler of the district of Mĭz'pāh; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the bolts thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of [1]Shē'lăh by the king's garden, even unto the stairs that go down from the city of David. 16 After him repaired Nĕ-hĕ-mī'ăh the son of Ăz'bŭk, the ruler of half the district of Bĕth'-zûr, unto the place over against the sepulchres of David, and unto the pool that was made, and unto the house of the mighty men. 17 After him repaired the Lē'vītes, Rē'hŭm the son of Bā'nī. Next unto him repaired Hăsh-ă-bī'ăh, the ruler of half the district of Kē'lăh, for his district. 18 After him repaired their brethren, Băv'vāi the son of Hĕn'ă-dăd, the ruler of half the district of Kē'lăh. 19 And next to him repaired Ē'zĕr the son of Jēsh'ū-ă, the ruler of Mĭz'pāh, another portion, over against the ascent to the armory at the turning *of the wall*. 20 After him Bā'rŭch the son of [2]Zăb'bāi earnestly repaired another portion, from the turning *of the wall* unto the door of the house of Ē-lī'ă-shīb the high priest. 21 After him repaired Mĕr'ĕ-mŏth the son of Ū-rī'ăh the son of Hăk'kŏz another portion, from the door of the house of Ē-lī'ă-shīb even to the end of the house of Ē-lī'ă-shīb. 22 And after him repaired the priests, the men of the [3]Plain. 23 After [4]them repaired Bĕn'jă-mĭn and Hăs'shŭb over against their house. After [4]them repaired Ăz-ă-rī'ăh the son of Mă-ă-sē'ăh the son of Ăn-ă-nī'ăh beside his own house. 24 After him repaired Bĭn'nū-ī the son of Hĕn'-ă-dăd another portion, from the house of Ăz-ă-rī'ăh unto the turning *of the wall*, and unto the corner. 25 Pā'lăl the son of Ū'zāi *repaired* over against the turning *of the wall*, and [5]the tower that standeth out from the upper house of the king, which is by the court of the guard. After him [6]Pĕ-dā'ĭăh the son of Pā'rŏsh *repaired*. 26 (Now the Nĕth'ĭ-nĭm dwelt in Ō'phĕl, unto the place over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that standeth out). 27 After him the Tĕ-kō'ites repaired another portion, over against the great tower that standeth out, and unto the wall of Ō'phĕl.

28 Above the horse gate repaired the priests, every one over against his own house. 29 After [4]them repaired Zā'dŏk the son of Ĭm'mēr over against his own house. And after him repaired Shĕ-mā'ĭăh the son of Shĕc-ă-nī'ăh, the keeper of the east gate. 30 After him repaired Hăn-ă-nī'ăh the son of Shĕl-ĕ-mī'ăh, and Hā'nŭn the sixth son of Zā'lăph, another portion. After him repaired Mē-shūl'lăm the son of Bĕr-ĕ-chī'ăh over against his chamber. 31 After him repaired Măl-chī'jăh one of the goldsmiths unto the house of the Nĕth'ĭ-nĭm, and of the merchants, over against the gate of Hăm-mĭph'kăd, and to the [7]ascent of the corner. 32 And between the [7]ascent of the corner and the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

*4 But it came to pass that, when Săn-băl'lăt heard that we were building the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. 2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Sā-mā'rĭ-ā, and said, What are these feeble Jews doing? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, seeing they are burned? 3 Now Tō-bī'ăh

[1] In Is. 8.6, *Shiloah* [2] Another reading is, *Zaccai* [3] Or, *Circuit* [4] Heb. *him*
[5] Or, *the upper tower . . . from the house of the king* [6] Or, *Pedatah the son of Parosh (now . . . Ophel)* repaired *unto &c.* [7] Or *upper chamber* [8] Or, *will they leave to themselves* aught? Or, *will men let them alone?*
*[Ch. 3.33 in Heb.]

the Ăm'mŏn-ĭte was by him, and he said, Even that which they are building, if a [1]fox go up, he shall break down their stone wall. 4 Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn back their reproach upon their own head, and give them up for a spoil in a land of captivity; 5 and cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee; for they have provoked *thee* to anger before the builders. 6 So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto half *the height* thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

*7 But it came to pass that, when Săn-băl'lăt, and Tō-bī'ăh, and the Ă-rā'bĭ-ănș, and the Ăm'mŏn-ĭtes, and the Ăsh'dŏd-ĭtes, heard that [2]the repairing of the walls of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm went forward, *and* that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth; 8 and they conspired all of them together to come and fight against Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and to cause confusion therein. 9 But we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. 10 And Jū'dăh said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall. 11 And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come into the midst of them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease. 12 And it came to pass that, when the Jews that dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times [3]from all places, Ye must return unto us. 13 Therefore set I in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in the open places, I set *there* the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows. 14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the [4]rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, who is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

15 And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work. 16 And it came to pass from that time forth, that half of my servants wrought in the work, and half of them held the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the coats of mail; and the rulers were behind [5]all the house of Jū'dăh. 17 They that builded the wall and they that bare burdens laded themselves; every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other held his weapon; 18 and the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me. 19 And I said unto the nobles, and to the [4]rulers and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another: 20 in what place soever ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us; our God will fight for us.

21 So we wrought in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared. 22 Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and may labor in the day. 23 So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard that followed me, none of us put off our clothes, [6]every one *went with* his weapon *to* the water.

5 Then there arose a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews. 2 For there were that said, We, our sons and our daughters, are many: let us get grain, that we may eat and live. 3 Some also

[1] Or, *jackal* [2] Heb. *healing went up upon the walls* [3] Or, *From all places whence ye shall return* they will be *upon us* [4] Or, *deputies* *[Ch. 4.1 in Heb.]

[5] Or, *all the house of Judah that builded the wall. And they that &c.* [6] The text is obscure

there were that said, We are mortgaging our fields, and our vineyards, and our houses: let us get grain, because of the dearth. 4 There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute *upon* our fields and our vineyards. 5 Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought into bondage *already*: neither is it in our power to help it; for other men have our fields and our vineyards.

6 And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words. 7 Then I consulted with myself, and contended with the nobles and the [1]rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I held a great assembly against them. 8 And I said unto them, We after our ability have [2]redeemed our brethren the Jews, that were sold unto the nations; and would ye even sell your brethren, and should they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found never a word. 9 Also I said, The thing that ye do is not good: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God, because of the reproach of the nations our enemies? 10 And I likewise, my brethren and my servants, do lend them money and grain. I pray you, let us leave off this usury. 11 Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their fields, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the grain, the new wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them. 12 Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do, even as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they would do according to this promise. 13 Also I shook out my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labor, that performeth not this promise; even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the assembly said, A-mĕn, and praised Jĕ-hō'văh. And the people did according to this promise.

14 Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Jū'dăh, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Ăr-tăx-ērx'ēs the king, *that is*, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor. 15 But the former governors that were before me [3]were chargeable unto the people, and took of them bread and wine, [4]besides forty shĕk'ĕls of silver; yea, even their servants [5]bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God. 16 Yea, also I [6]continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered thither unto the work. 17 Moreover there were at my table, of the Jews and the [1]rulers, a hundred and fifty men, besides those that came unto us from among the nations that were round about us. 18 Now that which was prepared for one day was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this I demanded not the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people. 19 Remember unto me, O my God, for good, all that I have done for this people.

6 Now it came to pass, when it was reported to Săn-băl'lăt and Tō-bī'ăh, and to Gĕ'shĕm the Ă-rā'bī-ăn, and unto the rest of our enemies, that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein (though even unto that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), 2 that Săn-băl'lăt and Gĕ'shĕm sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in *one of* the villages in the plain of Ō'nō. But they thought to do me mischief. 3 And I sent messen-

[1] Or, *deputies* [2] Heb. *bought*

[3] Or, *laid burdens upon* [4] Or, *at the rate of* Or *afterward* [5] Or, *lorded over* [6] Heb. *held fast to*

gers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you? 4 And they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner. 5 Then sent Săn-băl'lăt his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand, 6 wherein was written, It is reported among the nations, and [1]Găsh'mu saith it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel; for which cause thou art building the wall: and thou wouldest be their king, according to these words. 7 And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, saying, There is a king in Jū'dăh: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together. 8 Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart. 9 For they all would have made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. But now, [2]*O God*, strengthen thou my hands.

10 And I went unto the house of Shĕ-mā'ĭah the son of Dĕ-lā'ĭah the son of Mĕ-hĕt'ă-bĕl, who was shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee. 11 And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that, being such as I, [3]would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in. 12 And I discerned, and, lo, God had not sent him; but he pronounced this prophecy against me: and Tō-bī'ăh and Săn-băl'lăt had hired him. 13 For this cause was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach me. 14 Remember, O my God, Tō-bī'ăh and Săn-băl'lăt according to these their works, and also the prophetess Nō-ă-dī'ăh, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

15 So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth *day* of *the month* Ē'lūl, in fifty and two days. 16 And it came to pass, when all our enemies heard *thereof*, that all the nations that were about us [4]feared, and were much cast down in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God. 17 Moreover in those days the nobles of Jū'dăh sent many letters unto Tō-bī'ăh, and *the letters* of Tō-bī'ăh came unto them. 18 For there were many in Jū'dăh sworn unto him, because he was the son-in-law of Shĕc-ă-nī'ăh the son of Ā'răh; and his son Jĕ-hō-hā'năn had taken the daughter of Mĕ-shūl'lăm the son of Bĕr-ĕ-chī'ăh to wife. 19 Also they spake of his good deeds before me, and reported my words to him. *And* Tō-bī'ăh sent letters to put me in fear.

7 Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Lē'vītes were appointed, 2 that I gave my brother Hă-nā'nī, and Hăn-ă-nī'ăh the governor of the castle, charge over Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many. 3 And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand *on guard*, let them shut the doors, and bar ye them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, every one in his watch, and every one *to be* over against his house. 4 Now the city was wide and large; but the people were few therein, and the houses were not builded.

5 And my God put into my heart to gather together the nobles, and the [5]rulers, and the people,

[1] In ver. 1, and elsewhere, *Geshem* [2] Or, *I will strengthen my hands* [3] Or, *could go into the temple and live*

[4] According to another reading, *saw*
[5] Or, *deputies*

that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found the book of the genealogy of them that came up at the first, and I found written therein: 6 These are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity of those that had been carried away, whom Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zăr the king of Băb'ў-lŏn had carried away, and that returned unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm and to Jū'dăh, every one unto his city; 7 who came with Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl, Jĕsh'ū-à, Nĕ-hĕ-mī'ăh, Ăz-ă-rī'ăh, Rā-ă-mī'ăh, Nā-hăm'ă-nī, Môr'dĕ-cāi, Bĭl'-shăn, Mĭs'pĕ-rĕth, Bĭg'vāi, Nĕ'-hŭm, Bā'ă-năh.

The number of the men of the people of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: 8 The children of Pā'rŏsh, two thousand a hundred and seventy and two. 9 The children of Shĕph-ă-tī'ăh, three hundred seventy and two. 10 The children of Ā'răh, six hundred fifty and two. 11 The children of Pā'hăth-mō'ăb, of the children of Jĕsh'ū-à and Jō'ăb, two thousand and eight hundred *and* eighteen. 12 The children of Ē'lăm, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. 13 The children of Zăt'tu, eight hundred forty and five. 14 The children of Zăc'cāi, seven hundred and threescore. 15 The children of Bĭn'nū-ī, six hundred forty and eight. 16 The children of Bē'bāi, six hundred twenty and eight. 17 The children of Ăz'găd, two thousand three hundred twenty and two. 18 The children of Ā-dŏn'ī-kăm, six hundred threescore and seven. 19 The children of Bĭg'vāi, two thousand threescore and seven. 20 The children of Ā'dĭn, six hundred fifty and five. 21 The children of Ā'tĕr, of Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, ninety and eight. 22 The children of Hā'shŭm, three hundred twenty and eight. 23 The children of Bē'zāi, three hundred twenty and four. 24 The children of Hā'rĭph, a hundred and twelve. 25 The children of Gĭb'ē-ŏn, ninety and five. 26 The men of Bĕth'-lē-hĕm and Nĕ-tō'phăh, a hundred fourscore and eight. 27 The men of Ăn'ă-thŏth, a hundred twenty and eight. 28 The men of Bĕth-ăz'mă-vĕth, forty and two. 29 The men of Kĭr'ī-ăth-jē'ă-rĭm, Chĕ-phī'răh, and Bĕ-ē'rŏth, seven hundred forty and three. 30 The men of Rā'măh and Gē'bă, six hundred twenty and one. 31 The men of Mich'măs, a hundred and twenty and two. 32 The men of Bĕth'-ĕl and Ā'ī, a hundred twenty and three. 33 The men of the other Nē'bō, fifty and two. 34 The children of the other Ē'lăm, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. 35 The children of Hā'rĭm, three hundred and twenty. 36 The children of Jĕr'ī-chō, three hundred forty and five. 37 The children of Lŏd, Hā'dĭd, and Ō'nō, seven hundred twenty and one. 38 The children of Sĕ-nā'ăh, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.

39 The priests: The children of Jē-dā'ĭăh, of the house of Jĕsh'-ū-à, nine hundred seventy and three. 40 The children of ĭm'-mĕr, a thousand fifty and two. 41 The children of Păsh'hŭr, a thousand two hundred forty and seven. 42 The children of Hā'-rĭm, a thousand *and* seventeen.

43 The Lē'vites: the children of Jĕsh'ū-à, of Kăd'mi-ĕl, of the children of [1]Hō-dĕ'văh, seventy and four. 44 The singers: the children of Ā'săph, a hundred forty and eight. 45 The porters: the children of Shăl'lŭm, the children of Ā'tĕr, the children of Tăl'-mŏn, the children of Ăk'kŭb, the children of Hăt'ĭ-tà, the children of Shō'bāi, a hundred thirty and eight.

46 The Nĕth'ĭ-nĭm: the children of Zĭ'hà, the children of Hă-sū'-phà, the children of Tăb'bă-ŏth, 47 the children of Kē'rŏs, the children of Sī'à, the children of Pā'-dŏn, 48 the children of Lĕb'ă-nà, the children of Hăg'ă-bà, the children of Săl'māi, 49 the children of Hā'năn, the children of Gĭd'dĕl, the children of Gā'hăr, 50 the children of Rĕ-ā'ĭăh, the children of Rē'zĭn, the children of Nĕ-kō'-dà, 51 the children of Găz'zăm, the children of Ŭz'zà, the children

[1] Another reading is, *Hodetah*

of Pă-sē'ăh, 52 the children of Bē'sāi, the children of Mē-ū'nĭm, the children of [1]Nē-phūsh'ĕ-sĭm, 53 the children of Băk'bŭk, the children of Hă-kū'phā, the children of Hăr'hûr, 54 the children of Băz'lĭth, the children of Mē-hī'dā, the children of Hăr'shā, 55 the children of Bär'kŏs, the children of Sĭs'ē-rā, the children of Tē'măh, 56 the children of Nē-zī'ăh, the children of Hăt'ĭ-phā.

57 The children of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn's servants: the children of Sō'tāi, the children of Sŏph'ĕ-rĕth, the children of Pē-rī'dā, 58 the children of Jă-ā'lā, the children of Där'kŏn, the children of Gĭd'dĕl, 59 the children of Shĕph-ă-tī'ăh, the children of Hăt'tĭl, the children of Pŏch'ĕ-rĕth-hăz-zĕ-bā'ĭm, the children of Ā'mŏn. 60 All the Nĕth'ĭ-nĭm, and the children of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn's servants, were three hundred ninety and two.

61 And these were they that went up from Tĕl-mē'lăh, Tĕl-hăr'shā, Chē'rŭb, Ăd'dŏn, and ĭm'mĕr; but they could not show their fathers' houses, nor their seed, whether they were of ĭs'rā-ĕl: 62 The children of Dē-lā'ĭăh, the children of Tō-bī'ăh, the children of Nē-kō'dā, six hundred forty and two. 63 And of the priests: the children of Hō-bā'ĭăh, the children of Hăk'kŏz, the children of Bär-zĭl'lāi, who took a wife of the daughters of Bär-zĭl'lāi the Gĭl'ē-ăd-ĭte, and was called after their name. 64 These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore [2]were they deemed polluted and put from the priesthood. 65 And the governor said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Ū'rĭm and Thŭm'mĭm.

66 The whole assembly together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore, 67 besides their men-servants and their maid-servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women. 68 Their horses were seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five; 69 *their* camels, four hundred thirty and five; *their* asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

70 And some from among the heads of fathers' *houses* gave unto the work. The governor gave to the treasury a thousand darics of gold, fifty basins, five hundred and thirty priests' garments. 71 And some of the heads of fathers' *houses* gave into the treasury of the work twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand and two hundred [3]pounds of silver. 72 And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand pounds of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments.

73 So the priests, and the Lē'vites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nĕth'ĭ-nĭm, and all ĭs'rā-ĕl, dwelt in their cities.

And when the seventh month was come, the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl 8 were in their cities. 1 And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the broad place that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ĕz'rā the scribe to bring the book of the law of Mō'sĕs, which Jĕ-hō'văh had commanded to ĭs'rā-ĕl. 2 And Ĕz'rā the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. 3 And he read therein before the broad place that was before the water gate [4]from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women, and of those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were *attentive* unto the book of the law. 4 And Ĕz'rā the scribe stood upon

[1] Another reading is, *Nephishesim*
[2] Heb. *they were polluted from the priesthood*
[3] Heb. *maneh*
[4] Heb. *from the light*

a [1]pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Măt-tĭ-thī'ăh, and Shĕ'-mă, and Ă-nā'ĭăh, and Ū-rī'ăh, and Hĭl-kī'ăh, and Mā-ă-sē'ĭăh, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pĕ-dā'ĭăh, and Mĭsh'ă-ĕl, and Măl-chī'jăh, and Hā'shŭm, and Hăsh-băd'dā-năh, Zĕch-ă-rī'-ăh, *and* Mĕ-shŭl'lăm. 5 And Ĕz'rà opened the book in the sight of all the people (for he was above all the people); and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6 And Ĕz'rà blessed Jĕ-hō'văh, the great God; and all the people answered, Ā-mĕn', Ā-mĕn', with the lifting up of their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped Jĕ-hō'văh with their faces to the ground. 7 Also Jĕsh'ū-ă, and Bā'nī, and Shĕr-ĕ-bī'ăh, Jā'-mĭn, Ăk'kŭb, Shăb'bĕ-thăi, Hō-dī'ăh, Mā-ă-sē'ĭăh, Kĕl'ĭ-tà, Ăz-ă-rī'ăh, Jŏz'ă-băd, Hā'năn, Pĕ-lā'ĭăh, and the Lē'vītes, caused the people to understand the law: and the people *stood* in their place. 8 And they read in the book, in the law of God, [2]distinctly; and they gave the sense, [3]so that they understood the reading.

9 And Nĕ-hĕ-mī'ăh, who was the governor, and Ĕz'rà the priest the scribe, and the Lē'vītes that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto Jĕ-hō'văh your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye grieved; for the joy of Jĕ-hō'văh is your [4]strength. 11 So the Lē'vītes stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved. 12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

13 And on the second day were gathered together the heads of fathers' *houses* of all the people, the priests, and the Lē'vītes, unto Ĕz'rà the scribe, even to give attention to the words of the law. 14 And they found written in the law, how that Jĕ-hō'văh had commanded by Mō'sĕs, that the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month; 15 and that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and branches of wild olive, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written. 16 So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the broad place of the water gate, and in the broad place of the gate of Ē'phrā-ĭm. 17 And all the assembly of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and dwelt in the booths: for since the days of Jĕsh'ū-à the son of Nŭn unto that day had not the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl done so. And there was very great gladness. 18 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a [5]solemn assembly, according unto the ordinance.

9 Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl were assembled with fasting, and with sackcloth, and earth upon them. 2 And the seed of ĭs'rā-ĕl separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers. 3 And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of Jĕ-hō'văh their God a fourth part of the day; and *another* fourth part they con-

[1] Heb. *tower* [2] Or, *with an interpretation* [3] Or, *and caused* them *to understand* [4] Or, *stronghold* [5] Or, *closing festival*

fessed, and worshipped Jĕ-hō'văh their God. 4 Then stood up upon the stairs of the Lē'vītes, Jĕsh'ū-ă, and Bā'nī, Kăd'mī-ĕl, Shĕb-ă-nī'ăh, Bŭn'nī, Shĕr-ĕ-bī'ăh, Bā'nī, *and* Chĕn'ă-nī, and cried with a loud voice unto Jĕ-hō'văh their God.

5 Then the Lē'vītes, Jĕsh'ū-ă, and Kăd'mī-ĕl, Bā'nī, Hăsh-ăb-neī'ăh, Shĕr-ĕ-bī'ăh, Hō-dī'ăh, Shĕb-ă-nī'ăh, *and* Pĕth-ă-hī'ăh, said, Stand up and bless Jĕ-hō'văh your God from everlasting to everlasting; and [1]blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. 6 Thou art Jĕ-hō'văh, even thou alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things that are thereon, the seas and all that is in them, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee. 7 Thou art [2]Jĕ-hō'văh the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ŭr of the Chăl'dēes, and gavest him the name of Abraham, 8 and foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Că'năan-īte, the Hĭt'tīte, the Ām'ôr-īte, and the Pĕr'ĭz-zīte, and the Jĕb'ū-sīte, and the Gĭr'gă-shīte, to give it unto his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous.

9 And thou sawest the affliction of our fathers in Ē'gўpt, and heardest their cry by the Red Sea, 10 and showedst signs and wonders upon Phā'raōh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land; for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them, and didst get thee a name, as it is this day. 11 And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their pursuers thou didst cast into the depths, as a stone into the mighty waters. 12 Moreover in a pillar of cloud thou leddest them by day; and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light in the way wherein they should go. 13 Thou camest down also upon mount Sī'năi, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right ordinances and true laws, good statutes and commandments, 14 and madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them commandments, and statutes, and a law, by Mō'sēs thy servant, 15 and gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and commandedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst [3]sworn to give them.

16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their neck, and hearkened not to thy commandments, 17 and refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them, but hardened their neck, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage. But thou art [4]a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, and forsookest them not. 18 Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Ē'gўpt, and had wrought great provocations; 19 yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of cloud departed not from over them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to show them light, and the way wherein they should go. 20 Thou gavest also thy good Spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy măn'nà from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. 21 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, *and* they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not. 22 Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and peoples, [5]which thou didst allot after

[1] Or, *let them bless*
[2] Or, *O Jehovah*
[3] Heb. *lifted up thy hand*
[4] Heb. *a God of forgivenesses*
[5] Or, *and didst distribute them into* every *corner*

their portions: so they possessed the land of Sī'hŏn, even the land of the king of Hĕsh'bŏn, and the land of Ōg king of Bā'shăn. 23 Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land concerning which thou didst say to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it. 24 So the children went in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Cā'năan-ītes, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the peoples of the land, that they might do with them as they would. 25 And they took fortified cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all good things, cisterns hewn out, vineyards, and olive-yards, and fruit-trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.

26 Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their back, and slew thy prophets that testified against them to turn them again unto thee, and they wrought great provocations. 27 Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their adversaries, who distressed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours who saved them out of the hand of their adversaries. 28 But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee; therefore leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies, 29 and testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law. Yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thine ordinances (which if a man do, he shall live in them), and [1]withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear. 30 Yet many years didst thou bear with them, and testifiedst against them by thy Spirit through thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. 31 Nevertheless in thy manifold mercies thou didst not make a full end of them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God.

32 Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and lovingkindness, let not all the travail seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Ăs-sўr'ī-ā unto this day. 33 Howbeit thou art just in all that is come upon us; for thou hast dealt truly, but we have done wickedly; 34 neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies wherewith thou didst testify against them. 35 For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works. 36 Behold, we are servants this day, and as for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it. 37 And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have power over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress. *38 And [2]yet for all this we make a [3]sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, our Lē'vites, *and* our priests, [4]seal unto it.

[1] Heb. *they gave a stubborn shoulder* Or, *because of* [3] Or, *faithful* [4] Heb. *are at the sealing*
*[Ch. 10. 1 in Heb.]

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10 Now those that sealed were: Nĕ-hĕ-mī'ăh the governor, the son of Hăc-ă-lī'ăh, and Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh, 2 Sĕ-rā'ĭăh, Ăz-ă-rī'ăh, Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, 3 Pāsh'hŭr, Ăm-ă-rī'ăh, Măl-chī'jăh, 4 Hăt'-tūsh, Shĕb-ă-nī'ăh, Măl'lŭch, 5 Hā'rĭm, Mĕr'ĕ-mŏth, Ō-bă-dī'ăh, 6 Dăn'ĭĕl, Gĭn'nĕ-thŏn, Bā'rŭch, 7 Mĕ-shŭl'lăm, Ă-bī'jăh, Mĭj'ă-mĭn, 8 Mā-ă-zī'ăh, Bĭl'găi, Shĕ-mā'ĭăh; these were the priests. 9 And the Lē'vītes: namely, Jēsh'-ū-ă the son of Ăz-ă-nī'ăh, Bĭn'-nū-ī of the sons of Hĕn'ă-dăd, Kăd'mĭ-ĕl; 10 and their brethren, Shĕb-ă-nī'ăh, Hō-dī'ăh, Kĕl'ĭ-tă, Pĕ-lā'ĭăh, Hā'năn, 11 Mī'că, Rē'-hŏb, Hăsh-ă-bī'ăh, 12 Zăc'cŭr, Shĕr-ĕ-bī'ăh, Shĕb-ă-nī'ăh, 13 Hō-dī'ăh, Bā'nī, Bĕn'ĭ-nū. 14 The chiefs of the people: Pā'rŏsh, Pā'-hăth-mō'ăb, Ē'lăm, Zăt'tu, Bā'nī, 15 Bŭn'nī, Ăz'găd, Bē'bāi, 16 Ăd-ō-nī'jăh, Bĭg'vāi, Ā'dĭn, 17 Ā'tĕr, Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, Ăz'zŭr, 18 Hō-dī'ăh, Hā'shŭm, Bē'zāi, 19 Hā'rĭph, Ăn'-ă-thŏth, [1]Nō'bāi, 20 Măg'pĭ-ăsh, Mĕ-shŭl'lăm, Hē'zīr, 21 Mĕ-shĕz'-ă-bĕl, Zā'dŏk, Jăd-dū'ă, 22 Pĕl-ă-tī'ăh, Hā'năn, Ă-nā'ĭăh, 23 Hō-shē'ă, Hăn-ă-nī'ăh, Hăs'shŭb, 24 Hăl-lō'hĕsh, Pĭl'hă, Shō'bĕk, 25 Rē'hŭm, Hă-shăb'năh, Mā-ă-sē'ĭăh, 26 and Ă-hī'ăh, Hā'năn, Ā'năn, 27 Măl'lŭch, Hā'rĭm, Bā'ă-năh.

28 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Lē'vītes, the porters, the singers, the Nĕth'ĭ-nĭm, and all they that had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one that had knowledge and understanding; 29 they clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Mō'sēs the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of Jĕ-hō'vāh our Lord, and his ordinances and his statutes; 30 and that we would not give our daughters unto the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons; 31 and if the peoples of the land bring wares or any grain on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy of them on the sabbath, or on a holy day; and that we would forego the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

32 Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shĕk'ĕl for the service of the house of our God; 33 for the showbread, and for the continual meal-offering, and for the continual burnt-offering, for the sabbaths, for the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin-offerings to make atonement for Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and for all the work of the house of our God. 34 And we cast lots, the priests, the Lē'vītes, and the people, for the wood-offering, to bring it into the house of our God, according to our fathers' houses, at times appointed, year by year, to burn upon the altar of Jĕ-hō'-vāh our God, as it is written in the law; 35 and to bring the first-fruits of our ground, and the first-fruits of all fruit of all manner of trees, year by year, unto the house of Jĕ-hō'vāh; 36 also the first-born of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God; 37 and that we should bring the first-fruits of our [2]dough, and our heave-offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, [3]the new wine and the oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Lē'vītes; for they, the Lē'vītes, take the tithes in all the cities of our tillage. 38 And the priest the son of Aär'ŏn shall be with the Lē'vītes, when the Lē'vītes take tithes: and the Lē'vītes shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure-house. 39 For the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and the

[1] Another reading is, *Nĕbaī*

[2] Or, *coarse meal*

[3] Or, *the vintage*

children of Lē'vī shall bring the heave-offering of the grain, of [1]the new wine, and of the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

11 And the princes of the people dwelt in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm the holy city, and nine parts in the *other* cities. 2 And the people blessed all the men that willingly offered themselves to dwell in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm.

3 Now these are the chiefs of the province that dwelt in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm: but in the cities of Jū'dăh dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, *to wit,* Ĭs'rā-ĕl, the priests, and the Lē'vītes, and the Nĕth'ĭ-nĭm, and the children of Sŏl'ō-mŏn's servants. 4 And in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm dwelt certain of the children of Jū'dăh, and of the children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn. Of the children of Jū'dăh: Ăth-ă-ī'ăh the son of Ŭz-zī'ăh, the son of Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, the son of Ăm-ă-rī'ăh, the son of Shĕph-ă-tī'ăh, the son of Mă-hă'lă-lĕl, of the children of Pē'rĕz; 5 and Mā-ă-sē'ĭăh the son of Bā'rŭch, the son of Cŏl-hō'zĕh, the son of Hă-zā'ĭăh, the son of Ă-dā'ĭăh, the son of Joi'ă-rĭb, the son of Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, the son of the Shī'lō-nīte. 6 All the sons of Pē'rĕz that dwelt in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm were four hundred threescore and eight valiant men.

7 And these are the sons of Bĕn'jă-mĭn: Săl'lū the son of Mĕ-shŭl'lăm, the son of Jō'ĕd, the son of Pĕ-dā'ĭăh, the son of Kō-lā'ĭăh, the son of Mā-ă-sē'ĭăh, the son of ĭth'ĭ-ĕl, the son of Jĕsh'ă-ĭăh. 8 And after him Găb'bāi, Săl'lāi, nine hundred twenty and eight. 9 And Jō'ĕl the son of Zĭch'rī was their overseer; and Jū'dăh the son of Hăs'sĕ-nū'ăh was second over the city.

10 Of the priests: Jĕ-dā'ĭăh the son of Joi'ă-rĭb, Jā'chĭn, 11 Sĕ-rā'ĭăh the son of Hĭl-kī'ăh, the son of Mĕ-shŭl'lăm, the son of Zā'dŏk, the son of Mĕ-rā'ĭŏth, the son of Ă-hī'tŭb, the ruler of the house of God, 12 and their brethren that did the work of the house, eight hundred twenty and two; and Ă-dā'ĭăh the son of Jĕr'ō-hăm, the son of Pĕl-ă-lī'ăh, the son of Ăm'zī, the son of Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, the son of Păsh'hŭr, the son of Măl-chī'jăh, 13 and his brethren, chiefs of fathers' *houses,* two hundred forty and two; and Ă-măsh'să-ī the son of Ăz'ăr-ĕl, the son of Ăh'zāi, the son of Mĕ-shĭl'lĕ-mŏth, the son of ĭm'mĕr, 14 and their brethren, mighty men of valor, a hundred twenty and eight. And their overseer was Zăb'dĭ-ĕl, [2]the son of Hăg-gĕ'dō-lĭm.

15 And of the Lē'vītes: Shĕ-mā'ĭăh the son of Hăs'shŭb, the son of Ăz'rĭ-kăm, the son of Hăsh-ă-bī'ăh, the son of Bŭn'nĭ; 16 and Shăb'bĕ-thāi and Jōz'ă-băd, of the chiefs of the Lē'vītes, who had the oversight of the outward business of the house of God; 17 and Măt-tă-nī'ăh the son of Mī'cà, the son of Zăb'dī, the son of Ā'săph, who was the chief to begin the thanksgiving in prayer, and Băk-bū-kī'ăh, the second among his brethren; and Ăb'dà the son of Shăm-mū'ă, the son of Gā'lăl, the son of Jĕ-dū'thŭn. 18 All the Lē'vītes in the holy city were two hundred fourscore and four.

19 Moreover the porters, Ăk'kŭb, Tăl'mŏn, and their brethren, that kept watch at the gates, were a hundred seventy and two. 20 And the residue of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, of the priests, the Lē'vītes, were in all the cities of Jū'dăh, every one in his inheritance. 21 But the Nĕth'ĭ-nĭm dwelt in Ō'phĕl: and Zī'hà and Gĭsh'pà were over the Nĕth'ĭ-nĭm.

22 The overseer also of the Lē'vītes at Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm was Ŭz'zī the son of Bā'nī, the son of Hăsh-ă-bī'ăh, the son of Măt-tă-nī'ăh, the son of Mī'cà, of the sons of Ā'săph, the singers, over the busi-

[1] Or, *the vintage*

[2] Or, *one of the great men*

ness of the house of God. 23 For there was a commandment from the king concerning them, and [1]a settled provision for the singers, as every day required. 24 And Pĕth-ăh-hī'ăh the son of Mē-shĕz'-ă-bĕl, of the children of Zē'răh the son of Jū'dăh, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

25 And as for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Jū'dăh dwelt in Kĭr'ĭ-ăth-ăr'bā and the [2]towns thereof, and in Dī'-bŏn and the [2]towns thereof, and in Jĕ-kăb'zĕ-ĕl and the villages thereof, 26 and in Jĕsh'ū-ă, and in Mŏl'ă-dăh, and Bĕth-pē'lĕt, 27 and in Hă'zăr-shū'ăl, and in Bĕ'-ĕr-shĕ'bā and the [2]towns thereof, 28 and in Zĭk'lăg, and in Mē-cō'-năh and in the [2]towns thereof, 29 and in Ĕn-rĭm'mŏn, and in Zŏ'-răh, and in Jär'mŭth, 30 Zā-nō'ăh, Ă-dūl'lăm, and their villages, Lā'-chĭsh and the fields thereof, Ă-zē'-kăh and the [2]towns thereof. So they encamped from Bĕ'ĕr-shĕ'bā unto the valley of Hĭn'nŏm. 31 The children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn also *dwelt* from Gĕ'bā *onward*, at Mĭch'măsh and Āi'jă, and at Bĕth'-ĕl and the [2]towns thereof, 32 at Ăn'ă-thŏth, Nŏb, Ăn-ă-nī'ăh, 33 Hă'zōr, Rā'-măh, Gĭt'tă-ĭm, 34 Hă'dĭd, Zĕ-bō'-ĭm, Nĕ-băl'lăt, 35 Lŏd, and Ō'nō, [3]the valley of craftsmen. 36 And of the Lē'vītes, certain courses in Jū'dăh *were joined* to Bĕn'jă-mĭn.

12 Now these are the priests and the Lē'vītes that went up with Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl the son of Shĕ-ăl'tĭ-ĕl, and Jēsh'ū-ă: Sĕ-rā'-ĭăh, Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, Ēz'ră, 2 Ăm-ă-rī'ăh, Măl'lŭch, Hăt'tŭsh, 3 Shĕc-ă-nī'ăh, Rĕ'hŭm, Mĕr'ĕ-mŏth, 4 Id'dō, Gĭn'nĕ-thōi, Ă-bī'jăh, 5 Mĭ'ă-mĭn, Mă-ă-dī'ăh, Bĭl'găh, 6 Shĕ-mā'ĭăh, and Joi'ă-rīb, Jĕ-dā'ĭăh, 7 Săl'lū, Ă'mŏk, Hĭl-kī'ăh, Jĕ-dā'ĭăh. These were the chiefs of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jēsh'ū-ă.

8 Moreover the Lē'vītes: Jēsh'-ū-ă, Bĭn'nū-ī, Kăd'mĭ-ĕl, Shĕr-ĕ-bī'ăh, Jū'dăh, *and* Măt-tă-nī'ăh, who was over [4]the thanksgiving, he and his brethren. 9 Also Băk-bū-kī'ăh and Ūn'nō, their brethren, were over against them according to their offices. 10 And Jēsh'ū-ă begat Joi'ă-kĭm, and Joi'ă-kĭm begat Ē-lī'ă-shĭb, and Ē-lī'ă-shĭb begat Joi'ă-dă, 11 and Joi'ă-dă begat Jŏn'ă-thăn, and Jŏn'ă-thăn begat Jăd-dū'ă.

12 And in the days of Joi'ă-kĭm were priests, heads of fathers' *houses*: of Sĕ-rā'ĭăh, Mĕ-rā'ĭăh; of Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, Hăn-ă-nī'ăh; 13 of Ēz'ră, Mĕ-shūl'lăm; of Ăm-ă-rī'ăh, Jĕ-hō-hā'năn; 14 of [5]Măl'lŭch-ī, Jŏn'ă-thăn; of Shĕb-ă-nī'ăh, Joseph; 15 of Hă'rĭm, Ăd'nă; of Mĕ-rā'ĭŏth, Hĕl'kăi; 16 of Id'dō, Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh; of Gĭn'nĕ-thŏn, Mĕ-shūl'lăm; 17 of Ă-bī'jăh, Zĭch'rī; of Mĭ-nī'ă-mĭn, of Mō-ă-dī'ăh, Pĭl'tăi; 18 of Bĭl'găh, Shăm-mū'ă; of Shĕ-mā'ĭăh, Jĕ-hŏn'ă-thăn; 19 and of Joi'ă-rīb, Măt-tē'năi; of Jĕ-dā'ĭăh, Ŭz'zī; 20 of Săl'lăi, Kăl'lăi; of Ă'mŏk, Ē'bĕr; 21 of Hĭl-kī'ăh, Hăsh-ă-bī'ăh; of Jĕ-dā'ĭăh, Nĕ-thăn'ĕl.

22 As for the Lē'vītes, in the days of Ē-lī'ă-shĭb, Joi'ă-dă, and Jō-hā'năn, and Jăd-dū'ă, there were recorded the heads of fathers' *houses*; also the priests, [6]in the reign of Dă-rī'ŭs the Pēr'si-ăn. 23 The sons of Lē'vi, heads of fathers' *houses*, were written in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Jō-hā'năn the son of Ē-lī'ă-shĭb. 24 And the chiefs of the Lē'vītes: Hăsh-ă-bī'ăh, Shĕr-ĕ-bī'ăh, and Jēsh'ū-ă the son of Kăd'mĭ-ĕl, with their brethren over against them, to praise and give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, watch next to watch. 25 Măt-tă-nī'ăh, and Băk-bū-kī'ăh, Ō-bă-dī'ăh, Mĕ-shūl'lăm, Tăl'mŏn, Ăk'-kŭb, were porters keeping the watch at the store-houses of the gates. 26 These were in the days of Joi'ă-kĭm the son of Jēsh'ū-ă,

[1] Or, *a sure ordinance concerning* [2] Heb. *daughters* [3] Or, *Ge-hahaashim* See 1 Chr. 4.14
[4] Or, *the choirs* [5] Another reading is, *Melicu* [6] Or, *to*

the son of Jŏz'ă-dăk, and in the days of Nĕ-hĕ-mī'ăh the governor, and of Ĕz'rà the priest the scribe.

27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm they sought the Lĕ'vītes out of all their places, to bring them to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps. 28 And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the [1]plain round about Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and from the villages of the Nĕ-tŏph'ă-thītes; 29 also from Bĕth-gĭl'găl, and out of the fields of Gē'bà and Ăz'mă-vĕth: for the singers had builded them villages round about Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 30 And the priests and the Lĕ'vītes purified themselves; and they purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

31 Then I brought up the princes of Jū'dăh upon the wall, and appointed two great companies that gave thanks and went in procession; *whereof one went* on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate: 32 and after them went Hō-shā'ĭăh, and half of the princes of Jū'dăh, 33 and Ăz-ă-rī'ăh, Ĕz'rà, and Mĕ-shŭl'lăm, 34 Jū'dăh, and Bĕn'jă-mĭn, and Shĕ-mā'ĭăh, and Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, 35 and certain of the priests' sons with trumpets: Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh the son of Jŏn'ă-thăn, the son of Shĕ-mā'ĭăh, the son of Măt-tă-nī'ăh, the son of Mī-cā'ĭăh, the son of Zăc'cŭr, the son of Ā'săph; 36 and his brethren, Shĕ-mā'ĭăh, and Ăz'ăr-ĕl, Mĭl'ă-lăi, Gĭl'ă-lăi, Mā'ăi, Nĕ-thăn'ĕl, and Jū'dăh, Hă-nā'nī, with the musical instruments of David the man of God; and Ĕz'rà the scribe was before them. 37 And by the fountain gate, and straight before them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, even unto the water gate eastward.

38 And the other company of them that gave thanks went to meet them, and I after them, with the half of the people, upon the wall, above the tower of the furnaces, even unto the broad wall, 39 and above the gate of Ĕ'phrà-ĭm, and by the old gate, and by the fish gate, and the tower of Hă-năn'ĕl, and the tower of [2]Hăm-mĕ'ăh, even unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in the gate of the guard. 40 So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the [3]rulers with me; 41 and the priests, Ĕ-lī'ă-kĭm, Mā-ă-sē'ĭăh, Mĭ-nī'ă-mĭn, Mī-cā'ĭăh, Ĕ-lĭ-ō-ē'nāi, Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, and Hăn-ă-nī'ăh, with trumpets; 42 and Mā-ă-sē'ĭăh, and Shĕ-mā'ĭăh, and Ĕ-lĕ-ā'zăr, and Ŭz'zī, and Jĕ-hŏ-hā'năn, and Măl-chī'jăh, and Ē'lăm, and Ē'zĕr. And the singers sang loud, with Jĕz-ră-hī'ăh their overseer. 43 And they offered great sacrifices that day, and rejoiced; for God had made them rejoice with great joy; and the women also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm was heard even afar off.

44 And on that day were men appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the heave-offerings, for the first-fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them, according to the fields of the cities, the portions [4]appointed by the law for the priests and Lĕ'vītes: for Jū'dăh rejoiced for the priests and for the Lĕ'vītes that [5]waited. 45 And they kept the charge of their God, and the charge of the purification, and *so did* the singers and the porters, according to the commandment of David, and of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn his son. 46 For in the days of David and Ā'săph of old [6]there was a chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God. 47 And all ĭs'rà-ĕl in the days of Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl, and in the days of Nĕ-hĕ-mī'ăh, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, as every day required: and they set apart *that which was* for the Lĕ'vītes; and the

[1] Or, *Circuit*
[2] Or, *The hundred*
[3] Or, *deputies*
[4] Heb. *of the law*
[5] Heb. *stood*
[6] Another reading is, *there were chiefs*

Lē'vītes set apart *that which was* for the sons of Aâr'ŏn.

13 On that day they read in the book of Mō'sĕs in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that an Ăm'mŏn-īte and a Mō'ăb-īte should not enter into the assembly of God for ever, 2 because they met not the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl with bread and with water, but hired Bā'lăam against them, to curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing. 3 And it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Ĭs'rā-ĕl all the mixed multitude.

4 Now before this, Ē-lī'ă-shīb the priest, who was appointed over the [1]chambers of the house of our God, being allied unto Tō-bī'ăh, 5 had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meal-offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the grain, the new wine, and the oil, which were given by commandment to the Lē'vītes, and the singers, and the porters; and the heave-offerings for the priests. 6 But in all this *time* I was not at Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm; for in the two and thirtieth year of Ăr-tăx-ĕrx'ēs king of Băb'ў-lŏn I went unto the king: and after certain days asked I leave of the king, 7 and I came to Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, and understood the evil that Ē-lī'ă-shīb had done for Tō-bī'ăh, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. 8 And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tō-bī'ăh out of the chamber. 9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers: and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meal-offerings and the frankincense.

10 And I perceived that the portions of the Lē'vītes had not been given them; so that the Lē'vītes and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field. 11 Then contended I with the [2]rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place. 12 Then brought all Jū'dăh the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries. 13 And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shĕl-ĕ-mī'ăh the priest, and Zā'dŏk the scribe, and of the Lē'vītes, Pĕ-dā'-ĭăh: and next to them was Hā'năn the son of Zăc'cūr, the son of Măt-tă-nī'ăh; for they were counted faithful, and their business was to distribute unto their brethren. 14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the observances thereof.

15 In those days saw I in Jū'dăh some men treading winepresses on the sabbath, and bringing in [3]sheaves, and lading asses *therewith*; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm on the sabbath day: and I testified *against them* in the day wherein they sold victuals. 16 There dwelt men of Tўre also therein, who brought in fish, and all manner of wares, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Jū'dăh, and in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm. 17 Then I contended with the nobles of Jū'dăh, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? 18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Ĭs'rā-ĕl by profaning the sabbath.

19 And it came to pass that, when the gates of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut, and commanded that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I over the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day. 20 So the merchants and sellers of all kind of wares lodged without Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm once or twice. 21 Then I

[1] Heb. *chamber* [2] Or, *deputies* [3] Or, *heaps of grain*

testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye [1]about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath. 22 And I commanded the Lĕ'vītes that they should purify themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember unto me, O my God, this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy lovingkindness.

23 In those days also saw I the Jews that [2]had married women of Ăsh'dŏd, of Ăm'mŏn, *and* of Mō'ăb: 24 and their children spake half in the speech of Ăsh'dŏd, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people. 25 And I contended with them, and [3]cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, *saying*, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons, or for yourselves. 26 Did not Sŏl'ŏmŏn king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, and he was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Ĭs'rā-ĕl: nevertheless even him did foreign women cause to sin. 27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to trespass against our God in marrying foreign women?

28 And one of the sons of Joi'ă-dă, the son of Ē-lī'ă-shīb the high priest, was son-in-law to Săn-băl'lăt the Hŏr'ō-nīte: therefore I chased him from me. 29 Remember them, O my God, [4]because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Lĕ'vītes.

30 Thus cleansed I them from [5]all foreigners, and appointed charges for the priests and for the Lĕ'vītes, every one in his work; 31 and for the wood-offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

[1] Heb. *before* [2] Heb. *had made to dwell with them* [3] Or, *reviled*

[4] Heb. *for the defilings of &c.* [5] Or, *everything foreign*

THE BOOK OF ESTHER

The Feast of Ahasuerus

1 Now it came to pass in the days of [1]Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs (this is Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs who reigned from Ĭn'dĭ-ă even unto Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-ă, over a hundred and seven and twenty provinces), 2 that in those days, when the king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shu'shăn the [2]palace, 3 in the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Pĕr'sĭ-ă and Mē'dĭ-ă, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him; 4 when he showed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honor of his excellent majesty many days, even a hundred and fourscore days. 5 And when these days were fulfilled, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shu'shăn the palace, both great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace. 6 *There were hangings of* [3]white *cloth, of* [4]green, and *of* blue, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the couches were of gold and silver, upon a pavement [5]of red, and white, and yellow, and

[1] Or, *Xerxes* Heb. *Ahashverosh* [2] Or, *castle*

[3] Or, *fine cloth, white and blue* [4] Or, *cotton* [5] Or, *of porphyry, and white marble, and alabaster, and stone of blue color*

black marble. 7 And they gave them drink in vessels of gold (the vessels being diverse one from another), and royal wine in abundance, according to the [1]bounty of the king. 8 And the drinking was according to the law; none could compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.

9 Also Văsh'tī the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs. 10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mē-hū'măn, Bĭz'thā, Hăr-bō'nā, Bĭg'thā, and Ă-băg'thā, Zē'thăr, and Căr'căs, the seven [2]chamberlains that ministered in the presence of Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs the king, 11 to bring Văsh'tī the queen before the king with the crown royal, to show the peoples and the princes her beauty; for she was fair to look on. 12 But the queen Văsh'tī refused to come at the king's commandment by the chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

13 Then the king said to the wise men, who knew the times (for so was the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment; 14 and the next unto him were Căr-shē'nā, Shē'thăr, Ăd-mā'thā, Tär'shish, Mē'rēs, Mär'-sē-nā, and Mē-mū'căn, the seven princes of Pēr'si-ā and Mē'dĭ-ā, who saw the king's face, and sat first in the kingdom), 15 What shall we do unto the queen Văsh'tī according to law, because she hath not done the bidding of the king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs by the chamberlains? 16 And Mē-mū'căn answered before the king and the princes, Văsh'tī the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the peoples that are in all the provinces of the king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'-rŭs. 17 For this deed of the queen will come abroad unto all women, to make their husbands contemptible in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs commanded Văsh'tī the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not. 18 And this day will the princesses of Pēr'si-ā and Mē'dĭ-ā who have heard of the deed of the queen [3]say *the like* unto all the king's princes. So *will there arise* [4]much contempt and wrath. 19 If it please the king, let there go forth a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Pēr'-sĭ-ăns and the Mēdes, [5]that it be not altered, that Văsh'tī come no more before king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs; and let the king give her royal estate [6]unto another that is better than she. 20 And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his kingdom (for it is great), all the wives will give to their husbands honor, both to great and small. 21 And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Mē-mū'căn: 22 for he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and should speak according to the language of his people.

2 After these things, when the wrath of king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs was pacified, he remembered Văsh'tī, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her. 2 Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king: 3 and let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shu'shăn the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of [7]Hē'gāi the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women;

[1] Heb. *hand* [2] Or, *eunuchs* (and so in ver. 12, &c.)
[3] Or, *tell* it *pass not away* [4] Or, *enough* [5] Heb. *that it* [6] Heb. *unto her companion* [7] Heb. *Hegee*

and let their things for purification be given them; 4 and let the maiden that pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vash'ti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

5 There was a certain Jew in Shu'shan the palace, whose name was Mor'de-cai, the son of Ja'ir, the son of Shim'e-i, the son of Kish, a Ben'ja-mite, 6 who had been carried away from Je-ru'sa-lem with the captives that had been carried away with [1]Jec-o-ni'ah king of Ju'dah, whom Neb-u-chad-nez'zar the king of Bab'y-lon had carried away. 7 And he [2]brought up Ha-das'sah, that is, Es'ther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maiden was fair and beautiful; and when her father and mother were dead, Mor'de-cai took her for his own daughter.

8 So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shu'shan the palace, to the custody of He'gai, that Es'ther was taken into the king's house, to the custody of He'gai, keeper of the women. 9 And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with her portions, and the seven maidens who were meet to be given her out of the king's house: and he removed her and her maidens to the best place of the house of the women. 10 Es'ther had not made known her people nor her kindred; for Mor'de-cai had charged her that she should not make it known. 11 And Mor'de-cai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Es'ther did, and what would become of her.

12 Now when the turn of every maiden was come to go in to king A-has-u-e'rus, after that it had been done to her according to the law for the women twelve months (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, *to wit,* six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odors and with the things for the purifying of the women), 13 then in this wise came the maiden unto the king: Whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house. 14 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Sha-ash'gaz, the king's chamberlain, who kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and she were called by name. 15 Now when the turn of Es'ther, the daughter of Ab-i-ha'il the uncle of Mor'de-cai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what He'gai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Es'ther obtained favor in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

16 So Es'ther was taken unto king A-has-u-e'rus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Te'beth, in the seventh year of his reign. 17 And the king loved Es'ther above all the women, and she obtained favor and kindness in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vash'ti. 18 Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, even Es'ther's feast; and he made a [3]release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the [4]bounty of the king.

19 And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mor'de-cai was sitting in the king's gate. 20 Es'ther had not yet made known her kindred nor her people; as Mor'de-cai had charged her: for Es'ther did the commandment of Mor'de-cai, like as when she was brought up with him. 21 In those days, while Mor'de-cai was sitting in the king's gate, two of the king's chamber-

[1] In 2 K. 24. 6, *Jehoiachin* [2] Heb. *nourished* [3] Heb. *rest* [4] Heb. *hand*

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lains, Bĭg'thăn and Tē'rĕsh, of those that kept the threshold, were wroth, and sought to lay hands on the king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs. 22 And the thing became known to Môr'dĕ-cāi, who showed it unto Ĕs'thĕr the queen; and Ĕs'thĕr told the king *thereof* in Môr'dĕ-cāi's name. 23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, and it was found to be so, they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

3 After these things did king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs promote Hā'măn the son of Hăm-mĕd'ă-thà the Ā'găg-īte, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him. 2 And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed down, and did reverence to Hā'măn; for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Môr'dĕ-cāi bowed not down, nor did him reverence. 3 Then the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, said unto Môr'dĕ-cāi, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment? 4 Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Hā'măn, to see whether Môr'dĕ-cāi's [1]matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew. 5 And when Hā'măn saw that Môr'dĕ-cāi bowed not down, nor did him reverence, then was Hā'măn full of wrath. 6 But he thought scorn to lay hands on Môr'dĕ-cāi alone; for they had made known to him the people of Môr'dĕ-cāi: wherefore Hā'măn sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs, even the people of Môr'dĕ-cāi.

7 In the first month, which is the month Nī'săn, in the twelfth year of king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs, they cast Pûr, that is, the lot, before Hā'măn from day to day, and from month to month, *to* the twelfth *month*, which is the month Ā'dăr. 8 And Hā'măn said unto king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs, There is a certain people scattered abroad and [2]dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from *those of* every people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not [3]for the king's profit to suffer them. 9 If it please the king, let it be written that they be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those that have the charge of the *king's* business, to bring it into the king's treasuries. 10 And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Hā'măn the son of Hăm-mĕd'ă-thà the Ā'găg-īte, the Jews' enemy. 11 And the king said unto Hā'măn, The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee.

12 Then were the king's [4]scribes called in the first month, on the thirteenth day thereof; and there was written according to all that Hā'măn commanded unto the king's satraps, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the princes of every people, to every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs was it written, and it was sealed with the king's ring. 13 And letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which is the month Ā'dăr, and to take the spoil of them for a prey. 14 A copy of the writing, [5]that the decree should be given out in every province, was published unto all the peoples, that they should be ready against that day. 15 The posts went forth in haste by the king's commandment, and the decree was given out in Shu'shăn the palace. And the king and Hā'măn sat down to drink; but the city of Shu'shăn was perplexed.

[1] Or, *words*
[2] Or, *separated*
[3] Or, *meet for the king*
[4] Or, *secretaries*
[5] Or, *to be given out for a decree*

4 Now when Môr'dĕ-cāi knew all that was done, Môr'dĕ-cāi rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry; 2 and he came even before the king's gate: for none might enter within the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. 3 And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and [1]many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

4 And ĕs'thēr's maidens and her chamberlains came and told it her; and the queen was exceedingly grieved: and she sent raiment to clothe Môr'dĕ-cāi, and to take his sackcloth from off him; but he received it not. 5 Then called ĕs'thēr for Hā'thăch, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and charged him to go to Môr'dĕ-cāi, to know what this was, and why it was. 6 So Hā'thăch went forth to Môr'dĕ-cāi unto the broad place of the city, which was before the king's gate. 7 And Môr'dĕ-cāi told him of all that had happened unto him, and the exact sum of the money that Hā'măn had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them. 8 Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given out in Shu'shăn to destroy them, to show it unto ĕs'thēr, and to declare it unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him, for her people.

9 And Hā'thăch came and told ĕs'thēr the words of Môr'dĕ-cāi. 10 Then ĕs'thēr spake unto Hā'thăch, and gave him a message unto Môr'dĕ-cāi, *saying:* 11 All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law for him, that he be put to death, except those to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days. 12 And they told to Môr'dĕ-cāi ĕs'thēr's words.

13 Then Môr'dĕ-cāi bade them return answer unto ĕs'thēr, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. 14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then will relief and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place, but thou and thy father's house will perish: and who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this? 15 Then ĕs'thēr bade them return answer unto Môr'dĕ-cāi, 16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shu'shăn, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast in like manner; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. 17 So Môr'dĕ-cāi went his way, and did according to all that ĕs'thēr had commanded him.

5 Now it came to pass on the third day, that ĕs'thēr put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the entrance of the house. 2 And it was so, when the king saw ĕs'thēr the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favor in his sight; and the king held out to ĕs'thēr the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So ĕs'thēr drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre. 3 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen ĕs'thēr? and what is thy request? it shall be given thee even to the half of the kingdom. 4 And ĕs'thēr said, If it seem good unto the king, let the king and Hā'măn come this day

[1] Heb. *sackcloth and ashes were spread under many*

unto the banquet that I have prepared for him.

5 Then the king said, Cause Hā'măn to make haste, that it may be done as ĕs'thēr hath said. So the king and Hā'măn came to the banquet that ĕs'thēr had prepared. 6 And the king said unto ĕs'thēr at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed. 7 Then answered ĕs'thēr, and said, My petition and my request is: 8 If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Hā'măn come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to-morrow as the king hath said.

9 Then went Hā'măn forth that day joyful and glad of heart: but when Hā'măn saw Môr'dĕ-cāi in the king's gate, that he stood not up nor [1]moved for him, he was filled with wrath against Môr'dĕ-cāi. 10 Nevertheless Hā'măn refrained himself, and went home; and he sent and fetched his friends and Zē'rĕsh his wife. 11 And Hā'măn recounted unto them the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king. 12 Hā'măn said moreover, Yea, ĕs'thēr the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and to-morrow also am I invited by her together with the king. 13 Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Môr'dĕ-cāi the Jew sitting at the king's gate. 14 Then said Zē'rĕsh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a [2]gallows be made fifty cubits high, and in the morning speak thou unto the king that Môr'dĕ-cāi may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Hā'măn; and he caused the gallows to be made.

6 On that night [3]could not the king sleep; and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles, and they were read before the king. 2 And it was found written, that Môr'dĕ-cāi had told of Bĭg'thă-nā and Tē'rĕsh, two of the king's chamberlains, of those that kept the threshold, who had sought to lay hands on the king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs. 3 And the king said, What honor and dignity hath been bestowed on Môr'dĕ-cāi for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him. 4 And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Hā'măn was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Môr'dĕ-cāi on the gallows that he had prepared for him. 5 And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Hā'măn standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in. 6 So Hā'măn came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honor? Now Hā'măn said in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honor more than to myself? 7 And Hā'măn said unto the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honor, 8 let royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, [4]and on the head of which a crown royal is set: 9 and let the apparel and the horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man therewith whom the king delighteth to honor, and cause him to ride on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honor.

10 Then the king said to Hā'măn, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast

[1] Or, *trembled before him* [2] Heb. *tree*
[3] Heb. *the king's sleep fled* from him
[4] Or, *and the crown royal which is set upon his head*

said, and do even so to Môr'dĕ-cāi the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken. 11 Then took Hā'măn the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Môr'dĕ-cāi, and caused him to ride through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honor. 12 And Môr'dĕ-cāi came again to the king's gate. But Hā'măn hasted to his house, mourning and having his head covered. 13 And Hā'măn recounted unto Zē'rĕsh his wife and all his friends everything that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zē'rĕsh his wife unto him, If Môr'dĕ-cāi, before whom thou hast begun to fall, be of the seed of the Jews, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him. 14 While they were yet talking with him, came the king's chamberlains, and hasted to bring Hā'măn unto the banquet that Ĕs'thĕr had prepared.

7 So the king and Hā'măn came [1]to banquet with Ĕs'thĕr the queen. 2 And the king said again unto Ĕs'thĕr on the second day at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition, queen Ĕs'thĕr? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed. 3 Then Ĕs'thĕr the queen answered and said, If I have found favor in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request: 4 for we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my peace, [2]although the adversary could not have compensated for the king's damage. 5 Then spake the king Ă-hăs-û-ē'rŭs and said unto Ĕs'thĕr the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so? 6 And Ĕs'thĕr said, An adversary and an enemy, even this wicked Hā'măn. Then Hā'măn was afraid before the king and the queen. 7 And the king arose in his wrath from the banquet of wine *and went* into the palace garden: and Hā'măn stood up to make request for his life to Ĕs'thĕr the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king. 8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Hā'măn was fallen upon the couch whereon Ĕs'thĕr was. Then said the king, Will he even force the queen before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Hā'măn's face. 9 Then said Hăr-bō'năh, one of the chamberlains that were before the king, Behold also, the [3]gallows fifty cubits high, which Hā'măn hath made for Môr'dĕ-cāi, who spake good for the king, standeth in the house of Hā'măn. And the king said, Hang him thereon. 10 So they hanged Hā'măn on the gallows that he had prepared for Môr'dĕ-cāi. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

8 On that day did the king Ă-hăs-û-ē'rŭs give the house of Hā'măn the Jews' enemy unto Ĕs'thĕr the queen. And Môr'dĕ-cāi came before the king; for Ĕs'thĕr had told what he was unto her. 2 And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Hā'măn, and gave it unto Môr'dĕ-cāi. And Ĕs'thĕr set Môr'dĕ-cāi over the house of Hā'măn.

3 And Ĕs'thĕr spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Hā'măn the Ā'găg-īte, and his device that he had devised against the Jews. 4 Then the king held out to Ĕs'thĕr the golden sceptre. So Ĕs'thĕr arose, and stood before the king. 5 And she said, If it please the king, and if I have found favor in his sight, and the thing

[1] Heb. *to drink*
[2] Or, *for our affliction is not to be compared with the king's damage*
[3] Heb. *tree*

seem right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Hā'măn, the son of Hăm-mĕd'ă-thà the Ā'găg-īte, which he wrote to destroy the Jews that are in all the king's provinces: 6 for how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred? 7 Then the king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs said unto Ĕs'thēr the queen and to Môr'dĕ-cāi the Jew, Behold, I have given Ĕs'thēr the house of Hā'măn, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews. 8 Write ye also [1]to the Jews, as it pleaseth you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring; for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse.

9 Then were the king's scribes called at that time, in the third month, which is the month Sī'văn, on the three and twentieth *day* thereof; and it was written according to all that Môr'dĕ-cāi commanded unto the Jews, and to the satraps, and the governors and princes of the provinces which are from Ĭn'dĭ-à unto Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-à, a hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language. 10 And he wrote in the name of king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by posts on horseback, riding on [2]swift steeds that were used in the king's service, bred of the stud: 11 wherein the king granted the Jews that were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, *their* little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey, 12 upon one day in all the provinces of king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs, *namely*, upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which is the month Ā'dăr. 13 A copy of the writing, [3]that the decree should be given out in every province, was published unto all the peoples, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies. 14 So the posts that rode upon swift steeds that were used in the king's service went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment; and the decree was given out in Shu'shăn the palace.

15 And Môr'dĕ-cāi went forth from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a robe of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shu'shăn shouted and was glad. 16 The Jews had light and gladness, and joy and honor. 17 And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had gladness and joy, a feast and a good day. And many from among the peoples of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews was fallen upon them.

9 Now in the twelfth month, which is the month Ā'dăr, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, on the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have rule over them (whereas it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them), 2 the Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them was fallen upon all the peoples. 3 And all the princes of the provinces, and the satraps, and the governors, and they that did the king's business, helped the Jews; because the fear of Môr'-

[1] Or, *concerning* [2] Or, *swift steeds, mules, and young dromedaries*
[3] Or, *to be given out for a decree*

dĕ-cāi was fallen upon them. 4 For Môr'dĕ-cāi was great in the king's house, and his fame went forth throughout all the provinces; for the man Môr'dĕ-cāi waxed greater and greater. 5 And the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and with slaughter and destruction, and did what they would unto them that hated them. 6 And in Shu'shăn the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men. 7 And Pär-shăn'dă-thā, and Dăl'phŏn, and Ăs-pā'thā, 8 and Pŏr'ă-thā, and Ă-dā'lĭ-ā, and Ă-rĭd'ă-thā, 9 and Pär-măsh'tà, and Ă-rī'sāi, and Ă-rī'dāi, and Vă-ĭz'ă-thā, 10 the ten sons of Hā'măn the son of Hăm-mĕd'ă-thā, the Jews' enemy, slew they; but on the spoil they laid not their hand.

11 On that day the number of those that were slain in Shu'shăn the palace was brought before the king. 12 And the king said unto ĕs'thĕr the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shu'shăn the palace, and the ten sons of Hā'măn; what then have they done in the rest of the king's provinces! Now what is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: or what is thy request further? and it shall be done. 13 Then said ĕs'thĕr, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews that are in Shu'shăn to do to-morrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Hā'măn's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows. 14 And the king commanded it so to be done: and a decree was given out in Shu'shăn; and they hanged Hā'măn's ten sons. 15 And the Jews that were in Shu'shăn gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Ā'dăr, and slew three hundred men in Shu'shăn; but on the spoil they laid not their hand. 16 And the other Jews that were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of them that hated them seventy and five thousand; but on the spoil they laid not their hand.

17 *This was done* on the thirteenth day of the month Ā'dăr; and on the fourteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. 18 But the Jews that were in Shu'shăn assembled together on the thirteenth *day* thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth *day* of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. 19 Therefore do the Jews of the villages, that dwell in the unwalled towns, make the fourteenth day of the month Ā'dăr *a day of* gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.

20 And Môr'dĕ-cāi wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that were in all the provinces of the king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs, both nigh and far, 21 to enjoin them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Ā'dăr, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly, 22 as the days wherein the Jews had rest from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to gladness, and from mourning into a good day; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor. 23 And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Môr'dĕ-cāi had written unto them; 24 because Hā'măn the son of Hăm-mĕd'ă-thā, the Ā'găg-ite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pûr, that is, the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them; 25 but when *the matter* came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he had devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

26 Wherefore they called these days Pū'rĭm after the name of Pûr. Therefore because of all the words of this letter, and of that which

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they had seen concerning this matter, and that which had come unto them, 27 the Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so that it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to the writing thereof, and according to the appointed time thereof, every year; 28 and that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of Pū'rĭm should not fail from among the Jews, nor the remembrance of them [1]perish from their seed.

29 Then Ĕs'thĕr the queen, the daughter of Ăb-ĭ-hā'ĭl, and Môr'dĕ-cāi the Jew, wrote with all [2]authority to confirm this second letter of Pū'rĭm. 30 And he sent letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs, *with* words of peace and truth, 31 to confirm these days of Pū'rĭm in their appointed times, according as Môr'dĕ-cāi the Jew and Ĕs'thĕr the queen had enjoined them, and as they had ordained for themselves and for their seed, in the matter of the fastings and their cry. 32 And the commandment of Ĕs'thĕr confirmed these matters of Pū'rĭm; and it was written in the book.

[1] Heb. *be ended* [2] Heb. *strength*

10 And the king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs laid a tribute upon the land, and upon the isles of the sea. 2 And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the full account of the greatness of Môr'dĕ-cāi, whereunto the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Mē'dĭ-ă and Pēr'sĭ-ă? 3 For Môr'dĕ-cāi the Jew was next unto king Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the good of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

THE BOOK OF JOB

Job's Uprightness and Wealth

1 There was a man in the land of Ŭz, whose name was [1]Jōb; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and turned away from evil. 2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. 3 His [2]substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the children of the east. 4 And his sons went and held a feast in the house of each one upon his day; and they sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. 5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Jōb sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings according to the number of them all: for Jōb said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and [3]renounced God in their hearts. Thus did Jōb continually.

6 Now it came to pass on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jĕ-hō'văh, that [4]Satan also came among them. 7 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in

[1] Heb. *Iyob* [2] Or, *cattle* [3] Or, *blasphemed* So ver. 11, ch. 2. 5,9 [4] That is, *the Adversary*

it. 8 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Jōb? [1]for there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man, one that feareth God, and turneth away from evil. 9 Then Satan answered Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, Doth Jōb fear God for nought? 10 Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath, on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his [2]substance is increased in the land. 11 But put forth thy hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will renounce thee to thy face. 12 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy [3]power; only upon himself put not forth thy hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of Jĕ-hō'văh.

13 And it fell on a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, 14 that there came a messenger unto Jōb, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them; 15 and [4]the Să-bē'ăns fell *upon them,* and took them away: yea, they have slain the [5]servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep and the [5]servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 17 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chăl-dē'ăns made three bands, and [6]fell upon the camels, and have taken them away, yea, and slain the [5]servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 18 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house; 19 and, behold, there came a great wind [7]from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

20 Then Jōb arose, and rent his robe, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped; 21 and he said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: Jĕ-hō'văh gave, and Jĕ-hō'văh hath taken away; blessed be the name of Jĕ-hō'văh. 22 In all this Jōb sinned not, nor [8]charged God foolishly.

2 Again it came to pass on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jĕ-hō'văh, that Satan came also among them to present himself before Jĕ-hō'văh. 2 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 3 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Jōb? [1]for there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and turneth away from evil: and he still holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, [9]to destroy him without cause. 4 And Satan answered Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. 5 But put forth thy hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will renounce thee to thy face. 6 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thy hand; only spare his life.

7 So Satan went forth from the presence of Jĕ-hō'văh, and smote Jōb with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. 8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself therewith; and he sat among the ashes. 9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still hold fast thine integrity? renounce God, and die. 10 But he said un-

[1]Or, *that* [2]Or, *cattle* [3]Heb. *hand* [4]Heb. *Sheba* [5]Heb. *young men* [6]Or, *made a raid*
[7]Or, *over* [8]Or, *attributed folly to God*
[9]Heb. *to swallow him up*

to her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Jōb sin with his lips.

11 Now when Jōb's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place: ĕl'ĭ-phăz the Tē'măn-īte, and Bĭl'dăd the Shu'-īte, and Zō'phăr the Nā'ă-mă-hīte; and they made an appointment together to come to bemoan him and to comfort him. 12 And when they lifed up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his robe, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven. 13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his [2]grief was very great.

3 After this opened Jōb his mouth, and cursed his day.
2 And Jōb answered and said:
3 Let the day perish wherein I was born,
And the night which said, There is a man-child conceived.
4 Let that day be darkness;
Let not God from above seek for it,
Neither let the light shine upon it.
5 Let darkness and [3]the shadow of death claim it for their own;
Let a cloud dwell upon it;
Let all that maketh black the day terrify it.
6 As for that night, let thick darkness seize upon it:
Let it not rejoice among the days of the year;
Let it not come into the number of the months.
7 Lo, let that night be [4]barren;
Let no joyful voice come therein.
8 Let them curse it that curse the day,
Who are [5]ready to rouse up lĕ-vī'ă-thăn.
9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark:
Let it look for light, but have none;
Neither let it behold the eyelids of the morning:
10 Because it shut not up the doors of my *mother's* womb,
Nor hid trouble from mine eyes.
11 Why died I not from the womb?
Why did I not give up the ghost when my mother bare me?
12 Why did the knees receive me?
Or why the breasts, that I should suck?
13 For now should I have lain down and been quiet;
I should have slept; then had I been at rest,
14 With kings and counsellors of the earth,
Who [6]built up waste places for themselves;
15 Or with princes that had gold,
Who filled their houses with silver
16 Or as a hidden untimely birth I had not been,
As infants that never saw light.
17 There the wicked cease from [7]troubling;
And there the weary are at rest.
18 There the prisoners are at ease together;
They hear not the voice of the taskmaster.
19 The small and the great are there;
And the servant is free from his master.

20 Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery,
And life unto the bitter in soul;
21 Who [8]long for death, but it cometh not,
And dig for it more than for hid treasures;
22 Who rejoice [9]exceedingly,
And are glad, when they can find the grave?

[1] Or, *impious* [2] Or, *pain* [3] Or, *deep darkness* (and so elsewhere) [4] Or, *solitary* [5] Or, *skilful* [6] Or, *built solitary piles* [7] Or, *raging* [8] Heb. *wait* [9] Or, *unto exultation*

23 *Why is light given* to a man
whose way is hid,
And whom God hath hedged in?
24 For my sighing cometh [1]before I eat,
And my [2]groanings are poured out like water.
25 For [3]the thing which I fear cometh upon me,
And that which I am afraid of cometh unto me.
26 I [4]am not at ease, neither am I quiet, neither have I rest;
But trouble cometh.

4 Then answered Ĕl'ĭ-phăz the Tē'măn-ĭte, and said,
2 If one assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved?
'But who can withhold himself from speaking?
3 Behold, thou hast instructed many,
And thou hast strengthened the weak hands.
4 Thy words have upholden him that was falling,
And thou hast made firm the [5]feeble knees.
5 But now it is come unto thee, and thou [6]faintest;
It toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.
6 Is not thy fear *of God* thy confidence,
And the integrity of thy ways thy hope?
7 Remember, I pray thee, who *ever* perished, being innocent?
Or where were the upright cut off?
8 According as I have seen, they that plow iniquity,
And sow [7]trouble, reap the same.
9 By the breath of God they perish,
And by the blast of his anger are they consumed.
10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion,
And the teeth of the young lions, are broken.
11 The old lion perisheth for lack of prey,
And the whelps of the lioness are scattered abroad.

12 Now a thing was [8]secretly brought to me,
And mine ear received a whisper thereof.
13 In thoughts from the visions of the night,
When deep sleep falleth on men,
14 Fear came upon me, and trembling,
Which made all my bones to shake.
15 Then [9]a spirit passed before my face;
The hair of my flesh stood up.
16 It stood still, but I could not discern the appearance thereof;
A form was before mine eyes:
[10]*There was* silence, and I heard a voice, *saying*,
17 Shall mortal man [11]be more just than God?
Shall a man [12]be more pure than his Maker?
18 Behold, he putteth no trust in his servants;
And his angels he chargeth with folly:
19 How much more them that dwell in houses of clay,
Whose foundation is in the dust,
Who are crushed [13]before the moth!
20 [14]Betwixt morning and evening they are [15]destroyed:
They perish for ever without any regarding it.
21 [16]Is not their tent-cord plucked up within them?
They die, and that without wisdom.

5 Call now; is there any that will answer thee?
And to which of the holy ones wilt thou turn?
2 For vexation killeth the foolish man,
And [17]jealousy slayeth the silly one.

[1] Or, *like my food* [2] Heb. *roarings* [3] Or, *the thing which I feared is come &c.* [4] Or, *was not at ease . . . yet trouble came* [5] Heb. *bowing* [6] Or, *art grieved* [7] Or, *mischief* [8] Heb. *brought by stealth* [9] Or, *a breath passed over* [10] Or, *I heard a still voice* [11] Or, *be just before God* [12] Or, *be pure before his Maker* [13] Or, *like* [14] Or, *From morning to evening* [15] Heb. *broken in pieces* [16] Or, *Is not their excellency which is in them removed?* [17] Or, *indignation*

3 I have seen the foolish taking root:
But suddenly I cursed his habitation.
4 His children are far from safety,
And they are crushed in the gate,
Neither is there any to deliver them:
5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up,
And taketh it even out of the thorns;
And [1]the snare gapeth for their substance.
6 For [2]affliction cometh not forth from the dust,
Neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;
7 But man is born unto trouble,
As [3]the sparks fly upward.

8 But as for me, I would seek unto God,
And unto God would I commit my cause;
9 Who doeth great things and unsearchable,
Marvellous things without number;
10 Who giveth rain upon the earth,
And sendeth waters upon the fields;
11 So that he setteth up on high those that are low,
And those that mourn are exalted to safety.
12 He frustrateth the devices of the crafty,
So that their hands [4]cannot perform their enterprise.
13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness;
And the counsel of the cunning is carried headlong.
14 They meet with darkness in the day-time,
And grope at noonday as in the night.
15 But he saveth from the sword [5]of their mouth,
Even the needy from the hand of the mighty.
16 So the poor hath hope,
And iniquity stoppeth her mouth.

17 Behold, happy is the man whom God [6]correcteth:
Therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.
18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up;
He woundeth, and his hands make whole.
19 He will deliver thee in six troubles;
Yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.
20 In famine he will redeem thee from death;
And in war from the power of the sword.
21 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue;
Neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.
22 At destruction and dearth thou shalt laugh;
Neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.
23 For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field;
And the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.
24 And thou shalt know that thy tent is in peace;
And thou shalt visit thy [7]fold, and [8]shalt miss nothing.
25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great,
And thine offspring as the grass of the earth.
26 Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age,
Like as a shock of grain cometh in in its season.
27 Lo this, we have searched it, so it is;
Hear it, and know thou it [9]for thy good.

6 Then Jōb answered and said,
2 Oh that my vexation were but weighed,
And all my calamity laid in the balances!
3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the seas:

[1] Acc. to Vulg., *the thirsty swallow up*
[2] Or, *iniquity* See ch. 4. 8 [3] Heb. *the sons of flame* or *of lightning* [4] Or, *can perform nothing of worth* [5] Heb. *out of their mouth*
[6] Or, *reproveth* [7] Or, *habitation* [8] Or, *shalt not err* [9] Heb. *for thyself*

Therefore have my words been rash.
4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me,
The poison whereof my spirit drinketh up:
The terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.
5 Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass?
Or loweth the ox over his fodder?
6 Can that which hath no savor be eaten without salt?
Or is there any taste in [1]the white of an egg?
7 [2]My soul refuseth to touch *them*;
They are as loathsome food to me.

8 Oh that I might have my request;
And that God would grant *me* the thing that I long for!
9 Even that it would please God to crush me;
That he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!
10 And be it still my consolation,
[3]Yea, let me [4]exult in pain
[5]that spareth not,
That I have not [6]denied the words of the Holy One.
11 What is my strength, that I should wait?
And what is mine end, that I should be patient?
12 Is my strength the strength of stones?
Or is my flesh of brass?
13 Is it not that I have no help in me,
And that wisdom is driven quite from me?

14 To him that is ready to faint kindness *should be showed* from his friend;
[7]Even to him that forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.
15 My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook,
As the channel of brooks that pass away;
16 Which are black by reason of the ice,
And wherein the snow hideth itself:
17 What time they [8]wax warm, they vanish;
When it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.
18 [9]The caravans *that travel* by the way of them turn aside;
They go up into the waste, and perish.
19 The caravans of Tē'mà looked,
The companies of Shē'bà waited for them.
20 They were put to shame because they had hoped;
They came thither, and were confounded.
21 For now ye [10]are nothing;
Ye see a terror, and are afraid.
22 Did I say, Give unto me?
Or, Offer a present for me of your substance?
23 Or, Deliver me from the adversary's hand?
Or, Redeem me from the hand of the oppressors?

24 Teach me, and I will hold my peace;
And cause me to understand wherein I have erred.
25 How forcible are words of uprightness!
But your reproof, what doth it reprove?
26 Do ye think to reprove words,
Seeing that the speeches of one that [11]is desperate are [12]as wind?
27 Yea, ye would cast *lots* upon the fatherless,
And make merchandise of your friend.
28 Now therefore be pleased to look upon me;
[13]For surely I shall not lie to your face.
29 Return, I pray you, let there be no injustice;
Yea, return again, [14]my cause is righteous.

[1] Or, *the juice of purslain* [2] Or, What things *my soul refused to touch, these are as my loathsome food* [3] Or, *Though I shrink back* [4] Or, *harden myself* [5] Or, *though he spare not* [6] Or, *concealed* [7] Or, *Else might he forsake* · Or, *But he forsaketh*
[8] Or, *shrink* [9] Or, *The paths of their way are turned aside* [10] Another reading is, *are like thereto* [11] Or, *for the wind* [12] Or, *And it will be evident unto you if I lie* [13] Heb. *my righteousness is in it*

30 Is there injustice on my tongue?
Cannot my taste discern mischievous things?

7 Is there not a [1]warfare to man upon earth?
And are not his days like the days of a hireling?
2 As a servant that earnestly desireth the shadow,
And as a hireling that looketh for his wages:
3 So am I made to possess months of misery,
And wearisome nights are appointed to me.
4 When I lie down, I say,
When shall I arise, and the night be gone?
And I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.
5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust;
My skin [2]closeth up, and breaketh out afresh.
6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
And are spent without hope.
7 Oh remember that my life is a breath:
Mine eye shall no more see good.
8 The eye of him that seeth me shall behold me no more;
Thine eyes shall be upon me, but I shall not be.
9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away,
So he that goeth down to Shē'ōl shall come up no more.
10 He shall return no more to his house,
Neither shall his place know him any more.

11 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth;
I will speak in the anguish of my spirit;
I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
12 Am I a sea, or a sea-monster,
That thou settest a watch over me?
13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me,
My couch shall ease my complaint;
14 Then thou scarest me with dreams,
And terrifiest me through visions:
15 So that my soul chooseth strangling,
And death rather than *these* my bones.
16 [3]I loathe *my life*; I [4]would not live alway:
Let me alone; for my days are [5]vanity.
17 What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him,
And that thou shouldest set thy mind upon him,
18 And that thou shouldest visit him every morning,
And try him every moment?
19 How long wilt thou not look away from me,
Nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?
20 If I have sinned, what [6]do I unto thee, O thou [7]watcher of men?
Why hast thou set me as a mark for thee,
So that I am a burden to myself?
21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity?
For now shall I lie down in the dust;
And thou wilt seek me diligently, but I shall not be.

8 Then answered Bĭl'dăd the Shu'hīte, and said,
2 How long wilt thou speak these things?
And *how long* shall the words of thy mouth be *like* a mighty wind?
3 Doth God pervert justice?
Or doth the Almighty pervert righteousness?
4 [8]If thy children have sinned against him,

[1] Or, *time of service* [2] Or, *is broken and become loathsome*
[3] Or, *I waste away* [4] Or, *shall* [5] Or, *as a breath* [6] Or, *can I do* [7] Or, *preserver*
[8] Or, *If thy children sinned . . . he delivered &c.*

And he hath delivered them
into the hand of their trans-
gression;
5 If thou wouldest seek diligently
unto God,
And make thy supplication to
the Almighty;
6 If thou wert pure and upright:
Surely now he would awake for
thee,
And make the habitation of thy
righteousness prosperous.
7 And though thy beginning was
small,
Yet thy latter end would greatly
increase.

8 For inquire, I pray thee, of the
former age,
And apply thyself to that which
their fathers have searched
out
9 (For we are but of yesterday,
and know nothing,
Because our days upon earth
are a shadow):
10 Shall not they teach thee, and
tell thee,
And utter words out of their
heart?

11 Can the [1]rush grow up without
mire?
Can the [2]flag grow without
water?
12 Whilst it is yet in its greenness,
and not cut down,
It withereth before any *other*
herb.
13 So are the paths of all that for-
get God;
And the hope of the godless
man shall perish:
14 Whose confidence shall [3]break
in sunder,
And whose trust is a spider's
[4]web.
15 He shall lean upon his house,
but it shall not stand:
He shall hold fast thereby, but
it shall not endure.
16 He is green before the sun,
And his shoots go forth over his
garden.
17 His roots are wrapped [5]about
the *stone*-heap,
He beholdeth the place of
stones.
18 If he be destroyed from his
place,
Then it shall deny him, *saying*,
I have not seen thee.
19 Behold, this is the joy of his
way;
And out of the [6]earth shall
others spring.
20 Behold, God will not cast away
a perfect man,
Neither will he uphold the evil-
doers.
21 [7]He will yet fill thy mouth with
laughter,
And thy lips with shouting.
22 They that hate thee shall be
clothed with shame;
And the tent of the wicked shall
be no more.

9 Then Jŏb answered and said,
2 Of a truth I know that it is so:
[8]But how can man be just
[9]with God?
3 [10]If he be pleased to contend
with him,
He cannot answer him one of a
thousand.
4 *He is* wise in heart, and mighty
in strength:
Who hath hardened himself
against him, and pros-
pered?—
5 *Him* that removeth the moun-
tains, and they know it not,
When he overturneth them in
his anger;
6 That shaketh the earth out of
its place,
And the pillars thereof trem-
ble;
7 That commandeth the sun, and
it riseth not,
And sealeth up the stars;
8 That alone stretcheth out the
heavens,
And treadeth upon the [11]waves
of the sea;
9 That maketh the Bear, ō-rī'-
ŏn, and the Plē'ĭă-dēs,
And the chambers of the south;
10 That doeth great things past
finding out,

[1] Or, *papyrus* [2] Or, *reed-grass* [3] Or, *be cut off* [4] Heb. *house* [5] Or, *beside the spring* [6] Or, *dust* [7] Or, *Till he fill* [8] Or, *For* [9] Or, *before* [10] Or, *If one should desire . . . He could not &c.* [11] Heb. *high places*

Yea, marvellous things without number.
11 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not:
He passeth on also, but I perceive him not.
12 Behold, he seizeth *the prey,* who can [1]hinder him?
Who will say unto him, What doest thou?

13 God will not withdraw his anger;
The helpers of [2]Rā'hăb [3]do stoop under him.
14 How much less shall I answer him,
And choose out my words *to reason* with him?
15 Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer;
I would make supplication to my judge.
16 If I had called, and he had answered me,
Yet would I not believe that he hearkened unto my voice.
17 [4]For he breaketh me with a tempest,
And multiplieth my wounds without cause.
18 He will not suffer me to take my breath,
But filleth me with bitterness.
19 If *we speak* of strength, [5]lo, *he is* mighty!
And if of justice, Who, *saith he,* will summon me?
20 Though I be righteous, mine own mouth shall condemn me:
Though I be perfect, [6]it shall prove me perverse.
21 [7]I am perfect; I regard not myself;
I despise my life.
22 It is all one; therefore I say,
He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.
23 If the scourge slay suddenly,
He will mock at the [8]trial of the innocent.
24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked;
He covereth the faces of the judges thereof:
If *it be* not *he,* who then is it?

25 Now my days are swifter than a [9]post:
They flee away, they see no good.
26 They are passed away as the [10]swift ships;
As the eagle that swoopeth on the prey.
27 If I say, I will forget my complaint,
I will put off my *sad* countenance, and [11]be of good cheer;
28 I am afraid of all my sorrows,
I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.
29 I shall be condemned;
Why then do I labor in vain?
30 If I wash myself [12]with snow water,
And [13]make my hands never so clean;
31 Yet wilt thou plunge me in the ditch,
And mine own clothes shall abhor me.
32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him,
That we should come together in judgment.
33 There is no umpire betwixt us,
That might lay his hand upon us both.
34 Let him take his rod away from me,
And let not his terror make me afraid:
35 Then would I speak, and not fear him;
For I am not so in myself.

10 My soul is weary of my life;
I will give free course to my complaint;
I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
2 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me;

[1] Or, *turn him back* [2] Or, *arrogancy* See Is. 30. 7 [3] Or, *did* [4] Heb. *He who* [5] Or, *Lo,* here am I, saith he: *And if of justice, Who, &c.* [6] Or, *he* [7] Or, *Though I be perfect, I will not regard &c.* [8] Or, *calamity* [9] Or, *runner* [10] Heb. *ships of reed* [11] Heb. *brighten up* [12] Another reading is, *with snow* [13] Heb. *cleanse my hands with lye*

Show me wherefore thou contendest with me.
3 Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress,
That thou shouldest despise the [1]work of thy hands,
And shine upon the counsel of the wicked?
4 Hast thou eyes of flesh?
Or seest thou as man seeth?
5 Are thy days as the days of man,
Or thy years as man's days,
6 That thou inquirest after mine iniquity,
And searchest after my sin,
7 Although thou knowest that I am not wicked,
And there is none that can deliver out of thy hand?

8 Thy hands have framed me and fashioned me
Together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.
9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast fashioned me as clay;
And wilt thou bring me into dust again?
10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk,
And curdled me like cheese?
11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh,
And knit me together with bones and sinews.
12 Thou hast granted me life and lovingkindness;
And thy [2]visitation hath preserved my spirit.
13 Yet these things thou didst hide in thy heart;
I know that this is with thee:
14 If I sin, then thou markest me,
And thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.
15 If I be wicked, woe unto me;
And if I be righteous, yet shall I not lift up my head;
[3]Being filled with ignominy,
And looking upon mine affliction.
16 And if *my head* exalt itself, thou huntest me as a lion;
And again thou showest thyself marvellous upon me.
17 Thou renewest thy witnesses against me,
And increasest thine indignation upon me:
[4]Changes and warfare are with me.

18 Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb?
I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me.
19 I should have been as though I had not been;
I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.
20 Are not my days few? [5]cease then,
And let me alone, that I may [6]take comfort a little,
21 Before I go whence I shall not return,
Even to the land of darkness and of the shadow of death;
22 The land dark as [7]midnight,
The land of the shadow of death, without any order,
And where the light is as [7]midnight.

11 Then answered Zō'phär the Nā'ă-mă-thīte, and said,
2 Should not the multitude of words be answered?
And should a man full of talk be justified?
3 Should thy boastings make men hold their peace?
And when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?
4 For thou sayest, My doctrine is pure,
And I am clean in thine eyes.
5 But oh that God would speak,
And open his lips against thee,
6 And that he would show thee the secrets of wisdom!
For he is manifold in understanding.

[1] Heb. *labor* [2] Or, *care* [3] Or, *I am filled with ignominy, but look thou . . . for it increaseth: thou &c.*
[4] Or, *Host after host is against me* [5] Another reading is, *let him cease, and leave me alone* [6] Heb. *brighten up* [7] Heb. *thick darkness*

Know therefore that God [1]exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth.

7 [2]Canst thou by searching find out God?
Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?
8 [3]It is high as heaven; what canst thou do?
Deeper than Shĕ'ōl; what canst thou know?
9 The measure thereof is longer than the earth,
And broader than the sea.
10 If he pass through, and shut up,
And [4]call unto judgment, then who can hinder him?
11 For he knoweth false men:
He seeth iniquity also, [5]even though he consider it not.
12 [6]But vain man is void of understanding,
Yea, man is born *as* a wild ass's colt.

13 If thou set thy heart aright,
And stretch out thy hands toward him;
14 If iniquity be in thy hand, put it far away,
And let not unrighteousness dwell in thy tents.
15 Surely then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot;
Yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear:
16 For thou shalt forget thy misery.
Thou shalt remember it as waters that are passed away.
17 And *thy* life shall [7]be clearer than the noonday;
Though there be darkness, it shall be as the morning.
18 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope;
Yea, thou shalt search *about thee*, and shalt take thy rest in safety.
19 Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid;
Yea, many shall make suit unto thee.
20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail,
And [8]they shall have no way to flee;
And their hope shall be the giving up of the ghost.

12 Then Jōb answered and said,
2 No doubt but ye are the people,
And wisdom shall die with you.
3 But I have understanding as well as you;
I am not inferior to you:
Yea, who knoweth not such things as these?
4 I am as one that is a laughing-stock to his neighbor,
I who called upon God, and he answered:
The just, the perfect man is a laughing-stock.
5 In the thought of him that is at ease there is contempt for misfortune;
It is ready for them whose foot slippeth.
6 The tents of robbers prosper,
And they that provoke God are secure;
[9]Into whose hand God bringeth *abundantly*.

7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee;
And the birds of the heavens, and they shall tell thee:
8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee;
And the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.
9 Who knoweth not [10]in all these,
That the hand of Jĕ-hō'vāh hath wrought this,
10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing,
And the [11]breath of all mankind?
11 Doth not the ear try words,
Even as the palate tasteth its food?

[1] Or, *remitteth* (Heb. *causeth to be forgotten*) *unto thee of thine iniquity* [2] Or, *Canst thou find out the deep things of God?* [3] Heb. *The heights of heaven* [4] Heb. *call an assembly* [5] Or, *and him that considereth not* [6] Or, *But an empty man will get understanding, when a wild ass's colt is born a man* [7] Or, *arise above*
[8] Heb. *refuge is perished from them* [9] Or, *That bring* their *god in their hand* [10] Or, *by* [11] Or, *spirit*

12 [1]With aged men is wisdom,
And in length of days understanding.
13 With [2]*God* is wisdom and might;
He hath counsel and understanding.
14 Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again;
He shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening.
15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up;
Again, he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.
16 With him is strength and wisdom;
The deceived and the deceiver are his.
17 He leadeth counsellors away stripped,
And judges maketh he fools.
18 He looseth the bond of kings,
And bindeth their loins with a girdle.
19 He leadeth priests away stripped,
And overthroweth the mighty.
20 He removeth the speech of the trusty,
And taketh away the understanding of the elders.
21 He poureth contempt upon princes,
And looseth the belt of the strong.
22 He uncovereth deep things out of darkness,
And bringeth out to light the shadow of death.
23 He increaseth the nations, and he destroyeth them:
He enlargeth the nations, and he leadeth them captive.
24 He taketh away understanding from the chiefs of the people of the [3]earth,
And causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.
25 They grope in the dark without light;
And he maketh them to [4]stagger like a drunken man.

13 Lo, mine eye hath seen all *this*,
Mine ear hath heard and understood it.
2 What ye know, *the same* do I know also:
I am not inferior unto you.
3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty,
And I desire to reason with God.
4 But ye are forgers of lies;
Ye are all physicians of no value.
5 Oh that ye would altogether hold your peace!
And it would be your wisdom.
6 Hear now my reasoning,
And hearken to the pleadings of my lips.
7 Will ye speak unrighteously for God,
And talk deceitfully for him?
8 Will ye show partiality to him?
Will ye contend for God?
9 Is it good that he should search you out?
Or as one [5]deceiveth a man, will ye [6]deceive him?
10 He will surely reprove you,
If ye do secretly show partiality.
11 Shall not his majesty make you afraid,
And his dread fall upon you?
12 Your memorable sayings are proverbs of ashes,
Your defences are defences of clay.
13 Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak;
And let come on me what will.
14 [7]Wherefore should I take my flesh in my teeth,
And put my life in my hand?
15 [8]Behold, he will slay me; I have no hope:
Nevertheless I will [9]maintain my ways before him.
16 This also shall be my salvation,
That a godless man shall not come before him.

[1] Or, *With aged men, ye say, is wisdom*
[2] Heb. *him* [3] Or, *land* [4] Heb. *wander*
[5] Or, *mocketh* [6] Or, *mock* [7] Or, *At all adventures I will take &c.* [8] Or, *Though he slay me, yet will I wait for him* [9] Heb. *argue*

17 Hear diligently my speech,
And let my declaration be in your ears.
18 Behold now, I have set my cause in order;
I know that I [1]am righteous.
19 Who is he that will contend with me?
For then [2]would I hold my peace and give up the ghost.

20 Only do not two things unto me;
Then will I not hide myself from thy face:
21 Withdraw thy hand far from me;
And let not thy terror make me afraid.
22 Then call thou, and I will answer;
Or let me speak, and answer thou me.
23 How many are mine iniquities and sins?
Make me to know my transgression and my sin.
24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face,
And holdest me for thine enemy?
25 Wilt thou harass a driven leaf?
And wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?
26 For thou writest bitter things against me,
And makest me to inherit the iniquities of my youth:
27 Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks,
And markest all my paths;
Thou settest a bound to the soles of my feet:
28 [3]Though I am like a rotten thing that consumeth,
Like a garment that is moth-eaten.

14 Man, that is born of a woman,
Is of few days, and full of trouble.
2 He cometh forth like a flower, and [4]is cut down:
He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.
3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such a one,
And bringest me into judgment with thee?
4 [5]Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.
5 Seeing his days are determined,
The number of his months is with thee,
And thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;
6 Look away from him, that he may [6]rest,
Till he shall [7]accomplish, as a hireling, his day.

7 For there is hope of a tree,
If it be cut down, that it will sprout again,
And that the tender branch thereof will not cease.
8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth,
And the stock thereof die in the ground;
9 Yet through the scent of water it will bud,
And put forth boughs like a plant.
10 But man dieth, and is laid low:
Yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?
11 *As* the waters [8]fail from the sea,
And the river wasteth and drieth up;
12 So man lieth down and riseth not:
Till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake,
Nor be roused out of their sleep.

13 Oh that thou wouldest hide me in Shĕ'ōl,
That thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past,
That thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

[1] Or, *shall be justified* [2] Or, *if I hold my peace, I shall give up &c.* [3] Heb. *And he is like* [4] Or, *withereth*
[5] Or, *Oh that a clean thing could come out of an unclean! not one can* [6] Heb. *cease* [7] Or, *have pleasure in* [8] Heb. *are gone*

14 If a man die, shall he live *again*?
All the days of my warfare [1]would I wait,
Till my [2]release should come.
15 Thou [3]wouldest call, and I would answer thee:
Thou wouldest have a desire to the work of thy hands.
16 But now thou numberest my steps:
Dost thou not watch over my sin?
17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag,
And thou fastenest up mine iniquity.

18 But the mountain falling [4]cometh to nought;
And the rock is removed out of its place;
19 The waters wear the stones;
The overflowings thereof wash away the dust of the earth:
So thou destroyest the hope of man.
20 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth;
Thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.
21 His sons come to honor, and he knoweth it not;
And they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.
22 [5]But his flesh upon him hath pain,
And his soul within him mourneth.

15 Then answered Ĕl'ĭ-phăz the Tē'măn-īte, and said,
2 Should a wise man make answer with [6]vain knowledge,
And fill himself with the east wind?
3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk,
Or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?
4 Yea, thou doest away with fear,
And [7]hinderest [8]devotion before God.
5 For [9]thine iniquity teacheth thy mouth,
And thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.
6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I;
Yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

7 Art thou the first man that was born?
Or wast thou brought forth before the hills?
8 [10]Hast thou heard the secret counsel of God?
And dost thou limit wisdom to thyself?
9 What knowest thou, that we know not?
What understandest thou, which is not in us?
10 With us are both the grayheaded and the very aged men,
Much elder than thy father.
11 Are the consolations of God too small for thee,
[11]Even the word that is gentle toward thee?
12 Why doth thy heart carry thee away?
And why do thine eyes flash,
13 That against God thou turnest thy spirit,
And lettest words go out of thy mouth?
14 What is man, that he should be clean?
And he that is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?
15 Behold, he putteth no trust in his holy ones;
Yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight:
16 How much less [12]one that is abominable and corrupt,
A man that drinketh iniquity like water!

17 I will show thee, hear thou me;
And that which I have seen I will declare
18 (Which wise men have told
From their fathers, and have not hid it;

[1] Or, *will . . . shall come*
[2] Or, *change*
[3] Or, *shalt call, and I will &c.*
[4] Heb. *fadeth away*
[5] Or, *Only for himself his flesh hath pain, and for himself his soul mourneth*
[6] Heb. *knowledge of wind*
[7] Heb. *diminishest*
[8] Or, *meditation*
[9] Or, *thy mouth teacheth thine iniquity*
[10] Or, *Dost thou hearken in the council*
[11] Or, *Or is there any secret thing with thee?*
[12] Or, *that which is*

19 Unto whom alone the land was given,
And no stranger passed among them):
20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all his days,
[1]Even the number of years that are laid up for the oppressor.
21 A sound of terrors is in his ears;
In prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.
22 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness,
And he is waited for of the sword.
23 He wandereth abroad for bread, *saying*, Where is it?
He knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.
24 Distress and anguish make him afraid;
They prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.
25 Because he hath stretched out his hand against God,
And [2]behaveth himself proudly against the Almighty;
26 He runneth upon him with a *stiff* neck,
[3]With the thick bosses of his bucklers;
27 Because he hath covered his face with his fatness,
And gathered fat upon his loins;
28 And he hath dwelt in [4]desolate cities,
In houses which no man [5]inhabited,
Which were ready to become heaps;
29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue,
Neither shall [6]their possessions be extended on the earth.
30 He shall not depart out of darkness;
The flame shall dry up his branches,
And by the breath of [7]*God's* mouth shall he go away.
31 Let him not trust in vanity, deceiving himself;
For vanity shall be his recompense.
32 It shall be [8]accomplished before his time,
And his branch shall not be green.
33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine,
And shall cast off his flower as the olive-tree.
34 For the company of the godless shall be barren,
And fire shall consume the tents of bribery.
35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity,
And their heart prepareth deceit.

16 Then Jōb answered and said,
2 I have heard many such things:
[9]Miserable comforters are ye all.
3 Shall [10]vain words have an end?
Or what provoketh thee that thou answerest?
4 I also could speak as ye do;
If your soul were in my soul's stead,
I could join words together against you,
And shake my head at you.
5 *But* I would strengthen you with my mouth,
And the solace of my lips would assuage *your grief*.
6 Though I speak, my grief is not assuaged;
And though I forbear, [11]what am I eased?
7 But now he hath made me weary:
Thou hast made desolate all my company.
8 And thou hast [12]laid fast hold on me, *which* is a witness *against me*:
And my leanness riseth up against me,
It testifieth to my face.
9 He hath torn me in his wrath, and [13]persecuted me;
He hath gnashed upon me with his teeth:

[1] Or, *And years that are numbered are laid up &c.* [2] Or, *biddeth defiance to* [3] Or, *Upon* [4] Heb. *cut off* [5] Or, *would inhabit* [6] Or, *their produce bend to the earth* [7] Heb. *his* [8] Or, *paid in full* [9] Or, *Wearisome* [10] Heb. *words of wind* [11] Heb. *what departeth from me?* [12] Or, *shriveled me up* [13] Or, *hated*

Mine adversary sharpeneth his eyes upon me.
10 They have gaped upon me with their mouth;
They have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully:
They gather themselves together against me.
11 God delivereth me to the ungodly,
And casteth me into the hands of the wicked.
12 I was at ease, and he brake me asunder;
Yea, he hath taken me by the neck, and dashed me to pieces:
He hath also set me up for his mark.
13 His [1]archers compass me round about;
He cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare;
He poureth out my gall upon the ground.
14 He breaketh me with breach upon breach;
He runneth upon me like a [2]giant.
15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin,
And have [3]laid my horn in the dust.
16 My face is red with weeping,
And on my eyelids is the shadow of death;
17 Although there is no violence in my hands,
And my prayer is pure.

18 O earth, cover not thou my blood,
And let my cry [4]have no *resting*-place.
19 Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven,
And he that voucheth for me is on high.
20 My friends scoff at me:
But mine eye poureth out tears unto God,
21 [5]That he would maintain the right of a man with God,
And of a son of man with his neighbor!
22 For when a few years are come,
I shall go the way whence I shall not return.

17 My spirit is consumed, my days are extinct,
The grave is *ready* for me.
2 Surely there are [6]mockers with me,
And mine eye dwelleth upon their provocation.

3 Give now a pledge, be surety for me with thyself;
Who is there that will strike hands with me?
4 For thou hast hid their heart from understanding:
Therefore shalt thou not exalt *them*.
5 He that denounceth his friends for a [7]prey,
Even the eyes of his children shall fail.

6 But he hath made me a by-word of the people;
And they spit in my face.
7 Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow,
And all my members are as a shadow.
8 Upright men shall be astonished at this,
And the innocent shall stir up himself against the godless.
9 Yet shall the righteous hold on his way,
And he that hath clean hands shall wax stronger and stronger.
10 But as for you all, come on now again;
[8]And I shall not find a wise man among you.
11 My days are past, my purposes are broken off,
Even the [9]thoughts of my heart.
12 They change the night into day:
The light, *say they*, is near [10]unto the darkness.
13 If I [11]look for Shĕ'ōl as my house;

[1] Or, *arrows* Or, *mighty ones* [2] Or, *mighty man* [3] Or, *defiled* [4] Or, *have no more place* [5] Or, *That one might plead for a man with God, as a son of man* pleadeth *for his neighbor*
[6] Heb. *mockery* [7] Heb. *portion* [8] Or, *For I find not* [9] Heb. *possessions* [10] Or, *because of* [11] Or, *hope, Sheol is my house; I have spread . . . I have said . . . and where now is my hope?*

If I have spread my couch in the darkness;
14 If I have said to [1]corruption,
Thou art my father;
To the worm, *Thou art* my mother, and my sister;
15 Where then is my hope?
And as for my hope, who shall see it?
16 It shall go down to the bars of Shĕ'ōl,
When once there is rest in the dust.

18 Then answered Bĭl'dăd the Shu'hīte, and said,
2 How long will ye hunt for words?
Consider, and afterwards we will speak.
3 Wherefore are we counted as beasts,
And are become unclean in your sight?
4 Thou that tearest thyself in thine anger,
Shall the earth be forsaken for thee?
Or shall the rock be removed out of its place?

5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out,
And the [2]spark of his fire shall not shine.
6 The light shall be dark in his tent,
And his lamp [3]above him shall be put out.
7 The steps of his strength shall be straitened,
And his own counsel shall cast him down.
8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet,
And he walketh upon the toils.
9 A gin shall take *him* by the heel,
And a snare shall lay hold on him.
10 A noose is hid for him in the ground,
And a trap for him in the way.
11 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side,
And shall chase him at his heels.
12 His strength shall be hunger-bitten,
And calamity shall be ready [4]at his side.
13 The [5]members of his body shall be devoured,
Yea, the first-born of death shall devour his members.
14 He shall be rooted out of his tent wherein he trusteth;
And [6]he shall be brought to the king of terrors.
15 [7]There shall dwell in his tent that which is none of his:
Brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.
16 His roots shall be dried up beneath,
And above shall his branch [8]be cut off.
17 His remembrance shall perish from the earth,
And he shall have no name in the street.
18 He shall be driven from light into darkness,
And chased out of the world.
19 He shall have neither son nor son's son among his people,
Nor any remaining where he sojourned.
20 [9]They that come after shall be astonished at his day,
As they that went before [10]were affrighted.
21 Surely such are the dwellings of the unrighteous,
And this is the place of him that knoweth not God.

19 Then Jōb answered and said,
2 How long will ye vex my soul,
And break me in pieces with words?
3 These ten times have ye reproached me:
Ye are not ashamed that ye deal hardly with me.
4 And be it indeed that I have erred,

[1] Or, *the pit* [2] Or, *flame* [3] Or, *beside*
[4] Or, *for his halting* [5] Heb. *bars of his skin* [6] Heb. *it shall* (or, *thou shalt*) *bring him* [7] Or, *It shall dwell in his tent, that it be no more his* or, *because it is none of his* [8] Or, *wither* [9] Or, *They that dwell in the west are . . . as they that dwell in the east are &c.* [10] Heb. *laid hold on horror*

Mine error remaineth with myself.
5 [1]If indeed ye will magnify yourselves against me,
And plead against me my reproach;
6 Know now that God hath [2]subverted me *in my cause,*
And hath compassed me with his net.

7 Behold, I [3]cry out of wrong, but I am not heard:
I cry for help, but there is no justice.
8 He hath walled up my way that I cannot pass,
And hath set darkness in my paths.
9 He hath stripped me of my glory,
And taken the crown from my head.
10 He hath broken me down on every side, and I am gone;
And my hope hath he plucked up like a tree.
11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me,
And he counteth me unto him as *one of* his adversaries.
12 His troops come on together,
And cast up their way against me,
And encamp round about my tent.

13 He hath put my brethren far from me,
And mine acquaintance are wholly estranged from me.
14 My kinsfolk have failed,
And my familiar friends have forgotten me.
15 They that [4]dwell in my house, and my maids, count me for a stranger:
I am an alien in their sight.
16 I call unto my servant, and he giveth me no answer,
Though I entreat him with my mouth.
17 My breath is strange to my wife,
And [5]my supplication to the children [6]of mine own mother.
18 Even young children despise me;
If I arise, they speak against me.
19 All [7]my familiar friends abhor me,
And they whom I love are turned against me.
20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh,
And I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.
21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends;
For the hand of God hath touched me.
22 Why do ye persecute me as God,
And are not satisfied with my flesh?

23 Oh that my words were now written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
24 That with an iron pen and lead
They were graven in the rock for ever!
25 [8]But as for me I know that my [9]Redeemer liveth,
And at last he will stand up upon the [10]earth:
26 [11]And after my skin, *even* this *body,* is destroyed,
Then without my flesh shall I see God;
27 Whom I, even I, shall see, [12]on my side,
And mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.
My [13]heart is consumed within me.
28 If ye say, How we will persecute him!
And that the root of the matter is found in me;
29 Be ye afraid of the sword:
For [14]wrath *bringeth* the punishments of the sword,
That ye may know there is a judgment.

20 Then answered Zō'phär the Nā'ă-mă-thīte, and said,

[1] Or, *Will ye indeed . . . reproach?* [2] Or, *overthrown me* [3] Or, *cry out, Violence!* [4] Or, *sojourn* [5] Or, *I make supplication* Or, *I am loathsome* [6] Or, *of my body*
[7] Heb. *the men of my council* [8] Or, *For* [9] Or, *vindicator* Heb. *goel* [10] Heb. *dust* [11] Or, *And after my skin hath been thus destroyed, Yet from my flesh shall I see God* [12] Or, *for myself* [13] Heb. *reins* [14] Or, *wrathful are*

2 Therefore do my thoughts give answer to me,
[1]Even by reason of my haste that is in me.
3 I have heard the reproof which putteth me to shame;
[2]And the spirit of my understanding answereth me.
4 Knowest thou *not* this of old time,
Since man was placed upon earth,
5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short,
And the joy of the godless but for a moment?
6 Though his height mount up to the heavens,
And his head reach unto the clouds;
7 Yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung:
They that have seen him shall say, Where is he?
8 He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found:
Yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.
9 The eye which saw him shall see him no more;
Neither shall his place any more behold him.
10 [3]His children shall seek the favor of the poor,
And his hands shall give back his wealth.
11 His bones are full of his youth,
But it shall lie down with him in the dust.

12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth,
Though he hide it under his tongue,
13 Though he spare it, and will not let it go,
But keep it still within his mouth;
14 Yet his food in his bowels is turned,
It is the gall of asps within him.
15 He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again;
God will cast them out of his belly.
16 He shall suck the poison of asps:
The viper's tongue shall slay him.
17 He shall not look upon the rivers,
The flowing streams of honey and butter.
18 That which he labored for shall he restore, and shall not swallow it down;
According to the substance [4]that he hath gotten, he shall not rejoice.
19 For he hath oppressed and forsaken the poor;
He hath violently taken away a house, [5]and he shall not build it up.

20 Because he knew no quietness [6]within him,
He shall not save aught of that wherein he delighteth.
21 There was nothing left that he devoured not;
Therefore his prosperity shall not endure.
22 In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits:
The hand of every one that is in misery shall come upon him.
23 [7]When he is about to fill his belly,
God will cast the fierceness of his wrath upon him,
And will rain it upon him [8]while he is eating.
24 He shall flee from the iron weapon,
And the bow of brass shall strike him through.
25 He draweth it forth, and it cometh out of his body;
Yea, the glittering point cometh out of his gall:
Terrors are upon him.
26 All darkness is laid up for his treasures:
A fire not blown *by man* shall devour him;

[1] Or, *And by reason of* this *my haste is within me* [2] Or, *But out of my understanding my spirit answereth me* [3] Or, as otherwise read, *The poor shall oppress his children* [4] Heb. *of his exchange* [5] Or, *which he builded not* [6] Or, *in his greed* Heb. *in his belly* [7] Or, *Let it be for the filling of his belly that* God *shall cast &c.* [8] Or, *as his food*

[1]It shall consume that which is
left in his tent.
27 The heavens shall reveal his
iniquity,
And the earth shall rise up
against him.
28 The increase of his house shall
depart;
His goods shall flow away in
the day of his wrath.
29 This is the portion of a wicked
man from God,
And the heritage appointed
unto him by God.

21 Then Jōb answered and
said,
2 Hear diligently my speech;
And let this be your consola-
tions.
3 Suffer me, and I also will speak;
And after that I have spoken,
[2]mock on.
4 As for me, is my complaint [3]to
man?
And why should I not be impa-
tient?
5 [4]Mark me, and be astonished,
And lay your hand upon your
mouth.
6 Even when I remember I am
troubled,
And horror taketh hold on my
flesh.
7 Wherefore do the wicked live,
Become old, yea, wax mighty
in power?
8 Their seed is established with
them in their sight,
And their offspring before their
eyes.
9 Their houses are [5]safe from
fear,
Neither is the rod of God upon
them.
10 Their bull gendereth, and fail-
eth not;
Their cow calveth, and casteth
not her calf.
11 They send forth their little ones
like a flock,
And their children dance.
12 They [6]sing to the timbrel and
harp,
And rejoice at the sound of the
pipe.
13 They spend their days in pros-
perity,
And in a moment they go down
to Shē'ōl.
14 And they say unto God, Depart
from us;
For we desire not the knowl-
edge of thy ways.
15 What is the Almighty, that we
should serve him?
And what profit should we have,
if we pray unto him?
16 [7]Lo, their prosperity is not in
their hand:
The counsel of the wicked is far
from me.

17 [8]How oft is it that the lamp
of the wicked is put out?
That their calamity cometh
upon them?
That *God* distributeth sorrows
in his anger?
18 That they are as stubble before
the wind,
And as chaff that the storm car-
rieth away?
19 [9]*Ye say*, God layeth up his in-
iquity for his children.
Let him recompense it unto him-
self, that he may know it:
20 Let his own eyes see his de-
struction,
And let him drink of the wrath
of the Almighty.
21 For what careth he for his house
after him,
When the number of his months
is cut off?
22 Shall any teach God knowl-
edge,
Seeing he judgeth those that
are high?
23 One dieth in his full strength,
Being wholly at ease and
quiet:
24 His pails are full of milk,
And the marrow of his bones is
moistened.

[1] Or, *It shall go ill with him that is left* [2] Or, *thou shalt mock* [3] Or, *of* [4] Heb. *Look unto me* [5] Or, *in peace, without fear* [6] Heb. *lift up* the voice

[7] Or, Ye say, *Lo &c.* [8] Or, *How oft is the lamp of the wicked put out, And how oft cometh their calamity upon them!* God *distributeth sorrows in his anger. They are as stubble . . . away* [9] Or, *God layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know it. His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink &c.*

25 And another dieth in bitterness of soul,
And never tasteth of good.
26 They lie down alike in the dust,
And the worm covereth them.

27 Behold, I know your thoughts,
And the devices wherewith ye would wrong me.
28 For ye say, Where is the house of the prince?
And where is the tent wherein the wicked dwelt?
29 Have ye not asked wayfaring men?
And do ye not know their evidences,
30 That the evil man is [1]reserved to the day of calamity?
That they are [2]led forth to the day of wrath?
31 Who shall declare his way to his face?
And who shall repay him what he hath done?
32 [3]Yet shall he be borne to the grave,
And men shall keep watch over the tomb.
33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him,
And all men shall draw after him,
As there were innumerable before him.
34 How then comfort ye me [4]in vain,
Seeing in your answers there remaineth *only* [5]falsehood?

22 Then answered Ĕl'ĭ-phăz the Tē'măn-īte, and said,
2 Can a man be profitable unto God?
Surely he that is wise is profitable unto himself.
3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous?
Or is it gain *to him*, that thou makest thy ways perfect?
4 Is it [6]for thy fear *of him* that he reproveth thee,
That he entereth with thee into judgment?
5 Is not thy wickedness great?
Neither is there any end to thine iniquities.
6 For thou hast taken pledges of thy brother for nought,
And stripped the naked of their clothing.
7 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink,
And thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.
8 But as for [7]the mighty man, he had the [8]earth;
And [9]the honorable man, he dwelt in it.
9 Thou hast sent widows away empty,
And the arms of the fatherless have been broken.
10 Therefore snares are round about thee,
And sudden fear troubleth thee,
11 [10]Or darkness, so that thou canst not see,
And abundance of waters cover thee.

12 Is not God in the height of heaven?
And behold the [11]height of the stars, how high they are!
13 And thou sayest, What doth God know?
Can he judge through the thick darkness?
14 Thick clouds are a covering to him, so that he seeth not;
And he walketh on the vault of heaven.
15 [12]Wilt thou keep the old way
Which wicked men have trodden?
16 Who were snatched away before their time,
Whose foundation was poured out as a stream,
17 Who said unto God, Depart from us;
And, What can the Almighty do [13]for [14]us?

[1] Or, *spared in &c.* [2] Or, *led away in &c.* [3] Or, *Moreover he is borne to the grave, And keepeth watch over his tomb. The clods of the valley are sweet unto him; And all men draw &c.* [4] Or, *with vanity* [5] Or, *faithlessness* [6] Or, *for fear of thee*
[7] Heb. *the man of arm* [8] Or, *land* [9] Heb. *he whose person is accepted* [10] Or, *Or dost thou not see the darkness, And the flood of waters that covereth thee?* [11] Heb. *head* [12] Or, *Dost thou mark* [13] Or, *to* [14] Heb. *them*

18 Yet he filled their houses with good things:
But the counsel of the wicked is far from me.
19 The righteous see it, and are glad;
And the innocent laugh them to scorn,
20 *Saying*, Surely they that did rise up against us are cut off,
And [1]the remnant of them the fire hath consumed.

21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace:
[2]Thereby good shall come unto thee.
22 Receive, I pray thee, [3]the law from his mouth,
And lay up his words in thy heart.
23 If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up,
[4]If thou put away unrighteousness far from thy tents.
24 And lay thou *thy* [5]treasure [6]in the dust,
And *the gold of* Ō'phĭr among the stones of the brooks;
25 And the Almighty will be thy [5]treasure,
And [7]precious silver unto thee.
26 For then shalt thou delight thyself in the Almighty,
And shalt lift up thy face unto God.
27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he will hear thee;
And thou shalt pay thy vows.
28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee;
And light shall shine upon thy ways.
29 When they [8]cast *thee* down, thou shalt say, *There is* lifting up;
And [9]the humble person he will save.
30 He will deliver *even* him that is not innocent:
Yea, he shall be delivered through the cleanness of thy hands.

23 Then Jōb answered and said,
2 Even to-day is my complaint [10]rebellious:
My stroke is heavier than my groaning.
3 Oh that I knew where I might find him!
That I might come even to his seat!
4 I would set my cause in order before him,
And fill my mouth with arguments.
5 I would know the words which he would answer me,
And understand what he would say unto me.
6 Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
Nay; [11]but he would give heed unto me.
7 There the upright might reason with him;
So should I be delivered for ever from my judge.
8 Behold, I go forward, but he is not *there*;
And backward, but I cannot perceive him;
9 On the left hand, when he doth work, but I cannot behold him;
He [12]hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him.

10 [13]But he knoweth [14]the way that I take;
When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
11 My foot hath held fast to his steps;
His way have I kept, and turned not aside.
12 I have not gone back from the commandment of his lips;
I have treasured up the words of his mouth [15]more than my [16]necessary food.

[1] Or, *that which remained to them* Or, *their abundance* [2] Or, as otherwise read, *Thereby shall thine increase be good* [3] Or, *instruction* [4] Or, *Thou shalt put away* [5] Heb. *ore* [6] Or, *on the earth* [7] Or, *precious silver shall be thine* [8] Or, *are made low* [9] Heb. *him that is lowly of eyes*
[10] Or, *bitter* Or, accounted *rebellion* [11] Or, *he would only give heed to . . . him, but* [12] Or, *turneth himself to the way* that is *with me* [13] Or, *For* [14] Heb. *my way* [15] Or, *more than my own law* [16] Or, *portion* See Prov. 30. 8

13 But [1]he is in one *mind*, and
who can turn him?
And what his soul desireth,
even that he doeth.
14 For he performeth that which
is appointed for me:
And many such things are with
him.
15 Therefore am I terrified at his
presence;
When I consider, I am afraid
of him.
16 For God hath made my heart
faint,
And the Almighty hath terrified
me;
17 [2]Because I was not cut off be-
fore the darkness,
Neither did he cover the thick
darkness from my face.

24 [3]Why are times not laid up
by the Almighty?
And why do not they that know
him see his days?
2 There are that remove the land-
marks;
They violently take away flocks,
and feed them.
3 They drive away the ass of the
fatherless;
They take the widow's ox for a
pledge.
4 They turn the needy out of the
way:
The [4]poor of the earth all hide
themselves.
5 Behold, as wild asses in the
desert
They go forth to their work,
seeking diligently for [5]food;
The wilderness *yieldeth* them
bread for their children.
6 They cut [6]their provender in
the field;
And they glean the vintage of
the wicked.
7 They lie all night naked with-
out clothing,
And have no covering in the
cold.
8 They are wet with the showers
of the mountains,
And embrace the rock for want
of a shelter.
9 There are that pluck the father-
less from the breast,
And [7]take a pledge of the poor;
10 *So that* they go about naked
without clothing,
And being hungry they carry
the sheaves.
11 They make oil within the walls
of these men;
They tread *their* winepresses,
and suffer thirst.
12 From out of the [8]populous city
men groan,
And the soul of the wounded
crieth out:
Yet God regardeth not the folly.

13 These are of them that rebel
against the light;
They know not the ways thereof,
Nor abide in the paths thereof.
14 The murderer riseth with the
light;
He killeth the poor and needy;
And in the night he is as a thief.
15 The eye also of the adulterer
waiteth for the twilight,
Saying, No eye shall see me:
And he [9]disguiseth his face.
16 In the dark they dig through
houses:
[10]They shut themselves up in
the day-time;
They know not the light.
17 For [11]the morning is to all of
them as thick darkness;
For they know the terrors of
the thick darkness.

18 [12]Swiftly they *pass away* upon
the face of the waters;
Their portion is cursed in the
earth:
They turn not into the way of
the vineyards.
19 Drought and heat [13]consume
the snow waters:

[1] Or, *he is one* [2] Or, *For I am not dismayed because of the darkness, nor because thick darkness covereth my face* Or, *Why is it, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, that they who know him see not his days?* [4] Or, *meek* [5] Heb. *prey* [6] Or, *his*

[7] Or, *take in pledge that which is on the poor* [8] Heb. *city of men* [9] Or, *putteth a covering on his face* [10] Or, *Which they had marked for themselves* [11] Or, *thick darkness is to all of them as the morning; For they &c.* [12] Or, *Ye say, Swiftly &c.* Heb. *Swift is he &c.* [13] Heb. *violently take away*

So doth Shĕ'ōl *those that* have sinned.
20 The womb shall forget him;
The worm shall feed sweetly on him;
He shall be no more remembered;
And unrighteousness shall be broken [1]as a tree.
21 He devoureth the barren that beareth not,
And doeth not good to the widow.
22 Yet *God* preserveth the mighty by his power:
He riseth up that hath no assurance of life.
23 *God* giveth them to be in security, and they rest thereon;
[2]And his eyes are upon their ways.
24 They are exalted; yet a little while, and they are gone;
[3]Yea, they are brought low, they are [4]taken out of the way as all others,
And are cut off as the tops of the ears of grain.
25 And if it be not so now, who will prove me a liar,
And make my speech nothing worth?

25 Then answered Bĭl'dăd the Shu'hīte, and said,
2 Dominion and fear are with him;
He maketh peace in his high places.
3 Is there any number of his armies?
And upon whom doth not his light arise?
4 How then can man be just [5]with God?
Or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?
5 Behold, even the moon hath no brightness,
And the stars are not pure in his sight:
6 How much less man, that is a worm!
And the son of man, that is a worm!

26 Then Jōb answered and said,
2 How hast thou helped him that is without power!
How hast thou saved the arm that hath no strength!
3 How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom,
And plentifully declared sound knowledge!
4 To whom hast thou uttered words?
And whose [6]spirit came forth from thee?

5 [7]They that are deceased tremble
Beneath the waters and the inhabitants thereof.
6 Shĕ'ōl is naked before [8]*God*
And [9]Ă-băd'dŏn hath no covering.
7 He stretcheth out the north over empty space,
And hangeth the earth [10]upon nothing.
8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds;
And the cloud is not rent under them.
9 He incloseth the face of his throne,
And spreadeth his cloud upon it.
10 He hath described a boundary upon the face of the waters,
Unto the confines of light and darkness.
11 The pillars of heaven tremble
And are astonished at his rebuke.
12 He [11]stirreth up the sea with his power,
And by his understanding he smiteth through Rā'hăb.
13 By his Spirit the heavens are [12]garnished;
His hand hath pierced the [13]swift serpent.
14 Lo, these are but the outskirts of his ways:

[1] Or, *as a tree; even he that devoureth &c.*
[2] Or, *But* [3] Or, *And when they are &c.*
[4] Or, *gathered in*
[5] Or, *before*
[6] Heb. *breath*
[7] Or, *The shades* Heb. *The Rephaim*
[8] Heb. *him* [9] Or, *Destruction*
[10] Or, *over* [11] Or, *stilleth*
[12] Heb. *beauty* [13] Or, *fleeing* Or, *gliding*

And [1]how small a whisper [2]do
we hear of him!
But the thunder of his [3]power
who can understand?

27 And Jōb again took up his
parable, and said,
2 As God liveth, who hath taken
away my right,
And the Almighty, who hath
[4]vexed my soul
3 [5](For my life is yet whole in me,
And the spirit of God is in my
nostrils);
4 Surely my lips [6]shall not speak
unrighteousness,
Neither [7]shall my tongue utter
deceit.
5 Far be it from me that I should
justify you:
Till I die I will not put away
mine integrity from me.
6 My righteousness I hold fast,
and will not let it go:
My heart [8]shall not reproach
me so long as I live.
7 Let mine enemy be as the
wicked,
And let him that riseth up
against me be as the un-
righteous.

8 For what is the hope of the
godless, [9]though he get him
gain,
When God taketh away his
soul?
9 Will God hear his cry,
When trouble cometh upon
him?
10 Will he delight himself in the
Almighty,
And call upon God at all times?
11 I will teach you concerning the
hand of God;
That which is with the Al-
mighty will I not conceal.
12 Behold, all ye yourselves have
seen it;
Why then are ye become altо-
gether vain?

13 This is the portion of a wicked
man with God,
And the heritage of oppressors,
which they receive from the
Almighty:
14 If his children be multiplied, it
is for the sword;
And his offspring shall not be
satisfied with bread.
15 Those that remain of him shall
be buried in death,
And his widows shall make no
lamentation.
16 Though he heap up silver as the
dust,
And prepare raiment as the clay;
17 He may prepare it, but the
just shall put it on,
And the innocent shall divide
the silver.
18 He buildeth his house as the
moth,
And as a booth which the keeper
maketh.
19 He lieth down rich, but he
shall not be gathered *to his
fathers*;
He openeth his eyes, and he is
not.
20 Terrors overtake him like
waters;
A tempest stealeth him away
in the night.
21 The east wind carrieth him
away, and he departeth;
And it sweepeth him out of his
place.
22 For *God* shall hurl at him, and
not spare:
He would fain flee out of his
hand.
23 Men shall clap their hands at
him,
And shall hiss him out of his
place.

28 [10]Surely there is a mine for
silver,
And a place for gold which they
refine.
2 Iron is taken out of the [11]earth,
And copper is molten out of
the stone.
3 *Man* setteth an end to darkness,
And searcheth out, to the
furthest bound,

[1] Or, *how little a portion* [2] Or, *is heard*
[3] Or, *mighty deeds* [4] Heb. *made my soul*
[5] Or, *All the while my breath is in*
nostrils; surely [6] Or, *do* [7] Or,
[8] Or, *doth not reproach* me for *any of*
my days [9] Or, *when God cutteth him off,*
when he taketh &c.
[10] Or, *For* [11] Or, *dust*

The stones of obscurity and of
thick darkness.
4 [1]He breaketh open a shaft away
from where men sojourn;
They are forgotten of the foot;
They hang afar from men, they
[2]swing to and fro.
5 As for the earth, out of it
cometh bread;
And underneath it is turned up
as it were by fire.
6 The stones thereof are the
place of sapphires,
[3]And it hath dust of gold.
7 That path no bird of prey
knoweth,
Neither hath the falcon's eye
seen it:
8 The [4]proud beasts have not
trodden it,
Nor hath the fierce lion passed
thereby.
9 He putteth forth his hand upon
the flinty rock;
He overturneth the mountains
by the roots.
10 He cutteth out [5]channels among
the rocks;
And his eye seeth every pre-
cious thing.
11 He bindeth the streams [6]that
they trickle not;
And the thing that is hid bring-
eth he forth to light.

12 But where shall wisdom be
found?
And where is the place of un-
derstanding?
13 Man knoweth not the price
thereof;
Neither is it found in the land
of the living.
14 The deep saith, It is not in me;
And the sea saith, It is not with
me.
15 It cannot be gotten for [7]gold,
Neither shall silver be weighed
for the price thereof.
16 It cannot be valued with the
gold of Ō'phĭr,
With the precious [8]onyx, or the
sapphire.
17 Gold and glass cannot equal it:
Neither shall it be exchanged
for [9]jewels of fine gold.
18 No mention shall be made of
coral or of crystal:
Yea, the price of wisdom is
above [10]rubies.
19 The topaz of Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-à shall
not equal it,
Neither shall it be valued with
pure gold.
20 Whence then cometh wisdom?
And where is the place of un-
derstanding?
21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of
all living,
And kept close from the birds
of the heavens.
22 [11]Destruction and Death say,
We have heard a rumor thereof
with our ears.

23 God understandeth the way
thereof,
And he knoweth the place
thereof.
24 For he looketh to the ends of
the earth,
And seeth under the whole
heaven;
25 [12]To make a weight for the wind;
Yea, he meteth out the waters
by measure.
26 When he made a decree for
the rain,
And a way for the lightning of
the thunder;
27 Then did he see it, and [13]de-
clare it;
He established it, yea, and
searched it out.
28 And unto man he said,
Behold, the fear of the Lord,
that is wisdom;
And to depart from evil is un-
derstanding.

29 And Jōb again took up his
parable, and said,
2 Oh that I were as in the month
of old,
As in the days when God
watched over me;

[1] Or, *The flood breaketh out from where men sojourn, even the waters forgotten of the foot: they are diminished, they are gone away from man* [2] Or, *flit* [3] Or, *And he winneth lumps of gold* [4] Heb. *sons of pride* [5] Or, *passages* [6] Heb. *from weeping* [7] Or, *treasure*
[8] Or, *beryl* [9] Or, *vessels* [10] Or, *red coral* Or, *pearls* [11] Heb. *Abaddon* [12] Or, *When he maketh* [13] Or, *recount*

3 When his lamp shined [1]upon my head,
And by his light I walked through darkness;
4 As I was in [2]the ripeness of my days,
When the [3]friendship of God was upon my tent;
5 When the Almighty was yet with me,
And my children were about me;
6 When my steps were washed with butter,
And the rock poured me out streams of oil!
7 When I went forth to the gate unto the city,
When I prepared my seat in the [4]street,
8 The young men saw me and hid themselves,
And the aged rose up and stood;
9 The princes refrained from talking,
And laid their hand on their mouth;
10 The voice of the nobles was [5]hushed,
And their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.
11 For when the ear heard *me*, then it blessed me;
And when the eye saw *me*, it gave witness unto me:
12 Because I delivered the poor that cried,
The fatherless also, [6]that had none to help him.
13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me;
And I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
14 I put on righteousness, and it [7]clothed me:
My justice was as a robe and a [8]diadem.
15 I was eyes to the blind,
And feet was I to the lame.
16 I was a father to the needy:
And [9]the cause of him that I knew not I searched out.
17 And I brake the [10]jaws of the unrighteous,
And plucked the prey out of his teeth.
18 Then I said, I shall die [11]in my nest,
And I shall multiply my days as the sand:
19 My root is [12]spread out [13]to the waters,
And the dew lieth all night upon my branch:
20 My glory is fresh in me,
And my bow is renewed in my hand.
21 Unto me men gave ear, and waited,
And kept silence for my counsel.
22 After my words they spake not again;
And my speech distilled upon them.
23 And they waited for me as for the rain;
And they opened their mouth wide *as* for the latter rain.
24 I smiled on them, when they had no confidence;
And the light of my countenance they cast not down.
25 I chose out their way, and sat *as* chief,
And dwelt as a king in the army,
As one that comforteth the mourners.

30 But now they that are younger than I have me in derision,
Whose fathers I disdained to set with the dogs of my flock.
2 Yea, the strength of their hands, whereto should it profit me?
Men in whom [14]ripe age is perished.
3 They are gaunt with want and famine;
[15]They gnaw the dry ground,
[16]in the gloom of wasteness and desolation.
4 They pluck salt-wort by the bushes;

[1] Or, *above* [2] Heb. *my days of autumn* [3] Or, *counsel* [4] Or, *broad place* [5] Heb. *hid* [6] Or, *and* him *that had &c.* [7] Or, *clothed itself with me* [8] Or, *turban* [9] Or, *the cause which I knew not* [10] Heb. *great teeth*
[11] Or, *beside* Heb. *with* [12] Heb. *opened* [13] Or, *by* [14] Or, *vigor* [15] Or, *They flee into the wilderness, into &c.* [16] Or, which *yesternight* was Or, *on the eve of*

Job bewails his Present Wretchedness

And the roots of the broom are [1]their food.
5 They are driven forth from the midst *of men;*
They cry after them as after a thief;
6 So that they dwell in frightful valleys,
In holes of the earth and of the rocks.
7 Among the bushes they bray;
Under the [2]nettles they [3]are gathered together.
8 *They are* children of fools, yea, children of [4]base men;
They [5]were scourged out of the land.

9 And now I am become their song,
Yea, I am a byword unto them.
10 They abhor me, they stand aloof from me,
And spare not to spit [6]in my face.
11 For he hath loosed [7]his cord, and afflicted me;
And they have cast off the bridle before me.
12 Upon my right hand rise the [8]rabble;
They thrust aside my feet,
And they cast up against me their ways of destruction.
13 They [9]mar my path,
They set forward my calamity,
Even men that have no helper.
14 [10]As through a wide breach they come:
In the midst of the ruin they roll themselves *upon me.*
15 Terrors are turned upon me;
[11]They chase [12]mine honor as the wind;
And my welfare is passed away as a cloud.

16 And now my soul is poured out [13]within me;
Days of affliction have taken hold upon me.
17 In the night season my bones are [14]pierced [15]in me,
And [16]the *pains* that gnaw me take no rest.
18 By *God's* great force is my garment disfigured;
It bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.
19 He hath cast me into the mire,
And I am become like dust and ashes.
20 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not answer me:
I stand up, and thou gazest at me.
21 Thou art turned to be cruel to me;
With the might of thy hand thou persecutest me.
22 Thou liftest me up to the wind, thou causest me to ride *upon it;*
And thou dissolvest me in the storm.
23 For I know that thou wilt bring me to death,
And to [17]the house appointed for all living.

24 Howbeit doth not one stretch out the hand in his fall?
Or in his calamity therefore cry for help?
25 Did not I weep for him that was in trouble?
Was not my soul grieved for the needy?
26 When I looked for good, then evil came;
And when I waited for light, there came darkness.
27 My heart is troubled, and resteth not;
Days of affliction are come upon me.
28 I go [18]mourning without the sun:
I stand up in the assembly, and cry for help.
29 I am a brother to jackals,
And a companion to ostriches.
30 My skin is black, *and falleth* from me,
My bones are burned with heat.

[1] Or, *to warm them* [2] Or, *wild vetches* [3] Or, *stretch themselves* [4] Heb. men of *no name* [5] Or, *are outcasts from the land* [6] Or, *at the sight of me* [7] According to another reading, *my cord* (or, *bowstring*) [8] Or, *brood* [9] Or, *break up* [10] Or, *As a wide breaking in* of waters [11] Or, *Thou chasest* [12] Or, *my nobility* [13] Heb. *upon me* [14] Or, *corroded* and drop *away from me* [15] Heb. *from off* [16] Or, *my sinews take &c.* [17] Or, *the house of meeting for &c.* [18] Or, *blackened, but not by the sun*

And my bones are burned with heat.
31 Therefore is my harp *turned* to mourning,
And my pipe into the voice of them that weep.

31 I made a covenant with mine eyes;
How then should I look upon a virgin?
2 [1]For what is the portion from God above,
And the heritage from the Almighty on high?
3 Is it not calamity to the unrighteous,
And disaster to the workers of iniquity?
4 Doth not he see my ways,
And number all my steps?

5 If I have walked with falsehood,
And my foot hath hasted to deceit
6 (Let me be weighed in an even balance,
That God may know mine integrity);
7 If my step hath turned out of the way,
And my heart walked after mine eyes,
And if any spot hath cleaved to my hands:
8 Then let me sow, and let another eat;
Yea, let [2]the produce of my field be rooted out.

9 If my heart hath been enticed unto a woman,
And I have laid wait at my neighbor's door;
10 Then let my wife grind unto another,
And let others bow down upon her.
11 For that were a heinous crime;
Yea, it were an iniquity to be punished by the judges:
12 For it is a fire that consumeth unto [3]Destruction,
And would root out all mine increase.
13 If I have despised the cause of my man-servant or of my maid-servant,
When they contended with me;
14 What then shall I do when God riseth up?
And when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?
15 Did not he that made me in the womb make him?
And did not one fashion us in the womb?

16 If I have withheld [4]the poor from *their* desire,
Or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail,
17 Or have eaten my morsel alone,
And the fatherless hath not eaten thereof
18 (Nay, from my youth he grew up with me as with a father,
And her have I guided from my mother's womb);
19 If I have seen any perish for want of clothing,
Or that the needy had no covering;
20 If his loins have not blessed me,
And if he hath not been warmed with the fleece of my sheep;
21 If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless,
Because I saw my help in the gate:
22 Then let my shoulder fall from the shoulder-blade,
And mine arm be broken from the bone.
23 For calamity from God is a terror to me,
And by reason of his majesty I can do nothing.

24 If I have made gold my hope,
And have said to the fine gold, *Thou art* my confidence;
25 If I have rejoiced because my wealth was great,
And because my hand had gotten much;

[1] Or, *For what portion* should I have *of God . . . and what heritage &c.? Is there not calamity &c.?* [2] Or, *my offspring* Heb. *my produce* [3] Heb. *Abaddon* See ch. 26.6
[4] Or, *aught that the poor desired*

26 If I have beheld [1]the sun when it shined,
Or the moon walking in brightness,
27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed,
And [2]my mouth hath kissed my hand:
28 This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judges;
For I should have denied the God that is above.
29 If I have rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me,
Or lifted up myself when evil found him
30 (Yea, I have not suffered my [3]mouth to sin
By asking his life with a curse);
31 If the men of my tent have not said,
Who can find one that hath not been filled with his meat?
32 (The sojourner hath not lodged in the street;
But I have opened my doors to [4]the traveller);
33 If [5]like Adam I have covered my transgressions,
By hiding mine iniquity in my bosom,
34 Because I feared the great multitude,
And the contempt of families terrified me,
So that I kept silence, and went not out of the door—
35 Oh that I had one to hear me!
(Lo, here is my [6]signature, let the Almighty answer me);
And *that I had* the [7]indictment which mine adversary hath written!
36 Surely I would carry it upon my shoulder;
I would bind it unto me as a crown:
37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps;
As a prince would I [8]go near unto him.
38 If my land crieth out against me,
And the furrows thereof weep together;
39 If I have eaten the [9]fruits thereof without money,
Or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life:
40 Let [10]thistles grow instead of wheat,
And [11]cockle instead of barley.

The words of Jōb are ended.

[1] Heb. *the light* [2] Heb. *my hand hath kissed my mouth* [3] Heb. *palate* [4] Heb. *the way* [5] Or, *after the manner of men* [6] Heb. *mark* [7] Heb. *book* [8] Or, *present it* to him

32 So these three men ceased to answer Jōb, because he was righteous in his own eyes. 2 Then was kindled the wrath of Ĕ-lī'hū the son of Băr'ă-chĕl the Bŭz'īte, of the family of Ram: against Jōb was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God. 3 Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Jōb. 4 Now Ĕ-lī'hū had [12]waited to speak unto Jōb, because they were elder than he. 5 And when Ĕ-lī'hū saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, his wrath was kindled.

6 And Ĕ-lī'hū the son of Băr'ă-chĕl the Bŭz'īte answered and said,
I am young, and ye are very old;
Wherefore I held back, and durst not show you mine opinion.
7 I said, Days should speak,
And multitude of years should teach wisdom.
8 But there is a spirit in man,
And the breath of the Almighty giveth them understanding.
9 It is not the great that are wise,
Nor the aged that understand justice.
10 Therefore I [13]said, Hearken to me;
I also will show mine opinion.

11 Behold, I waited for your words,
I listened for your reasonings,
Whilst ye searched out what to say.

[9] Heb. *strength* [10] Or, *thorns* [11] Or, *noisome weeds* [12] Heb. *waited for Job with words* [13] Or, *say*

12 Yea, I attended unto you,
And, behold, there was none that convinced Jōb,
Or that answered his words, among you.
13 [1]Beware lest ye say, We have found wisdom;
God may vanquish him, not man:
14 For he hath not directed his words against me;
Neither will I answer him with your speeches.

15 They are amazed, they answer no more:
They have not a word to say.
16 And shall I wait, because they speak not,
Because they stand still, and answer no more?
17 I also will answer my part,
I also will show mine opinion.
18 For I am full of words;
The spirit within me constraineth me.
19 Behold, my breast is as wine which hath no vent;
Like new wine-skins [2]it is ready to burst.
20 I will speak, that I may [3]be refreshed;
I will open my lips and answer.
21 Let me not, I pray you, respect any man's person;
Neither will I give flattering titles unto any man.
22 For I know not to give flattering titles;
Else would my Maker soon take me away.

33 Howbeit, Jōb, I pray thee, hear my speech,
And hearken to all my words.
2 Behold now, I have opened my mouth;
My tongue hath spoken in my [4]mouth.
3 My words *shall utter* the uprightness of my heart;
And that which my lips know they shall speak sincerely.
4 The Spirit of God hath made me,
And the breath of the Almighty giveth me life.
5 If thou canst, answer thou me;
Set *thy words* in order before me, stand forth.
6 Behold, [5]I am toward God even as thou art:
I also am formed out of the clay.
7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid,
Neither shall my pressure be heavy upon thee.

8 Surely thou hast spoken in my hearing,
And I have heard the voice of *thy* words, *saying*,
9 I am clean, without transgression;
I am innocent, neither is there iniquity in me:
10 Behold, he findeth [6]occasions against me,
He counteth me for his enemy;
11 He putteth my feet in the stocks,
He marketh all my paths.
12 Behold, [7]I will answer thee, in this thou art not just;
For God is greater than man.

13 Why dost thou strive against him,
For that he giveth not account of any of his matters?
14 For God speaketh [8]once,
Yea twice, *though man* regardeth it not.
15 In a dream, in a vision of the night,
When deep sleep falleth upon men,
In slumberings upon the bed;
16 Then he [9]openeth the ears of men,
And sealeth their instruction,
17 [10]That he may withdraw man *from his* purpose,
And hide pride from man;
18 [11]He keepeth back his soul from the pit,

[1] Or, *Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom; God thrusteth him down, not man.* [2] Or, *which are ready* [3] Or, *find relief* [4] Heb. *palate*
[5] Or, *I am according to thy wish in God's stead* [6] Or, *causes of alienation* [7] Or, *in this thou art not just: I will answer thee; for &c.* [8] Or, *in one way, yea, in two* [9] Heb. *uncovereth* [10] Or, *That man may put away his purpose, And that he may hide* [11] Or, *That he may keep back*

And his life from perishing by
the [1]sword.

19 He is chastened also with pain
upon his bed,
[2]And with continual strife in
his bones;
20 So that his life abhorreth bread,
And his soul dainty food.
21 His flesh is consumed away,
that it cannot be seen;
And his bones that were not
seen stick out.
22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto
the pit,
And his life to the destroyers.

23 If there be with him [3]an angel,
An interpreter, one [4]among a
thousand,
To show unto man [5]what is
right for him;
24 [6]Then *God* is gracious unto him,
and saith,
Deliver him from going down
to the pit,
I have found a ransom.
25 His flesh shall be fresher than
a child's;
He returneth to the days of his
youth.
26 He prayeth unto God, and he is
favorable unto him,
So that he seeth his face with
joy:
And he restoreth unto man his
righteousness.
27 He [7]singeth before men, and
saith,
I have sinned, and perverted
that which was right,
And [8]it profited me not:
28 He hath redeemed my soul
from going into the pit,
And my life shall behold the
light.

29 Lo, all these things doth God
work,
Twice, *yea* thrice, with a man,
30 To bring back his soul from the
pit,
That he may be enlightened
with the light of [9]the living.
31 Mark well, O Jōb, hearken
unto me:
Hold thy peace, and I will
speak.
32 If thou hast anything to say,
answer me:
Speak, for I desire to justify
thee.
33 If not, hearken thou unto me:
Hold thy peace, and I will teach
thee wisdom.

34 Moreover Ĕ-lī'hū answered and said,
2 Hear my words, ye wise
men;
And give ear unto me, ye that
have knowledge.
3 For the ear trieth words,
As the palate tasteth food.
4 Let us choose for us that which
is right:
Let us know among ourselves
what is good.
5 For Jōb hath said, I am right-
eous,
And God hath taken away my
right:
6 [10]Notwithstanding my right I am
accounted a liar;
[11]My wound is incurable, *though*
I am without transgression.
7 What man is like Jōb,
Who drinketh up scoffing like
water,
8 Who goeth in company with the
workers of iniquity,
And walketh with wicked men?
9 For he hath said, It profiteth a
man nothing
That he should [12]delight himself
with God.

10 Therefore hearken unto me,
ye men of understanding:
Far be it from God, that he
should do wickedness,
And from the Almighty, that
he should commit iniquity.
11 For the work of a man will he
render unto him,
And cause every man to find
according to his ways.

[1] Or, *weapons* [2] Another reading is, *While all his bones are firm* [3] Or, *a messenger* [4] Or, *of the thousand* [5] Or, *his uprightness* [6] Or, *And he be gracious . . and say . . ransom: his flesh &c.* [7] Or, *looketh upon men* [8] Or, *it was not requited unto me* Or, *it was not meet for me*

[9] Or, *life* [10] Or, *Should I lie against my right?* [11] Heb. *Mine arrow* [12] Or, *consent with* See Ps. 50.18

Yea, of a surety, God will not
do wickedly,
Neither will the Almighty pervert justice.
Who gave him a charge over
the earth?
Or who hath [1]disposed the
whole world?
[2]If he set his heart upon [3]himself,
If he gather unto himself his
spirit and his breath;
All flesh shall perish together,
And man shall turn again unto
dust.

[4]If now *thou hast* understanding, hear this:
Hearken to the voice of my
words.
Shall even one that hateth
justice govern?
And wilt thou condemn him that
is righteous *and* mighty?—
[5]*Him* that saith to a king,
Thou art vile,
Or to nobles, *Ye are* wicked;
That respecteth not the persons
of princes,
Nor regardeth the rich more
than the poor;
For they all are the work of his
hands.
In a moment they die, [6]even
at midnight;
The people are shaken and
pass away,
And the mighty are taken away
without hand.

For his eyes are upon the ways
of a man,
And he seeth all his goings.
There is no darkness, nor thick
gloom,
Where the workers of iniquity
may hide themselves.
For he needeth not further to
consider a man,
That he should go before God
in judgment.

24 He breaketh in pieces mighty
men [7]*in ways* past finding out,
And setteth others in their
stead.
25 Therefore he taketh knowledge
of their works;
And he overturneth them in
the night, so that they are
[8]destroyed.
26 He striketh them as wicked men
[9]In the open sight of others;
27 Because they turned aside from
following him,
And would not have regard to
any of his ways:
28 [10]So that they caused the cry of
the poor to come unto him,
And he heard the cry of the afflicted.
29 When he giveth quietness,
who then can condemn?
And when he hideth his face,
who then can behold him?
Alike whether *it be done* unto a
nation, or unto a man:
30 That the godless man reign not,
That there be none to ensnare
the people.

31 For hath any said unto God,
I have borne *chastisement*, [11]I
will not offend *any more*:
32 That which I see not teach thou
me:
If I have done iniquity, I will
do it no more?
33 Shall his recompense be as
thou wilt, that thou refusest
it?
For thou must choose, and not I:
Therefore speak what thou
knowest.
34 Men of understanding will say
unto me,
Yea, every wise man that hareth me:
35 Jōb speaketh without knowledge,
And his words are without
wisdom.
36 Would that Jōb were tried
unto the end,
Because of his answering like
wicked men.

[1] Or, *laid* upon him [2] According to ther reading. *If he cause his heart to return o himself* [3] Or, *man* Heb. *him* [4] Or, *y understand* [5] The Heb. as pointed his, *Is it* fit *to say to a king*, Thou art *vile? to nobles*, Ye are *wicked?* [6] Or, *and at night the people &c.*
[7] Or, *without inquisition* [8] Heb. *crushed* [9] Heb. *In the place of beholders* [10] Or, *That they might cause . . . And that he might hear* [11] Or, *though I offend not*

37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin;
He clappeth his hands among us,
And multiplieth his words against God.

35 Moreover Ē-lī'hū answered and said,
2 Thinkest thou this to be *thy* right,
Or sayest thou, My righteousness is more than God's,
3 That thou sayest, What advantage will it be unto thee?
And, What profit shall I have, more than if I had sinned?
4 I will answer thee,
And thy companions with thee.
5 Look unto the heavens, and see;
And behold the skies, which are higher than thou.
6 If thou hast sinned, what effectest thou against him?
And if thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him?
7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him?
Or what receiveth he of thy hand?
8 Thy wickedness *may hurt* a man as thou art;
And thy righteousness *may profit* a son of man.

9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they cry out;
They cry for help by reason of the arm of the mighty.
10 But none saith, Where is God my Maker,
Who giveth songs in the night,
11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth,
And maketh us wiser than the birds of the heavens?
12 There they cry, [1]but none giveth answer,
Because of the pride of evil men.
13 Surely God will not hear an empty *cry*,
Neither will the Almighty regard it.
14 How much less when thou sayest [2]thou beholdest him not,
The cause is before him, and thou waitest for him!
15 But now, because he hath not visited in his anger,
[3]Neither doth he greatly regard arrogance;
16 Therefore doth Jōb open his mouth in vanity;
He multiplieth words without knowledge.

36 Ē-lī'hū also proceeded and said,
2 [4]Suffer me a little, and I will show thee;
For [5]I have yet somewhat to say on God's behalf.
3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar,
And will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.
4 For truly my words are not false:
One that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.
5 Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any:
He is mighty in strength of [6]understanding.
6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked,
But giveth to the afflicted *their* right.
7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous:
But with kings upon the throne
He setteth them for ever, and they are exalted.
8 And if they be bound in fetters,
And be taken in the cords of affliction;
9 Then he showeth them their work,
And their transgressions, that they have behaved themselves proudly.
10 He openeth also their ear to instruction,
And commandeth that they return from iniquity.
11 If they hearken and serve *him*
They shall spend their days in prosperity,

[1] Or, *but he answereth not* [2] Or, *thou beholdest him not! The cause is before him; therefore wait thou for him*
[3] Or, Thou sayest, *He doth not greatly regard arrogance. Thus doth &c.* [4] Heb. *Wait for* [5] Heb. there are *yet words for God* [6] Heb. *heart*

And their years in [1]pleasures.
12 But if they hearken not, they
shall perish by [2]the sword,
And they shall die without
knowledge.
13 But they that are godless in
heart lay up anger:
They cry not for help when he
bindeth them.
14 [3]They die in youth,
And their life *perisheth* [4]among
the [5]unclean.
15 He delivereth the afflicted [6]by
their affliction,
And openeth their ear [7]in op-
pression.
16 Yea, he would have allured
thee [8]out of distress
Into a broad place, where there
is no straitness;
And that which is set on thy
table would be full of fat-
ness.

17 But thou [9]art full of the judg-
ment of the wicked:
Judgment and justice take
hold *on thee*.
18 [10]For let not wrath stir thee up
against chastisements;
Neither let the greatness of the
ransom turn thee aside.
19 Will thy cry avail, *that thou be*
not in distress,
Or all the forces of *thy* strength?
20 Desire not the night,
When peoples [11]are cut off in
their place.
21 Take heed, regard not iniquity:
For this hast thou chosen
rather than affliction.
22 Behold, God doeth loftily in
his power:
Who is a teacher like unto him?
23 Who hath enjoined him his
way?
Or who can say, Thou hast
wrought unrighteousness?

24 Remember that thou mag-
nify his work,
Whereof men have sung.
25 All men have looked thereon;
Man beholdeth it afar off.
26 Behold, God is great, and we
know him not;
The number of his years is un-
searchable.
27 For he draweth up the drops of
water,
Which distil in rain [12]from [13]his
vapor,
28 Which the skies pour down
And drop upon man abundantly.
29 Yea, can any understand the
spreadings of the clouds,
The thunderings of his pa-
vilion?
30 Behold, he spreadeth his light
[14]around him;
And he [15]covereth the bottom
of the sea.
31 For by these he judgeth the
peoples;
He giveth food in abundance.
32 He covereth his hands with the
[16]lightning,
And giveth it a charge [17]that it
strike the mark.
33 The noise thereof telleth con-
cerning [18]him,
The cattle also concerning [19]*the*
storm that cometh up.

37 Yea, at this my heart trem-
bleth,
And is moved out of its place.
2 Hear, oh, hear the noise of his
voice,
And the [20]sound that goeth out
of his mouth.
3 He sendeth it forth under the
whole heaven,
And his [16]lightning unto the
[21]ends of the earth.
4 After it a voice roareth;
He thundereth with the voice
of his majesty;
And he restraineth not [22]*the*
lightnings when his voice is
heard.
5 God thundereth marvellously
with his voice;
Great things doeth he, which
we cannot comprehend.

[1] Or, *pleasantness* [2] Or, *weapons* [3] Heb. *Their soul dieth* [4] Or, *like* [5] Or, *sodomites* See Deut. 23.17 [6] Or, *in* [7] Or, *by adversity* [8] Heb. *out of the mouth of* [9] Or, *hast filled up* [10] Or, *Because there is wrath, beware lest thou be led away by thy sufficiency* [11] Heb. *go up*
[12] Heb. *belonging to* [13] Or, *the vapor thereof* [14] Or, *thereon* [15] Or, *covereth it with the depths of the sea* [16] Heb. *light* [17] Or, *against the assailant* [18] Or, *it* [19] Or, *him* [20] Or, *muttering* [21] Heb. *skirts* [22] Heb. *them*

6 For he saith to the snow, Fall thou on the earth;
Likewise to the shower of rain,
And to the showers of his mighty rain.
7 He sealeth up the hand of every man,
That all men whom he hath made may know *it*.
8 Then the beasts go into coverts,
And remain in their dens.
9 Out of the chamber *of the south* cometh the storm,
And cold out of the [1]north.
10 By the breath of God ice is given;
And the breadth of the waters is [2]straitened.
11 Yea, he ladeth the thick cloud with moisture;
He spreadeth abroad the cloud of his [3]lightning:
12 And it is turned round about by his guidance,
That they may do whatsoever he commandeth them
Upon the face of the habitable world;
13 Whether it be for correction, or for his [4]land,
Or for lovingkindness, that he cause it to come.

14 Hearken unto this, O Jōb:
Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.
15 Dost thou know how God layeth *his charge* upon them,
And causeth the [3]lightning of his cloud to shine?
16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds,
The wondrous works of him who is perfect in knowledge?
17 [5]How thy garments are warm,
[6]When the earth is still by reason of the south *wind*?
18 Canst thou with him spread out the sky,
Which is strong as a molten mirror?
19 Teach us what we shall say unto him;
For we cannot set *our speech* in order by reason of darkness.
20 Shall it be told him that I would speak?
[7]Or should a man wish that he were swallowed up?

21 And now men [8]see not the light which is bright in the skies;
But the wind passeth, and cleareth them.
22 Out of the north cometh [9]golden splendor:
God hath upon him terrible majesty.
23 *Touching* the Almighty, we cannot find him out:
He is excellent in power;
And [10]in justice and plenteous righteousness he will not afflict.
24 Men do therefore fear him:
He regardeth not any that are wise of heart.

38 Then Jĕ-hō'văh answered Jōb out of the whirlwind, and said,
2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel
By words without knowledge?
3 Gird up now thy loins like a man;
For I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.
4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?
Declare, [11]if thou hast understanding.
5 Who determined the measures thereof, [12]if thou knowest?
Or who stretched the line upon it?
6 Whereupon were the [13]foundations thereof [14]fastened?
Or who laid the corner-stone thereof,
7 When the morning stars sang together,
And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

[1] Heb. *scattering* winds [2] Or, *congealed* [3] Heb. *light* [4] Or, *earth* [5] Or, *Thou whose garments are &c.* [6] Or, *When he quieteth the earth by the south* wind [7] Or, *If a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up* [8] Or, *cannot look on the light when it is bright in the skies, when the wind hath passed, and cleared them* [9] Heb. *gold* [10] Or, *to justice . . . he doeth no violence* [11] Heb. *if thou knowest understanding* [12] Or, *seeing* [13] Heb *sockets* [14] Heb. *made to sink*

8 Or *who* shut up the sea with doors,
When it brake forth, [1]*as if* it had issued out of the womb;
9 When I made clouds the garment thereof,
And thick darkness a swaddling-band for it,
10 And [2]marked out for it my bound,
And set bars and doors,
11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further;
And here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days *began*,
And caused the dayspring to know its place;
13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth,
And the wicked be shaken out of it?
14 It is changed as clay under the seal;
And *all things* stand forth [3]as a garment:
15 And from the wicked their light is withholden,
And the high arm is broken.

16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea?
Or hast thou walked in the [4]recesses of the deep?
17 Have the gates of death been revealed unto thee?
Or hast thou seen the gates of the shadow of death?
18 Hast thou comprehended the earth in its breadth?
Declare, if thou knowest it all.

19 Where is the way to the dwelling of light?
And as for darkness, where is the place thereof,
20 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof,
And that thou shouldest discern the paths to the house thereof?
21 *Doubtless*, thou knowest, for thou wast then born,
And the number of thy days is great!

[1] Or, and *issued* in *a garment* [2] Heb. *brake* [3] Or, *as* [4] Or, *search*

22 Hast thou entered the treasuries of the snow,
Or hast thou seen the treasuries of the hail,
23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble,
Against the day of battle and war?
24 [5]By what way is the light parted,
Or the east wind scattered upon the earth?

25 Who hath cleft a channel for the waterflood,
Or a way for the lightning of the thunder;
26 To cause it to rain on a land where no man is;
On the wilderness, wherein there is no man;
27 To satisfy the waste and desolate *ground*,
And to cause the [6]tender grass to spring forth?
28 Hath the rain a father?
Or who hath begotten the drops of dew?
29 Out of whose womb came the ice?
And the hoary frost of heaven, who hath [7]gendered it?
30 The waters [8]hide themselves *and become* like stone,
And the face of the deep [9]is frozen.

31 Canst thou bind the [10]cluster of the Plē'ĭă-dēs,
Or loose the bands of Ō-rī'ŏn?
32 Canst thou lead forth [11]the Măz'ză-rŏth in their season?
Or canst thou guide the Bear with her [12]train?
33 Knowest thou the ordinances of the heavens?
Canst thou establish the dominion thereof in the earth?

34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds,
That abundance of waters may cover thee?

[5] Or, *Which is the way* to the place where *the light is &c.* [6] Or, *greensward* [7] Or, *given it birth* [8] Or, *are congealed like stone* [9] Heb. *cohereth* [10] Or, *chain* Or, *sweet influences* [11] Or, *the signs of the Zodiac* [12] Heb. *sons*

35 Canst thou send forth lightnings, that they may go,
And say unto thee, Here we are?
36 Who hath put wisdom in the [1]inward parts?
Or who hath given understanding to the [2]mind?
37 Who can number the clouds by wisdom?
Or who can [3]pour out the bottles of heaven,
38 When the dust runneth into a mass,
And the clods cleave fast together?

39 Canst thou hunt the prey for the lioness,
Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
40 When they couch in their dens,
And abide in the covert to lie in wait?
41 Who provideth for the raven his prey,
When his young ones cry unto God,
And wander for lack of food?

39 Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth?
Or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve?
2 Canst thou number the months that they fulfil?
Or knowest thou the time when they bring forth?
3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young,
They cast out their pains.
4 Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open field;
They go forth, and [4]return not again.

5 Who hath sent out the wild ass free?
Or who hath loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
6 Whose home I have made the wilderness,
And the salt land his dwelling-place?
7 He scorneth the tumult of the city,
Neither heareth he the shoutings of the [5]driver.
8 The range of the mountains is his pasture,
And he searcheth after every green thing.
9 Will the wild-ox be content to serve thee?
Or will he abide by thy crib?
10 Canst thou bind the wild-ox with his band in the furrow?
Or will he harrow the valleys after thee?
11 Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is great?
Or wilt thou leave to him thy labor?
12 Wilt thou confide in him, that he will bring home thy seed,
And gather *the grain* of thy threshing-floor?
13 The wings of the ostrich wave proudly;
But are they the pinions and plumage of [6]love?
14 For she leaveth her eggs on the earth,
And warmeth them in the dust,
15 And forgetteth that the foot may crush them,
Or that the wild beast may trample them.
16 She [7]dealeth hardly with her young ones, as if they were not hers:
Though her labor be in vain, *she is* without fear;
17 Because God hath [8]deprived her of wisdom,
Neither hath he imparted to her understanding.
18 What time she [9]lifteth up herself on high,
She scorneth the horse and his rider.
19 Hast thou given the horse *his* might?
Hast thou clothed his neck with the [10]quivering mane?
20 Hast thou made him to leap as a locust?

[1] Or, *dark clouds* [2] Or, *meteor* [3] Heb. *cause to lie down* [4] Or, *return not unto them*
[5] Or, *taskmaster* [6] Or, *a stork* [7] Or, *is hardened against* [8] Heb. *made her to forget wisdom* [9] Or, *rouseth herself up to flight* [10] Heb. *shaking*

The glory of his snorting is terrible.
21 [1]He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength:
He goeth out to meet [2]the armed men.
22 He mocketh at fear, and is not dismayed;
Neither turneth he back from the sword.
23 The quiver rattleth [3]against him,
The flashing spear and the javelin.
24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage;
Neither [4]believeth he that it is the voice of the trumpet.
25 As oft as the trumpet *soundeth* he saith, Aha!
And he smelleth the battle afar off,
The thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

26 Is it by thy wisdom that the hawk soareth,
And stretcheth her wings toward the south?
27 Is it at thy command that the eagle mounteth up,
And maketh her nest on high?
28 On the cliff she dwelleth, and maketh her home,
Upon the point of the cliff, and the stronghold.
29 From thence she spieth out the prey;
Her eyes behold it afar off.
30 Her young ones also suck up blood:
And where the slain are, there is she.

40 Moreover Jĕ-hō'văh answered Jōb, and said,
2 Shall he that cavilleth contend with the Almighty?
He that argueth with God, let him answer it.

3 Then Jōb answered Jĕ-hō'văh, and said,
4 Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer thee?
I lay my hand upon my mouth.
5 Once have I spoken, and I will not answer;
Yea, twice, but I will proceed no further.

6 Then Jĕ-hō'văh answered Jōb out of the whirlwind, and said,
7 Gird up thy loins now like a man:
I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.
8 Wilt thou even annul my judgment?
Wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be justified?
9 Or hast thou an arm like God?
And canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

10 Deck thyself now with excellency and dignity;
And array thyself with honor and majesty.
11 Pour forth the overflowings of thine anger;
And look upon every one that is proud, and abase him.
12 Look on every one that is proud, *and* bring him low;
And tread down the wicked where they stand.
13 Hide them in the dust together;
Bind their faces in the hidden *place*.
14 Then will I also confess of thee
That thine own right hand can save thee.

15 Behold now, [5]bē'hĕ-mŏth, which I made [6]as well as thee;
He eateth grass as an ox.
16 Lo now, his strength is in his loins,
And his force is in the muscles of his belly.
17 He moveth his tail like a cedar:
The sinews of his thighs are knit together.
18 His bones are *as* tubes of brass;
His [7]limbs are like bars of iron.

19 He is the chief of the ways of God:
He *only* that made him giveth him his sword.
20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food,

[1] Heb. *They paw* [2] Or, *the weapons* [3] Or, *upon* [4] Or, *standeth he still at &c.*
[5] That is, *the hippopotamus* [6] Heb. *with* [7] Or, *ribs*

God's Power in the Hippopotamus and the Crocodile depicted

Where all the beasts of the field do play.
21 He lieth under the lotus-trees,
In the covert of the reed, and the fen.
22 The lotus-trees cover him with their shade;
The willows of the brook compass him about.
23 Behold, if a river [1]overflow, he trembleth not;
He is confident, though a Jordan swell even to his mouth.
24 Shall any take him when he is on the watch,
Or pierce through his nose with a snare?

*41 Canst thou draw out [2]lĕvī'ā-thăn with a fish-hook?
Or press down his tongue with a cord?
2 Canst thou put [3]a rope into his nose?
Or pierce his jaw through with a [4]hook?
3 Will he make many supplications unto thee?
Or will he speak soft words unto thee?
4 Will he make a covenant with thee,
That thou shouldest take him for a servant for ever?
5 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird?
Or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?
6 Will the bands *of fishermen* make traffic of him?
Will they part him among the merchants?
7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons,
Or his head with fish-spears?
8 Lay thy hand upon him;
Remember the battle, and do so no more.
†9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain:
Will not one be cast down even at the sight of him?
10 None is so fierce that he dare stir him up;
Who then is he that can stand before me?
11 Who hath first given unto me, that I should repay him?
Whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine.

12 I will not keep silence concerning his limbs,
Nor his mighty strength, nor his goodly frame.
13 Who can [5]strip off his outer garment?
Who shall come within his jaws?
14 Who can open the doors of his face?
[6]Round about his teeth is terror.
15 *His* [7]strong scales are *his* pride,
Shut up together *as with* a close seal.
16 One is so near to another,
That no air can come between them.
17 They are joined one to another;
They stick together, so that they cannot be sundered.
18 His sneezings flash forth light,
And his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.
19 Out of his mouth go burning torches,
And sparks of fire leap forth.
20 Out of his nostrils a smoke goeth,
As of a boiling pot and *burning* rushes.
21 His breath kindleth coals,
And a flame goeth forth from his mouth.
22 In his neck abideth strength,
And terror danceth before him.
23 The flakes of his flesh are joined together:
They are firm upon him; they cannot be moved.
24 His heart is as firm as a stone;
Yea, firm as the nether millstone.
25 When he raiseth himself up, the mighty are afraid:
By reason of consternation they are beside themselves.
26 If one lay at him with the sword, it cannot avail;

1 Or, *be violent* 2 That is, *the crocodile* 3 Heb. *a rope of rushes* 4 Or, *spike*
5 Heb. *uncover the face of his garment* 6 Or, *His teeth are terrible round about* 7 Or, *courses of scales* Heb. *channels of shields*
*[Ch. 40.25 in Heb.] †[Ch. 41.1 in Heb.]

Nor the spear, the dart, nor the [1]pointed shaft.
27 He counteth iron as straw,
And brass as rotten wood.
28 The [2]arrow cannot make him flee:
Sling-stones are turned with him into stubble.
29 Clubs are counted as stubble:
He laugheth at the rushing of the javelin.
30 His underparts are *like* sharp potsherds:
He spreadeth *as it were* a threshing-wain upon the mire.
31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot:
He maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.
32 He maketh a path to shine after him;
One would think the deep to be hoary.
33 Upon earth there is not his like,
That is made without fear.
34 He beholdeth everything that is high:
He is king over all the sons of pride.

42 Then Jōb answered Jĕ-hō'-văh, and said,
2 I know that thou canst do all things,
And that no purpose of thine can be restrained.
3 Who is this that hideth counsel without knowledge?
Therefore have I uttered that which I understood not,
Things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.
4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak;
I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.
5 I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear;
But now mine eye seeth thee:
6 Wherefore I [3]abhor *myself*,
And repent in dust and ashes.

7 And it was so, that, after Jĕ-hō'văh had spoken these words unto Jōb, Jĕ-hō'văh said to ĕl'-ĭ-phăz the Tē'măn-īte, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends; for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Jōb hath. 8 Now therefore, take unto you seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Jōb, and offer up for yourselves a burnt-offering; and my servant Jōb shall pray for you; for him will I accept, that I deal not with you after your folly; for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Jōb hath. 9 So ĕl'ĭ-phăz the Tē'măn-īte and Bĭl'dăd the Shu'-hīte and Zō'phăr the Nā'ă-măthīte went, and did according as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded them: and Jĕ-hō'văh accepted [4]Jōb.

10 And Jĕ-hō'văh turned the captivity of Jōb, when he prayed for his friends: and Jĕ-hō'văh gave Jōb twice as much as he had before. 11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him concerning all the evil that Jĕ-hō'văh had brought upon him: every man also gave him a [4]piece of money, and every one a ring of gold. 12 So Jĕ-hō'văh blessed the latter end of Jōb more than his beginning: and he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses. 13 He had also seven sons and three daughters. 14 And he called the name of the first, Jĕ-mī'măh; and the name of the second, Kĕ-zī'ăh; and the name of the third, Kĕr'ĕn-hăp'pŭch. 15 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Jōb: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. 16 And after this Jōb lived a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, *even* four generations. 17 So Jōb died, being old and full of days.

[1] Or, *coat of mail* [2] Heb. *son of the bow*
[3] Or, *loathe* my words [4] Heb. *kesitah*

THE PSALMS

BOOK I

The Righteous and the Wicked contrasted.

1 [1]Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
Nor sitteth in the seat of scoffers:
2 But his delight is in the law of Jĕ-hō′văh;
And on his law doth he meditate day and night.
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of water,
That bringeth forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also doth not wither;
And [2]whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
4 The wicked are not so,
But are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
6 For Jĕ-hō′văh knoweth the way of the righteous;
But the way of the wicked shall perish.

The Reign of Jehovah's Anointed.

2 Why do the nations [3]rage,
And the peoples meditate a vain thing?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against Jĕ-hō′văh, and against his anointed, *saying*,
3 Let us break their bonds asunder,
And cast away their cords from us.
4 He that sitteth in the heavens will laugh:
The Lord will have them in derision.
5 Then will he speak unto them in his wrath,
And [4]vex them in his sore displeasure:
6 Yet I have set my king
Upon my holy hill of Zī′ŏn.
7 I will tell of the decree:
Jĕ-hō′văh said unto me, Thou art my son;
This day have I begotten thee.
8 Ask of me, and I will give *thee* the nations for thine inheritance,
And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron;
Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
10 Now therefore be wise, O ye kings:
Be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
11 Serve Jĕ-hō′văh with fear,
And rejoice with trembling.
12 Kiss the son, lest he be angry, and ye perish in the way,
For his wrath [5]will soon be kindled.
[1]Blessed are all they that take refuge in him.

Morning Prayer of Trust in God.

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

3 Jĕ-hō′văh, how are mine adversaries increased!
Many are they that rise up against me.
2 Many there are that say [6]of my soul,

[1] Or, *Happy* [2] Or, *in whatsoever he doeth he shall prosper* [3] Or, *tumultuously assemble* [4] Or, *trouble* [5] Or, *may* [6] Or, *to*

There is no [1]help for him in God. [Sē'lăh
3 But thou, O Jĕ-hō'văh, art a shield about me;
My glory, and the lifter up of my head.
4 I cry unto Jĕ-hō'văh with my voice,
And he answereth me out of his holy hill. [Sē'lăh
5 I laid me down and slept;
I awaked; for Jĕ-hō'văh sustaineth me.
6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of the people
That have set themselves against me round about.
7 Arise, O Jĕ-hō'văh; save me, O my God:
For thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone;
Thou hast broken the teeth of the wicked.
8 [2]Salvation belongeth unto Jĕ-hō'văh:
Thy blessing be upon thy people. [Sē'lăh

Evening Prayer of Trust in God.

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

4 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;
Thou hast set me at large *when I was* in distress:
[3]Have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
2 O ye sons of men, how long shall my glory be turned into dishonor?
How long will ye love vanity, and seek after falsehood? [Sē'lăh
3 But know that Jĕ-hō'văh hath set apart for himself [4]him that is godly:
Jĕ-hō'văh will hear when I call unto him.
4 [5]Stand in awe, and sin not:
Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. [Sē'lăh
5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in Jĕ-hō'văh.
6 Many there are that say, Who will show us *any* good?
Jĕ-hō'văh, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
More than *they have* when their grain and their new wine are increased.
8 In peace will I both lay me down and sleep;
For thou, Jĕ-hō'văh, [6]alone makest me dwell in safety.

Prayer for Protection from the Wicked.

For the Chief Musician; with the [7]Nehiloth. A Psalm of David.

5 Give ear to my words, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
Consider my meditation.
2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God;
For unto thee do I pray.
3 O Jĕ-hō'văh, in the morning shalt thou hear my voice;
In the morning will I order *my prayer* unto thee, and will keep watch.
4 For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness:
[8]Evil shall not sojourn with thee.
5 [9]The arrogant shall not stand in thy sight:
Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
6 Thou wilt destroy them that speak lies:
Jĕ-hō'văh abhorreth the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
7 But as for me, in the abundance of thy lovingkindness will I come into thy house:
In thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.
8 Lead me, O Jĕ-hō'văh, in thy righteousness because of [10]mine enemies;
Make thy way [11]straight before my face.

1 Or, *salvation* 2 Or, *Victory* 3 Or, *Be gracious unto me* 4 Or, *one that he loveth* 5 Or, *Be ye angry* 6 Or, *in solitude* 7 Or, *wind instruments* 8 Or, *The evil man* 9 Or, *Fools* 10 Or, *them that lie in wait for me* 11 Or, *level*

9 For there is no [1]faithfulness in
their mouth;
Their inward part is [2]very wick-
edness;
Their throat is an open sepul-
chre;
They [3]flatter with their tongue.
10 Hold them guilty, O God;
Let them fall [4]by their own
counsels;
Thrust them out in the multi-
tude of their transgressions;
For they have rebelled against
thee.
11 [5]But let all those that take
refuge in thee rejoice,
Let them ever shout for joy,
because thou defendest them:
Let them also that love thy
name be joyful in thee.
12 For thou wilt bless the right-
eous;
O Jĕ-hō′văh, thou wilt com-
pass him with favor as with
a shield.

Prayer for Mercy in Time of Trouble.

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments, set to [6]the Sheminith. A Psalm of David.

6 O Jĕ-hō′văh, rebuke me not
in thine anger,
Neither chasten me in thy hot
displeasure.
2 Have mercy upon me, O Jĕ-
hō′văh; for I am withered
away:
O Jĕ-hō′văh, heal me; for my
bones are troubled.
3 My soul also is sore troubled:
And thou, O Jĕ-hō′văh, how
long?
4 Return, O Jĕ-hō′văh, deliver
my soul:
Save me for thy lovingkind-
ness' sake.
5 For in death there is no re-
membrance of thee:
In Shĕ′ōl who shall give thee
thanks?
6 I am weary with my groaning;
Every night make I my bed to
swim;
I water my couch with my tears.

[1] Or, *stedfastness* [2] Or, *a yawning gulf* [3] Heb. *make smooth their tongue* [4] Or, *from their counsels* [5] Or, *So shall all those . . . rejoice, They shall ever shout . . . and thou shalt defend them: They also . . . shall be joyful in thee* [6] Or, *the eighth*

7 Mine eye wasteth away
cause of grief;
It waxeth old because of
mine adversaries.
8 Depart from me, all ye work
of iniquity;
For Jĕ-hō′văh hath heard
voice of my weeping.
9 Jĕ-hō′văh hath heard my su
plication;
Jĕ-hō′văh will receive
prayer.
10 All mine enemies shall be
to shame and sore trouble
They shall turn back, th
shall be put to shame su
denly.

Jehovah Implored to defend the Psalmist against the Wicked.

Shiggaion of David, which he sang
Jehovah, concerning the words[7] of C
a Benjamite.

7 O Jĕ-hō′văh my God, in th
do I take refuge:
Save me from all them t
pursue me, and deliver
2 Lest they tear my soul like a li
Rending it in pieces, wh
there is none to deliver.
3 O Jĕ-hō′văh my God, if I ha
done this;
If there be iniquity in
hands;
4 If I have rewarded evil u
him that was at peace with
(Yea, I have delivered him t
without cause was mine
versary);
5 Let the enemy pursue my so
and overtake it;
Yea, let him tread my
down to the earth,
And lay my glory in the du
[Sĕ
6 Arise, O Jĕ-hō′văh, in th
anger;
Lift up thyself against the ra
of mine adversaries,
And awake for me; thou h
commanded judgment.
7 [7]And let the congregation
the peoples compass th
about;
And over them return thou
high.
8 Jĕ-hō′văh ministereth ju
ment to the peoples:

[7] Or, *So shall*

Judge me, O Jĕ-hō'văh, according to my righteousness, and to mine integrity [1]that is in me.
9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish thou the righteous:
For the righteous God trieth the minds and [2]hearts.
0 My shield is with God,
Who saveth the upright in heart.
1 God is a righteous judge,
Yea, a God that hath indignation every day.
2 [3]If a man turn not, he will whet his sword;
He hath bent his bow, and made it ready;
3 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death;
He maketh his arrows fiery *shafts*.
4 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity;
Yea, he hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.
5 He hath made a pit, and digged it,
And is fallen into the ditch which he made.
6 His mischief shall return upon his own head,
And his violence shall come down upon his own pate.
7 I will give thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh according to his righteousness,
And will sing praise to the name of Jĕ-hō'văh Most High.

Jehovah's Glory and Man's Dignity.

or the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith.
A Psalm of David.

) O Jĕ-hō'văh, our Lord,
) How excellent is thy name in all the earth,
Who hast set thy glory [4]upon the heavens!
? Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou established strength,
Because of thine adversaries,
That thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him?
And the son of man, that thou visitest him?
5 For thou hast made him but little lower than [5]God,
And crownest him with glory and honor.
6 Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands;
Thou hast put all things under his feet:
7 All sheep and oxen,
Yea, and the beasts of the field,
8 The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
Whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
9 O Jĕ-hō'văh, our Lord,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth!

A Psalm of Thanksgiving for God's Justice.

For the Chief Musician; set to Muth-labben.
A Psalm of David.

9 I will give thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh with my whole heart;
I will show forth all thy marvellous works.
2 I will be glad and exult in thee;
I will sing praise to thy name, O thou [6]Most High.
3 When mine enemies turn back,
They stumble and perish at thy presence.
4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause;
Thou sittest in the throne judging righteously.
5 Thou hast rebuked the [7]nations, thou hast destroyed the wicked;
Thou hast blotted out their name for ever and ever.

[1] Or, *be it unto me rely he will again whet* [2] Heb. *reins* [3] Or, [4] Or, *above*
[5] Or, *the angels* Heb. *Elohim* [6] Or, *Most High; Because mine &c.* [7] Or, *heathen*

6 [1]The enemy are come to an end,
they are desolate for ever;
[2]And the cities which thou hast
[3]overthrown,
The very remembrance of them
is perished.
7 But Jĕ-hō'văh sitteth *as king*
for ever:
He hath prepared his throne
for judgment;
8 And he will judge the world in
righteousness,
He will minister judgment to
the [4]peoples in uprightness.
9 Jĕ-hō'văh also will be a high
tower for the oppressed,
A high tower in times of
trouble;
10 And they that know thy name
will put their trust in thee;
For thou, Jĕ-hō'văh, hast not
forsaken them that seek
thee.
11 Sing praises to Jĕ-hō'văh, who
dwelleth in Zī'ŏn:
Declare among the [5]people his
doings.
12 [6]For he that maketh inquisition
for blood remembereth them;
He forgetteth not the cry of the
[7]poor.
13 Have mercy upon me, O Jĕ-
hō'văh;
Behold my affliction *which I*
suffer of them that hate me,
Thou that liftest me up from
the gates of death;
14 That I may show forth all thy
praise.
In the gates of the daughter of
Zī'ŏn
I will rejoice in thy [8]salvation.
15 The nations are sunk down in
the pit that they made:
In the net which they hid is
their own foot taken.
16 Jĕ-hō'văh hath made himself
known, he hath executed
judgment:
[9]The wicked is snared in the
work of his own hands.
[Hĭg-gā'ĭon. Sē'lăh

17 The wicked shall be turned
back unto Shĕ'ōl,
Even all the nations that forget
God.
18 For the needy shall not alway
be forgotten,
Nor the expectation of the
[7]poor perish for ever.
19 Arise, O Jĕ-hō'văh; let not
man prevail:
Let the nations be judged in
thy sight.
20 Put them in fear, O Jĕ-hō'văh:
Let the nations know them-
selves to be but men.
[Sē'lăh

A Prayer for the Overthrow of the Wicked.

10 Why standest thou afar off,
O Jĕ-hō'văh?
Why hidest thou thyself in
times of trouble?
2 In the pride of the wicked [10]the
poor [11]is hotly pursued;
[12]Let them be taken in the
devices that they have con-
ceived.
3 For the wicked boasteth of his
heart's desire,
And [13]the covetous renounceth
yea, [14]contemneth Jĕ-hō'văh.
4 The wicked, in the pride of his
countenance, *saith*, He will
not require *it*.
All his thoughts are, There is
no God.
5 His ways are [15]firm at all times;
Thy judgments are far above
out of his sight:
As for all his adversaries, he
puffeth at them.
6 He saith in his heart, I shall
not be moved;
To all generations I shall not be
in adversity.
7 His mouth is full of cursing
and deceit and [16]oppression:
Under his tongue is mischief
and iniquity.
8 He sitteth in the lurking-places
of the villages;
In the secret places doth he
murder the innocent;

[1] Or, *O thou enemy, desolations are come to a perpetual end* [2] Or, *And their cities thou hast overthrown* [3] Heb. *plucked up* [4] Or, *people* [5] Or, *peoples* [6] Or, *For when he maketh . . . he remembereth* [7] Or, *meek* [8] Or, *saving help* [9] Or, *He snareth the wicked*

[10] Or, *he doth hotly pursue the poor* [11] Heb. *is set on fire* [12] Or, *They are taken* [13] Or, *blesseth the covetous, but contemneth &c.* [14] Or, *revileth* [15] Or, *grievous* [16] Or, *fraud*

His eyes are privily set against
the [1]helpless.
9 He lurketh in secret as a lion
in his covert;
He lieth in wait to catch the
poor:
He doth catch the poor, when
he draweth him in his net.
10 [2]He croucheth, he boweth
down,
And the [1]helpless fall by his
strong ones.
11 He saith in his heart: God hath
forgotten,
He hideth his face, he will
never see it.
12 Arise, O Jĕ-hō'văh; O God,
lift up thy hand:
Forget not the [3]poor.
13 Wherefore doth the wicked
contemn God,
And say in his heart, Thou wilt
not require *it*?
14 Thou hast seen *it*; for thou be-
holdest [4]mischief and spite,
[5]to requite it with thy hand:
The [1]helpless committeth *him-
self* unto thee;
Thou hast been the helper of
the fatherless.
15 Break thou the arm of the
wicked;
And as for the evil man, seek
out his wickedness till thou
find none.
16 Jĕ-hō'văh is King for ever and
ever:
The [6]nations are perished out
of his land.
17 Jĕ-hō'văh, thou hast heard the
desire of the meek:
Thou wilt [7]prepare their heart,
thou wilt cause thine ear to
hear;
18 To judge the fatherless and the
oppressed,
That man who is of the earth
may be terrible no more.

Jehovah a Refuge and Defence.

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David.

11 In Jĕ-hō'văh do I take ref-
uge:
How say ye to my soul,
Flee [8]*as* a bird to your moun-
tain;
2 For, lo, the wicked bend the
bow,
They make ready their arrow
upon the string,
That they may shoot in dark-
ness at the upright in heart;
3 [9]If the foundations be de-
stroyed,
What can the righteous do?
4 Jĕ-hō'văh is in his holy temple;
Jĕ-hō'văh, his throne is in
heaven;
His eyes behold, his eyelids
try, the children of men.
5 Jĕ-hō'văh trieth the righteous;
But the wicked and him that
loveth violence his soul
hateth.
6 Upon the wicked he will rain
snares;
Fire and brimstone and burn-
ing wind shall be the portion
of their cup.
7 For Jĕ-hō'văh is righteous; he
loveth [10]righteousness:
[11]The upright shall behold his
face.

God a Helper against the Treacherous.

For the Chief Musician; set to [12]the
Sheminith. A Psalm of David.

12 Help, Jĕ-hō'văh; for the godly man ceaseth;
For [13]the faithful fail from
among the children of men.
2 They speak falsehood every
one with his neighbor:
With flattering lip, and with a
double heart, do they speak.
3 Jĕ-hō'văh will cut off all flat-
tering lips,
The tongue that speaketh great
things;
4 Who have said, With our
tongue will we prevail;
Our lips are [14]our own: who is
lord over us?
5 Because of the oppression of
the poor, because of the
sighing of the needy,

1 Or, *hapless* 2 Another reading is, *And being crushed* 3 Or, *meek* 4 Or, *travail and grief* 5 Or, *to take it into thy hand* 6 Or, *heathen* 7 Or, *establish*

8 Or, *ye birds* 9 Or, *For the foundations are destroyed; What hath the righteous wrought?* 10 Or, *righteous deeds* 11 Or, *His countenance doth behold the upright* 12 Or, *the eighth* 13 Or, *faithfulness faileth* 14 Heb. *with us*

Now will I arise, saith Jĕ-hō'-
văh;
I will set him in the safety he
panteth for.
6 The words of Jĕ-hō'văh are
pure words;
As silver tried in a furnace on
the earth,
Purified seven times.
7 Thou wilt keep them, O Jĕ-
hō'văh,
Thou wilt preserve them from
this generation for ever.
8 The wicked walk on every side,
When vileness is exalted among
the sons of men.

Prayer for Help in Affliction.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

13 How long, O Jĕ-hō'văh? wilt
thou forget me for ever?
How long wilt thou hide thy
face from me?
2 How long shall I take counsel
in my soul,
Having sorrow in my heart all
the day?
How long shall mine enemy be
exalted over me?
3 Consider *and* answer me, O
Jĕ-hō'văh my God:
Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep
the *sleep of* death;
4 Lest mine enemy say, I have
prevailed against him;
Lest mine adversaries rejoice
when I am moved.
5 But I have trusted in thy lov-
ingkindness;
My heart shall rejoice in thy
salvation.
6 I will sing unto Jĕ-hō'văh,
Because he hath dealt bounti-
fully with me.

Folly and Wickedness of Men.

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David.

14 The fool hath said in his
heart, There is no God.
They are corrupt, they have
done abominable works;
There is none that doeth good.
2 Jĕ-hō'văh looked down from
heaven upon the children of
men,
To see if there were any that
did [1]understand,
That did seek after God.
3 They are all gone aside; they
are together become filthy;
There is none that doeth good,
no, not one.
4 Have all the workers of iniquity
no knowledge,
Who eat up my people *as* they
eat bread,
And call not upon Jĕ-hō'văh?
5 There were they in great fear;
For God is in the generation
of the righteous.
6 Ye put to shame the counsel of
the poor,
[2]Because Jĕ-hō'văh is his ref-
uge.
7 Oh that the salvation of Ĭs'rā-ĕl
were come out of Zī'ŏn!
When Jĕ-hō'văh [3]bringeth back
the captivity of his people,
Then shall Jacob rejoice, *and*
Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall be glad.

Description of a Citizen of Zion.

A Psalm of David.

15 Jĕ-hō'văh, who shall sojourn
in thy [4]tabernacle?
Who shall dwell in thy holy
hill?
2 He that walketh uprightly, and
worketh righteousness,
And speaketh truth in his
heart;
3 [5]He that slandereth not with
his tongue,
Nor doeth evil to his friend,
Nor taketh up a reproach
against his neighbor;
4 In [6]whose eyes a reprobate is
despised,
But [6]who honoreth them that
fear Jĕ-hō'văh;
[7]He that sweareth to his own
hurt, and changeth not;
5 [8]He that putteth not out his
money to interest,
Nor taketh reward against the
innocent.
He that doeth these things
shall never be moved.

[1] Or, *deal wisely* [2] Or, *But* [3] Or, *returneth to* [4] Heb. *tent* [5] Or, *He slandereth* [6] Or, *his . . . he* [7] Or, *He sweareth* [8] Or, *He putteth*

Jehovah the Psalmist's Portion in Life and Deliverer in Death.

Michtam of David.

16 Preserve me, O God; for in thee do I take refuge.
2 *O my soul,* thou hast said unto Jĕ-hō'văh, Thou art [1]my Lord:
I have no good beyond thee.
3 [2]As for the saints that are in the earth,
[3]They are the excellent in whom is all my delight.
4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that give gifts for another *god:*
Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer,
Nor take their names upon my lips.
5 Jĕ-hō'văh is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup:
Thou maintainest my lot.
6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;
Yea, I have a goodly heritage.
7 I will bless Jĕ-hō'văh, who hath given me counsel;
Yea, my [4]heart instructeth me in the night seasons.
8 I have set Jĕ-hō'văh always before me:
Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth:
My flesh also shall dwell [5]in safety.
10 For thou wilt not leave my soul to Shĕ'ōl;
Neither wilt thou suffer thy [6]holy one to see [7]corruption.
11 Thou wilt show me the path of life:
In thy presence is fulness of joy;
In thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Prayer for Protection against Oppressors.

A Prayer of David.

17 Hear the right, O Jĕ-hō'văh, attend unto my cry;
Give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.
2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence;
[8]Let thine eyes look upon equity.
3 Thou hast proved my heart; thou hast visited me in the night;
Thou hast tried me, and [9]findest nothing;
I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.
4 As for the works of men, by the word of thy lips
I have kept me from the ways of the violent.
5 My steps have held fast to thy paths,
My feet have not slipped.
6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt answer me, O God:
Incline thine ear unto me, *and* hear my speech.
7 Show thy marvellous lovingkindness,
O thou that savest [10]by thy right hand them that take refuge *in thee*
From those that rise up *against them.*
8 Keep me as the apple of the eye;
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings,
9 From the wicked that oppress me,
My deadly enemies, that compass me about.
10 [11]They are inclosed in their own fat:
With their mouth they speak proudly.
11 They have now compassed us in our steps;
They set their eyes to cast *us* down to the earth.
12 He is like a lion that is greedy of his prey,
And as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.
13 Arise, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
[12]Confront him, cast him down:
Deliver my soul from [13]the wicked by thy sword;

[1] Or, *the Lord* [2] Or, *Unto* [3] Or, *And the excellent . . . delight; Their &c.* [4] Heb. *reins* [5] Or, *confidently* [6] Or, *godly* Or, *beloved* Another reading is, *holy ones* [7] Or, *the pit*
[8] Or, *Thine eyes behold with equity* [9] Or, *findest no evil purpose in me; My mouth &c.* [10] Or, *them that take refuge . . . rise up against thy right hand* [11] Or, *They have shut up their heart* [12] Or, *Forestall* [13] Or, *the wicked, who is thy sword*

14 From [1]men by thy hand, O Jĕ-
hō'văh,
From men [2]of the world, whose
portion is in *this* life,
And whose belly thou fillest
with thy treasure:
They are satisfied with children,
And leave the rest of their sub-
stance to their babes.
15 As for me, [3]I shall behold thy
face in righteousness;
[3]I shall be satisfied, when I
awake, with *beholding* thy
form.

Jehovah praised for giving Victory and Dominion.

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David the servant of Jehovah, [4]who spake unto Jehovah the words of this song in the day that Jehovah delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: and he said,

18 I love thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
my strength.
2 Jĕ-hō'văh is my rock, and my
fortress, and my deliverer;
My God, my rock, in whom I
will take refuge;
My shield, and the horn of my
salvation, my high tower.
3 I will call upon Jĕ-hō'văh, who
is worthy to be praised:
So shall I be saved from mine
enemies.
4 The cords of death compassed
me,
And the floods of [5]ungodliness
made me afraid.
5 The cords of Shē'ōl were round
about me;
The snares of death came upon
me.
6 In my distress I called upon
Jĕ-hō'văh,
And cried unto my God:
He heard my voice out of his
temple,
And my cry before him came
into his ears.
7 Then the earth shook and
trembled;
The foundations also of the
mountains quaked
And were shaken, because he
was wroth.
8 There went up a smoke [6]out of
his nostrils,
And fire out of his mouth de-
voured:
Coals were kindled by it.
9 He bowed the heavens also,
and came down;
And thick darkness was under
his feet.
10 And he rode upon a chĕr'ŭb,
and did fly;
Yea, he soared upon the wings
of the wind.
11 He made darkness his hiding-
place, his pavilion round
about him,
Darkness of waters, thick
clouds of the skies.
12 At the brightness before him
his thick clouds passed,
Hailstones and coals of fire.
13 Jĕ-hō'văh also thundered in
the heavens,
And the Most High uttered his
voice,
Hailstones and coals of fire.
14 And he sent out his arrows,
and scattered them;
[7]Yea, lightnings manifold, and
discomfited them.
15 Then the channels of waters
appeared,
And the foundations of the
world were laid bare,
At thy rebuke, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
At the blast of the breath of thy
nostrils.
16 He sent from on high, he took
me;
He drew me out of [8]many
waters.
17 He delivered me from my
strong enemy,
And from them that hated me;
for they were too mighty for
me.
18 They came upon me in the day
of my calamity;
But Jĕ-hō'văh was my stay.
19 He brought me forth also into
a large place;
He delivered me, because he
delighted in me.
20 Jĕ-hō'văh hath rewarded me
according to my righteous-
ness;

[1] Or, *men who are thy hand* [2] Or, *whose portion in life is of the world* [3] Or, *let me* [4] See 2 S. 22.1-51. [5] Heb. *Belial* [6] Or, *in his wrath* [7] Or, *And he shot out lightnings* [8] Or, *great*

According to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.
21 For I have kept the ways of Jĕ-hō'văh,
And have not wickedly departed from my God.
22 For all his ordinances were before me,
And I put not away his statutes from me.
23 I was also perfect with him,
And I kept myself from mine iniquity.
24 Therefore hath Jĕ-hō'văh recompensed me according to my righteousness,
According to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
25 With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful;
With the perfect man thou wilt show thyself perfect;
26 With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure;
And with the perverse thou wilt show thyself froward.
27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people;
But the haughty eyes thou wilt bring down.
28 For thou wilt light my lamp:
Jĕ-hō'văh my God will lighten my darkness.
29 For by thee I run [1]upon a troop;
And by my God do I leap over a wall.
30 As for God, his way is perfect:
The word of Jĕ-hō'văh is tried;
He is a shield unto all them that take refuge in him.
31 For who is God, save Jĕ-hō'văh?
And who is a rock, besides our God,
32 The God that girdeth me with strength,
And maketh my way perfect?
33 He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*:
And setteth me upon my high places.
34 He teacheth my hands to war;
So that mine arms do bend a bow of brass.
35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation;
And thy right hand hath holden me up,
And thy [2]gentleness hath made me great.
36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me,
And my [3]feet have not slipped.
37 I will pursue mine enemies, and overtake them;
Neither will I turn again till they are consumed.
38 I will smite them through, so that they shall not be able to rise:
They shall fall under my feet.
39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle:
Thou hast [4]subdued under me those that rose up against me.
40 Thou hast also made mine enemies turn their backs unto me,
That I might cut off them that hate me.
41 They cried, but there was none to save;
Even unto Je-hō'văh, but he answered them not.
42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind;
I did [5]cast them out as the mire of the streets.
43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people;
Thou [6]hast made me the head of the nations:
A people whom I have not known shall serve me.
44 As soon as they hear of me they shall obey me;
The foreigners shall [7]submit themselves unto me.
45 The foreigners shall fade away,
And shall come trembling out of their close places.
46 Jĕ-hō'văh liveth; and blessed be my rock;
And exalted be the God of my salvation,
47 Even the God that executeth vengeance for me,
And subdueth peoples under me.

[1] Or, *through*
[2] Or, *condescension* [3] Heb. *ankles* [4] Heb. *caused to bow* [5] Heb. *empty* [6] Or, *wilt make* [7] Or, *yield feigned obedience* Heb. *lie*

48 He rescueth me from mine enemies;
Yea, thou liftest me up above them that rise up against me;
Thou deliverest me from the violent man.
49 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh, among the nations,
And will sing praises unto thy name.
50 Great [1]deliverance giveth he to his king,
And showeth lovingkindness to his anointed,
To David and to his seed, for evermore.

The Works and the Word of God.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

19 The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament showeth his handiwork.
2 Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night showeth knowledge.
3 There is no speech nor language;
Their voice is not heard.
4 Their line is gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.
In them hath he set a [2]tabernacle for the sun,
5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
And rejoiceth as a strong man to run his course.
6 His going forth is from the end of the heavens,
And his circuit unto the ends of it;
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The law of Jĕ-hō'văh is perfect, restoring the soul:
The testimony of Jĕ-hō'văh is sure, making wise the simple.
8 The precepts of Jĕ-hō'văh are right, rejoicing the heart:
The commandment of Jĕ-hō'văh is pure, enlightening the eyes.
9 The fear of Jĕ-hō'văh is clean, enduring for ever:
The ordinances of Jĕ-hō'văh are true, *and* righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the droppings of the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned:
In keeping them there is great reward.
12 Who can discern *his* errors?
Clear thou me from hidden *faults*.
13 Keep back thy servant also [3]from presumptuous *sins*;
Let them not have dominion over me:
Then shall I be upright,
And I shall be clear from great transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in thy sight,
O Jĕ-hō'văh, my rock, and my redeemer.

Prayer for Victory over Enemies.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

20 Jĕ-hō'văh answer thee in the day of trouble;
The name of the God of Jacob set thee up on high;
2 Send thee help from the sanctuary,
And [4]strengthen thee out of Zī'ŏn;
3 Remember all thy [5]offerings,
And [6]accept thy burnt-sacrifice; [Sē'lăh
4 Grant thee thy heart's desire,
And fulfil all thy counsel.
5 We will triumph in thy [7]salvation,
And in the name of our God we will set up our banners:
Jĕ-hō'văh fulfil all thy petitions.
6 Now know I that Jĕ-hō'văh saveth his anointed;
He will answer him from his holy heaven
With the saving strength of his right hand.

1 Heb. *salvations* 2 Heb. *tent* 3 Or, *from the proud* 4 Or, *support* 5 Or, *meal-offerings* 6 Heb. *accept as fat* 7 Or, *victory*

7 Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses;
But we will make mention of the name of Jĕ-hō'văh our God.
8 They are bowed down and fallen;
But we are risen, and stand upright.
9 Save, Jĕ-hō'văh:
Let the King answer us when we call.

Praise for Deliverance.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

21 The king shall joy in thy strength, O Jĕ-hō'văh;
And in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!
2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire,
And hast not withholden the request of his lips. [Sē'lăh
3 For thou meetest him with the blessings of [1]goodness:
Thou settest a crown of fine gold on his head.
4 He asked life of thee, thou gavest it him,
Even length of days for ever and ever.
5 His glory is great in thy salvation:
Honor and majesty dost thou lay upon him.
6 For thou [2]makest him most blessed for ever:
Thou makest him glad with joy in thy presence.
7 For the king trusteth in Jĕ-hō'-văh;
And through the lovingkindness of the Most High he shall not be moved.
8 Thy hand will find out all thine enemies;
Thy right hand will find out those that hate thee.
9 Thou wilt make them as a fiery furnace in the time of thine [3]anger:
Jĕ-hō'văh will swallow them up in his wrath,
And the fire shall devour them.
10 Their fruit wilt thou destroy from the earth,
And their seed from among the children of men.
11 For they intended evil against thee;
They conceived a device which they are not able to perform.
12 For thou wilt make them turn their back;
Thou wilt make ready with thy bowstrings against their face.
13 Be thou exalted, O Jĕ-hō'văh, in thy strength:
So will we sing and praise thy power.

[1] Or, *good things* [2] Heb. *settest him to be blessings* See Gen. 12.2 [3] Or, *presence* Heb. *countenance*

A Cry of Anguish, and a Song of Praise.

For the Chief Musician; set to [4]Aijeleth hash-Shahar. A Psalm of David.

22 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
[5]*Why art thou so* far from helping me, *and from* the words of my groaning?
2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou answerest not;
And in the night season, [6]and am not silent.
3 But thou art holy,
O thou that [7]inhabitest the praises of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.
4 Our fathers trusted in thee:
They trusted, and thou didst deliver them.
5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered:
They trusted in thee, and were not put to shame.
6 But I am a worm, and no man;
A reproach of men, and despised of the people.
7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn:
They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*,
8 [8]Commit *thyself* unto Jĕ-hō'-văh; let him deliver him:
Let him rescue him, seeing he delighteth in him.
9 But thou art he that took me out of the womb;
Thou didst make me trust *when I was* upon my mother's breasts.

[4] That is, *The hind of the morning* [5] Or, *Far from my help* are *the words of my groaning* Heb. *roaring* [6] Or, *but find no rest* [7] Or, *art enthroned upon* [8] Or, *He trusted on Jehovah, that he would deliver him*

10 I was cast upon thee from the
womb;
Thou art my God since my
mother bare me.
11 Be not far from me; for trouble
is near;
For there is none to help.
12 Many bulls have compassed
me;
Strong bulls of Bā'shăn have
beset me round.
13 They gape upon me with their
mouth,
As a ravening and a roaring
lion.
14 I am poured out like water,
And all my bones are out of
joint:
My heart is like wax;
It is melted within me.
15 My strength is dried up like a
potsherd;
And my tongue cleaveth to my
jaws;
And thou hast brought me into
the dust of death.
16 For dogs have compassed me:
A company of evil-doers have
inclosed me;
[1]They pierced my hands and
my feet.
17 I may count all my bones;
They look and stare upon me.
18 They part my garments among
them,
And upon my vesture do they
cast lots,
19 But be not thou far off, O Jĕ-
hō'văh:
O thou my succor, haste thee
to help me.
20 Deliver my soul from the sword,
My [2]darling from the power of
the dog.
21 Save me from the lion's mouth;
Yea, from the horns of the
wild-oxen thou hast an-
swered me.

22 I will declare thy name unto
my brethren:
In the midst of the assembly
will I praise thee.
23 Ye that fear Jĕ-hō'văh, praise
him;
All ye the seed of Jacob, glorify
him;
And stand in awe of him, all ye
the seed of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.
24 For he hath not despised nor
abhorred the affliction of the
afflicted;
Neither hath he hid his face
from him;
But when he cried unto him,
he heard.
25 Of thee cometh my praise in
the great assembly:
I will pay my vows before them
that fear him.
26 The meek shall eat and be sat-
isfied;
They shall praise Jĕ-hō'văh
that seek after him:
Let your heart live for ever.
27 All the ends of the earth shall
remember and turn unto Jĕ-
hō'văh;
And all the kindreds of the na-
tions shall worship before
thee.
28 For the kingdom is Jĕ-hō'văh's;
And he is the ruler over the
nations.
29 All the fat ones of the earth
shall eat and worship:
All they that go down to the
dust shall bow before him,
Even he that cannot keep his
soul alive.
30 A seed shall serve him;
It shall be [3]told of the Lord un-
to the *next* generation.
31 They shall come and shall de-
clare his righteousness
Unto a people that shall be
born, that he hath done it.

Jehovah the Psalmist's Shepherd.

A Psalm of David.

23 Jĕ-hō'văh is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
2 He maketh me to lie down in
green pastures;
He leadeth me beside [4]still
waters.
3 He restoreth my soul:
He guideth me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's
sake.

[1] So the Sept., Vulg., and Syr. The Hebrew text as pointed reads, *Like a lion, my &c.* [2] Or, *dear* life Heb. *only one*

[3] Or, *counted unto the Lord for* his *generations* [4] Heb. *waters of rest*

4 Yea, though I walk through the
valley of [1]the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art
with me;
Thy rod and thy staff, they
comfort me.
5 Thou preparest a table before
me in the presence of mine
enemies:
Thou hast anointed my head
with oil;
My cup runneth over.
6 [2]Surely goodness and loving-
kindness shall follow me all
the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house
of Jĕ-hō'văh [3]for ever.

The King of Glory entering Zion.

A Psalm of David.

24 The earth is Jĕ-hō'văh's, and
the fulness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell
therein.
2 For he hath founded it upon
the seas,
And established it upon the
floods.
3 Who shall ascend into the hill of
Jĕ-hō'văh?
And who shall stand in his holy
place?
4 He that hath clean hands, and
a pure heart;
Who hath not lifted up his soul
unto falsehood,
And hath not sworn deceitfully.
5 He shall receive a blessing from
Jĕ-hō'văh,
And righteousness from the
God of his salvation.
6 This is the generation of them
that seek after him,
That seek thy face, *even* Jacob.
[Sē'lăh
7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
And be ye lifted up, ye [4]ever-
lasting doors:
And the King of glory will come
in.
8 Who is the King of glory?
Jĕ-hō'văh strong and mighty,
Jĕ-hō'văh mighty in battle.
9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
Yea, lift them up, ye [4]ever-
lasting doors:
And the King of glory will
come in.
10 Who is this King of glory?
Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts,
He is the King of glory.
[Sē'lăh

Prayer for Protection, Guidance, and Pardon.

A Psalm of David.

25 Unto thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh, do
I lift up my soul.
2 O my God, in thee have I
trusted,
Let me not be put to shame;
Let not mine enemies triumph
over me.
3 Yea, none that wait for thee
shall be put to shame:
They shall be put to shame that
deal treacherously without
cause.
4 Show me thy ways, O Jĕ-hō'-
văh;
Teach me thy paths.
5 Guide me in thy truth, and
teach me;
For thou art the God of my sal-
vation;
For thee do I wait all the day.
6 Remember, O Jĕ-hō'văh, thy
tender mercies and thy lov-
ingkindnesses;
For they have been ever of old.
7 Remember not the sins of my
youth, nor my transgressions:
According to thy lovingkindness
remember thou me,
For thy goodness' sake, O Jĕ-
hō'văh:
8 Good and upright is Jĕ-hō'văh:
Therefore will he instruct sin-
ners in the way.
9 The meek will he guide in jus-
tice;
And the meek will he teach his
way.
10 All the paths of Jĕ-hō'văh are
lovingkindness and truth
Unto such as keep his covenant
and his testimonies.
11 For thy name's sake, O Jĕ-hō'-
văh,
Pardon mine iniquity, for it is
great.
12 What man is he that feareth
Jĕ-hō'văh?

[1] Or, *deep darkness* (and so elsewhere) [2] Or, *Only* [3] Heb. *for length of days* [4] Or, *ancient*

Him shall he instruct in the way that he shall choose.
13 His soul shall dwell at ease;
And his seed shall inherit the land.
14 The [1]friendship of Jĕ-hō'văh is with them that fear him;
[2]And he will show them his covenant.
15 Mine eyes are ever toward Jĕ-hō'văh;
For he will pluck my feet out of the net.
16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me;
For I am desolate and afflicted.
17 The troubles of my heart [3]are enlarged:
Oh bring thou me out of my distresses.
18 Consider mine affliction and my travail;
And forgive all my sins.
19 Consider mine enemies, for they are many;
And they hate me with cruel hatred.
20 Oh keep my soul, and deliver me:
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in thee.
21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
For I wait for thee.
22 Redeem Ĭs'rā-ĕl, O God,
Out of all his troubles.

Protestation of Integrity, and Prayer for Protection.

A Psalm of David.

26 Judge me, O Jĕ-hō'văh, for I have walked in mine integrity:
I have trusted also in Jĕ-hō'văh [4]without wavering.
2 Examine me, O Jĕ-hō'văh, and prove me;
Try my [5]heart and my mind.
3 For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes;
And I have walked in thy truth.
4 I have not sat with men of falsehood;
Neither will I go in with dissemblers.
5 I hate the assembly of evil-doers,
And will not sit with the wicked.
6 I will wash my hands in innocency:
So will I compass thine altar, O Jĕ-hō'văh;
7 That I may [6]make the voice of thanksgiving to be heard,
And tell of all thy wondrous works.
8 Jĕ-hō'văh, I love the habitation of thy house,
And the place [7]where thy glory dwelleth.
9 [8]Gather not my soul with sinners,
Nor my life with men of blood;
10 In whose hands is wickedness,
And their right hand is full of bribes.
11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity:
Redeem me, and be merciful unto me.
12 My foot standeth in an even place:
In the congregations will I bless Jĕ-hō'văh.

A Psalm of Fearless Trust in God.

A Psalm of David.

27 Jĕ-hō'văh is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
Jĕ-hō'văh is the [9]strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
2 When evil-doers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
Even mine adversaries and my foes, they stumbled and fell.
3 Though a host should encamp against me,
My heart shall not fear:
Though war should rise against me,
[10]Even then will I be confident.
4 One thing have I asked of Jĕ-hō'văh, that will I seek after:
That I may dwell in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh all the days of my life,

1 Or, *counsel* Or, *secret* 2 Or, *And his covenant, to make them know it* 3 Or, as otherwise read, *relieve thou, And bring me &c.* 4 Or, *I shall not slide* 5 Heb. *reins*
6 Or, *publish with the voice of thanksgiving* 7 Heb. *of the tabernacle of thy glory* 8 Or, *Take not away* 9 Or, *stronghold* 10 Or, *In this*

To behold [1]the beauty of Jĕ-hō'văh,
And to [2]inquire in his temple.
5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me secretly in his pavilion:
In the covert of his [3]tabernacle will he hide me;
He will lift me up upon a rock.
6 And now shall my head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me;
And I will offer in his [3]tabernacle sacrifices of [4]joy;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

7 Hear, O Jĕ-hō'văh, when I cry with my voice:
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
8 *When thou saidst,* Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee,
Thy face, Jĕ-hō'văh, will I seek.
9 Hide not thy face from me;
Put not thy servant away in anger:
Thou hast been my help;
Cast me not off, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
10 [5]When my father and my mother forsake me,
Then Jĕ-hō'văh will take me up.
11 Teach me thy way, O Jĕ-hō'văh;
And lead me in a plain path,
Because of [6]mine enemies.
12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine adversaries:
For false witnesses are risen up against me,
And such as breathe out cruelty.
13 *I had fainted,* unless I had believed to see the goodness of Jĕ-hō'văh
In the land of the living.
14 Wait for Jĕ-hō'văh:
Be strong, and let thy heart take courage;
Yea, wait thou for Jĕ-hō'văh.

[1] Or, *the pleasantness* [2] Or, *consider his temple* [3] Heb. *tent* [4] Or, *shouting* Or, *trumpet-sound* [5] Or, *For my father and my mother have forsaken me, But Jehovah &c.* [6] Or, *them that lie in wait for me*

A Prayer for Help, and Praise for its Answer.

A Psalm of David.

28 Unto thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh, will I call:
My rock, be not thou deaf unto me;
Lest, if thou be silent unto me,
I become like them that go down into the pit.
2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee,
When I lift up my hands [7]toward thy holy oracle.
3 Draw me not away with the wicked,
And with the workers of iniquity;
That speak peace with their neighbors,
But mischief is in their hearts.
4 Give them according to their work, and according to the wickedness of their doings:
Give them after the operation of their hands;
Render to them their desert.
5 Because they regard not the works of Jĕ-hō'văh,
Nor the operation of his hands,
He will break them down and not build them up.

6 Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh,
Because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.
7 Jĕ-hō'văh is my strength and my shield;
My heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped:
Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth;
And with my song will I praise him.
8 Jĕ-hō'văh is their strength,
And he is a stronghold of salvation to his anointed.
9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance:
Be their shepherd also, and bear them up for ever.

[7] Or, *toward the innermost place of thy sanctuary*

The Voice of Jehovah in the Storm.

A Psalm of David.

29 Ascribe unto Jĕ-hō'văh, O ye [1]sons of the [2]mighty,
Ascribe unto Jĕ-hō'văh glory and strength.
2 Ascribe unto Jĕ-hō'văh the glory due unto his name;
Worship Jĕ-hō'văh [3]in holy array.

3 The voice of Jĕ-hō'văh is upon the waters:
The God of glory thundereth,
Even Jĕ-hō'văh upon [4]many waters.
4 The voice of Jĕ-hō'văh is powerful;
The voice of Jĕ-hō'văh is full of majesty.
5 The voice of Jĕ-hō'văh breaketh the cedars;
Yea, Jĕ-hō'văh breaketh in pieces the cedars of Lĕb'ă-nŏn.
6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf;
Lĕb'ă-nŏn and Sïr'ï-ŏn like a young wild-ox.
7 The voice of Jĕ-hō'văh [5]cleaveth the flames of fire.
8 The voice of Jĕ-hō'văh shaketh the wilderness;
Jĕ-hō'văh shaketh the wilderness of Kā'dĕsh.
9 The voice of Jĕ-hō'văh maketh the hinds to calve,
And strippeth the forests bare:
And in his temple everything saith, Glory.

10 Jĕ-hō'văh sat *as King* at the Flood;
Yea, Jĕ-hō'văh sitteth as King for ever.
11 Jĕ-hō'văh will give strength unto his people;
Jĕ-hō'văh will bless his people with peace.

Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death.

A Psalm; a Song at the Dedication of the House. *A Psalm* of David.

30 I will extol thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh; for thou hast [6]raised me up,
And hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

[1] Or, *sons of God* [2] Or, *gods* See Ex. 15.11
[3] Or, *in the beauty of holiness* [4] Or, *great*
[5] Or, *heweth out flames of fire* [6] Or, *drawn*

2 O Jĕ-hō'văh my God,
I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.
3 O Jĕ-hō'văh, thou hast brought up my soul from Shĕ'ōl;
Thou hast kept me alive, [7]that I should not go down to the pit.
4 Sing praise unto Jĕ-hō'văh, O ye saints of his,
And give thanks to his holy memorial *name*.
5 For his anger is but for a moment;
[8]His favor is for a life-time:
Weeping [9]may tarry for the night,
But joy *cometh* in the morning.
6 As for me, I said in my prosperity,
I shall never be moved.
7 Thou, Jĕ-hō'văh, of thy favor hadst made my mountain to stand strong:
Thou didst hide thy face; I was troubled.
8 I cried to thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh;
And unto Jĕ-hō'văh I made supplication:
9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit?
Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?
10 Hear, O Jĕ-hō'văh, and have mercy upon me:
Jĕ-hō'văh, be thou my helper.
11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing;
Thou hast loosed my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;
12 To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent.
O Jĕ-hō'văh my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

A Psalm of Complaint and of Praise.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

31 In thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh, do I take refuge;
Let me never be put to shame:
Deliver me in thy righteousness.
2 Bow down thine ear unto me;
deliver me speedily:

[7] Another reading is, *from among them that go down to the pit* [8] Or, *In his favor is life*
[9] Heb. *may come in to lodge at even*

Be thou to me a strong rock,
A house of [1]defence to save me.
3 For thou art my rock and my fortress;
Therefore for thy name's sake lead me and guide me.
4 Pluck me out of the net that they have laid privily for me;
For thou art my stronghold.
5 Into thy hand I commend my spirit:
Thou hast redeemed me, O Jĕ-hō'văh, thou God of truth.
6 I hate them that regard lying vanities;
But I trust in Jĕ-hō'văh.
7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy lovingkindness;
For thou hast seen my affliction:
Thou hast known [2]my soul in adversities;
8 And thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy;
Thou hast set my feet in a large place.
9 Have mercy upon me, O Jĕ-hō'văh, for I am in distress:
Mine eye wasteth away with grief, *yea,* my soul and my body.
10 For my life is spent with sorrow,
And my years with sighing:
My strength faileth because of mine iniquity,
And my bones are wasted away.
11 Because of all mine adversaries I am become a reproach,
Yea, unto my neighbors exceedingly,
And a fear to mine acquaintance:
They that did see me without fled from me.
12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind:
I am like a broken vessel.
13 For I have heard the defaming of many,
Terror on every side:
While they took counsel together against me,
They devised to take away my life.
14 But I trusted in thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh:
I said, Thou art my God.
15 My times are in thy hand:
Deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.
16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant:
Save me in thy lovingkindness.
17 Let me not be put to shame, O Jĕ-hō'văh; for I have called upon thee:
Let the wicked be put to shame, let them be silent in Shĕ'ōl.
18 Let the lying lips be dumb,
Which speak against the righteous insolently,
With pride and contempt.
19 Oh how great is thy goodness,
Which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee,
Which thou hast wrought for them that take refuge in thee,
Before the sons of men!
20 In the covert of thy presence wilt thou hide them from the plottings of man:
Thou wilt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.
21 Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh;
For he hath showed me his marvellous lovingkindness in a strong city.
22 As for me, I said in my [3]haste,
I am cut off from before thine eyes:
Nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications,
When I cried unto thee.
23 Oh love Jĕ-hō'văh, all ye his saints:
Jĕ-hō'văh preserveth [4]the faithful,
And plentifully rewardeth him that dealeth proudly.
24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
All ye that [5]hope in Jĕ-hō'văh.

Blessedness of Forgiveness and of Trust in God.

A Psalm of David. Maschil.

32 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.
2 Blessed is the man unto whom Jĕ-hō'văh imputeth not iniquity,

[1] Heb. *fortresses* [2] Or, *the adversities of my soul* [3] Or, *alarm* [4] Or, *faithfulness* [5] Or, *wait for*

And in whose spirit there is no guile.
3 When I kept silence, my bones wasted away
Through my [1]groaning all the day long.
4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me:
My moisture was changed [2]*as* with the drought of summer.
[Sē'lăh
5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee,
And mine iniquity did I not hide:
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto Jĕ-hō'văh;
And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. [Sē'lăh
6 For this let every one that is godly pray unto thee [3]in a time when thou mayest be found:
Surely when the great waters overflow they shall not reach unto him.
7 Thou art my hiding-place; thou wiltpreservemefromtrouble;
Thou wilt compass me about with songs of deliverance.
[Sē'lăh
8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go:
I will counsel thee with mine eye upon thee.
9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding;
Whose trappings must be bit and bridle to hold them in, [4]*Else* they will not come near unto thee.
10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked;
But he that trusteth in Jĕ-hō'-văh, lovingkindness shall compass him about.
11 Be glad in Jĕ-hō'văh, and rejoice, ye righteous;
And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Praise to the Creator and Preserver.

33 Rejoice in Jĕ-hō'văh, O ye righteous:
Praise is comely for the upright.
2 Give thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh with the harp:
Sing praises unto him with the psaltery of ten strings.
3 Sing unto him a new song;
Play skilfully with a loud noise.
4 For the word of Jĕ-hō'văh is right;
And all his work is *done* in faithfulness.
5 He loveth righteousness and justice:
The earth is full of the loving-kindness of Jĕ-hō'văh.
6 By the word of Jĕ-hō'văh were the heavens made,
And all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap:
He layeth up the deeps in storehouses.
8 Let all the earth fear Jĕ-hō'văh:
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
9 For he spake, and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast.
10 Jĕ-hō'văh bringeth the counsel of the nations to nought;
He maketh the thoughts of the peoples to be of no effect.
11 The counsel of Jĕ-hō'văh standeth fast for ever,
The thoughts of his heart to all generations.
12 Blessed is the nation whose God is Jĕ-hō'văh,
The people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.
13 Jĕ-hō'văh looketh from heaven;
He beholdeth all the sons of men;
14 From the place of his habitation he looketh forth
Upon all the inhabitants of the earth,
15 He that fashioneth the hearts of them all,
That considereth all their works.
16 There is no king saved by [5]the multitude of a host:
A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.
17 A horse is a vain thing for safety;
Neither doth he deliver any by his great power.

[1] Heb. *roaring* [2] Or, *into the* [3] Or, *in the time of finding out* sin [4] Or, *That they come not near* [5] Or, *a great power*

18 Behold, the eye of Jĕ-hō'văh
is upon them that fear him,
Upon them that [1]hope in his
lovingkindness;
19 To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in fam-
ine.
20 Our soul hath waited for Jĕ-
hō'văh:
He is our help and our shield.
21 For our heart shall rejoice in
him,
Because we have trusted in his
holy name.
22 Let thy lovingkindness, O Jĕ-
hō'văh, be upon us,
According as we [1]have hoped
in thee.

Jehovah a Provider and Deliverer.

A Psalm of David; [2]when he [3]changed his behavior before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.

34 I will bless Jĕ-hō'văh at all
times:
His praise shall continually be
in my mouth.
2 My soul shall make her boast
in Jĕ-hō'văh:
The meek shall hear thereof,
and be glad.
3 Oh magnify Jĕ-hō'văh with me,
And let us exalt his name to-
gether.
4 I sought Jĕ-hō'văh, and he
answered me,
And delivered me from all my
fears.
5 They looked unto him, and
were radiant;
And their faces shall never be
confounded.
6 This poor man cried, and Jĕ-
hō'văh heard him,
And saved him out of all his
troubles.
7 The angel of Jĕ-hō'văh en-
campeth round about them
that fear him,
And delivereth them.
8 Oh taste and see that Jĕ-hō'-
văh is good:
Blessed is the man that taketh
refuge in him.
9 Oh fear Jĕ-hō'văh, ye his saints;
For there is no want to them
that fear him.
10 The young lions do lack, and
suffer hunger;
But they that seek Jĕ-hō'văh
shall not want any good
thing.
11 Come, ye children, hearken
unto me:
I will teach you the fear of Jĕ-
hō'văh.
12 What man is he that desireth
life,
And loveth *many* days, that he
may see good?
13 Keep thy tongue from evil,
And thy lips from speaking
guile.
14 Depart from evil, and do good;
Seek peace, and pursue it.
15 The eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh are
toward the righteous,
And his ears are *open* unto
their cry.
16 The face of Jĕ-hō'văh is against
them that do evil,
To cut off the remembrance of
them from the earth.
17 *The righteous* cried, and Jĕ-
hō'văh heard,
And delivered them out of all
their troubles.
18 Jĕ-hō'văh is nigh unto them
that are of a broken heart,
And saveth such as are of a
contrite spirit.
19 Many are the afflictions of the
righteous;
But Jĕ-hō'văh delivereth him
out of them all.
20 He keepeth all his bones:
Not one of them is broken.
21 Evil shall slay the wicked;
And they that hate the right-
eous shall be [4]condemned.
22 Jĕ-hō'văh redeemeth the soul
of his servants;
And none of them that take
refuge in him shall be [4]con-
demned.

Prayer for Rescue from Enemies.

A Psalm of David.

35 Strive thou, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
with them that strive with
me:
Fight thou against them that
fight against me.
2 Take hold of shield and buckler,
And stand up for my help.

[1] Or, *wait for* [2] See 1 S. 21.10-15
[3] Or, *feigned madness*
[4] Or, *held guilty*

3 Draw out also the spear, [1]and stop the way against them that pursue me:
Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.
4 Let them be put to shame and brought to dishonor that seek after my soul:
Let them be turned back and confounded that devise my hurt.
5 Let them be as chaff before the wind,
And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh driving *them* on.
6 Let their way be [2]dark and slippery,
And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh pursuing them.
7 For without cause have they hid for me [3]their net *in* a pit;
Without cause have they digged *a pit* for my soul.
8 Let destruction come upon him unawares;
And let his net that he hath hid catch himself:
[4]With destruction let him fall therein.
9 And my soul shall be joyful in Jĕ-hō'văh:
It shall rejoice in his salvation.
10 All my bones shall say, Jĕ-hō'văh, who is like unto thee,
Who deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him,
Yea, the poor and the needy from him that robbeth him?
11 [5]Unrighteous witnesses rise up;
They ask me of things that I know not.
12 They reward me evil for good,
To the bereaving of my soul.
13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth:
I afflicted my soul with fasting;
And my prayer [6]returned into mine own bosom.
14 I behaved myself as though it had been my friend or my brother:
I bowed down mourning, as one that bewaileth his mother.
15 But in [7]mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together:
The [8]abjects gathered themselves together against me, and [9]I knew *it* not;
They did tear me, and ceased not:
16 [10]Like the profane mockers in feasts,
They gnashed upon me with their teeth.
17 Lord, how long wilt thou look on?
Rescue my soul from their destructions,
My [11]darling from the lions.
18 I will give thee thanks in the great assembly:
I will praise thee among [12]much people.
19 Let not them that are mine enemies [13]wrongfully rejoice over me;
Neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.
20 For they speak not peace;
But they devise deceitful words against them that are quiet in the land.
21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me;
They said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.
22 Thou hast seen it, O Jĕ-hō'văh; keep not silence:
O Lord, be not far from me.
23 Stir up thyself, and awake to the justice *due* unto me,
Even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.
24 Judge me, O Jĕ-hō'văh my God, according to thy righteousness;
And let them not rejoice over me.
25 Let them not say in their heart, [14]Aha, so would we have it:
Let them not say, We have swallowed him up.
26 Let them be put to shame and confounded together that rejoice at my hurt:
Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor that magnify themselves against me.

[1] Or, *and the battle axe against &c.* [2] Heb. *darkness and slippery places* [3] Or, *the pit of their net* [4] Or, *Into that very destruction let him fall* [5] Or, *Malicious* See Ex. 23.1 [6] Or, *shall return*
[7] Heb. *my limping* [8] Or, *smiters* [9] Or, those whom *I knew not* [10] Or, *Among* [11] Heb. *only one, or dear life* [12] Or, *a mighty people* [13] Heb. *falsely* [14] Heb. *Aha, our desire*

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that [1]favor my righteous cause:
Yea, let them say continually, Jĕ-hō'văh be magnified,
Who hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.
28 And my tongue shall talk of thy righteousness
And of thy praise all the day long.

Wickedness of Men and Lovingkindness of God.

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David the servant of Jehovah.

36 [2]The transgression of the wicked [3]saith within my heart,
There is no fear of God before his eyes.
2 For [4]he flattereth himself in his own eyes,
[5]That his iniquity will not be found out and be hated.
3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit:
He hath ceased to be wise *and* to do good.
4 He deviseth iniquity upon his bed;
He setteth himself in a way that is not good;
He abhorreth not evil.

5 Thy lovingkindness, O Jĕ-hō'văh, is in the heavens;
Thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto the skies.
6 Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God;
Thy judgments are a great deep:
O Jĕ-hō'văh, thou preservest man and beast.
7 How precious is thy lovingkindness, O God!
And the children of men take refuge under the shadow of thy wings.
8 They shall be [6]abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house;
And thou wilt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.
9 For with thee is the fountain of life:
In thy light shall we see light.
10 Oh continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee,
And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.
11 Let not the foot of pride come against me,
And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.
12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen:
They are thrust down, and shall not be able to rise.

Security of those who trust in Jehovah, and Insecurity of the Wicked.

A Psalm of David.

37 Fret not thyself because of evil-doers,
Neither be thou envious against them that work unrighteousness.
2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,
And wither as the green herb.
3 Trust in Jĕ-hō'văh, and do good;
[7]Dwell in the land, and [8]feed on *his* faithfulness.
4 [9]Delight thyself also in Jĕ-hō'-văh;
And he will give thee the [10]desires of thy heart.
5 [11]Commit thy way unto Jĕ-hō'-văh;
Trust also in him, and he will bring it to pass.
6 And he will make thy righteousness to go forth as the light,
And thy justice as the noonday.
7 [12]Rest in Jĕ-hō'văh, and wait patiently for him:
Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way,
Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath:
Fret not thyself, *it tendeth* only to evil-doing.

[1] Heb. *have pleasure in my righteousness* [2] Or, *Transgression saith to the wicked* [3] Or, *uttereth its oracle* [4] Or, *it* (or, *he*) *flattereth him in his eyes* [5] Or, *Until his iniquity be found, and be hated* Heb. *Concerning the finding out of his iniquity and hating it* [6] Heb. *watered*

[7] Or, *So shalt thou dwell in the land and feed securely* [8] Or, *verily thou shalt be fed* [9] Or, *So shalt thou have thy delight in &c.* [10] Heb. *petitions* [11] Heb. *Roll thy way upon Jehovah* [12] Or, *Be still before* (Heb. *silent to*) *Jehovah*

9 For evil-doers shall be cut off;
But those that wait for Jĕ-hō'-
văh, they shall inherit [1]the
land.
10 For yet a little while, and the
wicked shall not be:
Yea, thou shalt diligently con-
sider his place, and [2]he shall
not be.
11 But the meek shall inherit the
land,
And shall delight themselves in
the abundance of peace.
12 The wicked plotteth against
the just,
And gnasheth upon him with
his teeth.
13 The Lord will laugh at him;
For he seeth that his day is
coming.
14 The wicked have drawn out the
sword, and have bent their
bow,
To cast down the poor and
needy,
To slay such as are upright in
the way.
15 Their sword shall enter into
their own heart,
And their bows shall be broken.
16 Better is a little that the right-
eous hath
Than the abundance of many
wicked.
17 For the arms of the wicked
shall be broken;
But Jĕ-hō'văh upholdeth the
righteous.
18 Jĕ-hō'văh knoweth the days of
the perfect;
And their inheritance shall be
for ever.
19 They shall not be put to shame
in the time of evil;
And in the days of famine they
shall be satisfied.
20 But the wicked shall perish,
And the enemies of Jĕ-hō'văh
shall be as [3]the fat of lambs:
They shall consume; [4]in smoke
shall they consume away.
21 The wicked borroweth, and
payeth not again;
But the righteous dealeth gra-
ciously, and giveth.
22 For such as are blessed of him
shall inherit the land;
And they that are cursed of him
shall be cut off.
23 A man's goings are established
of Jĕ-hō'văh;
And he delighteth in his way.
24 Though he fall, he shall not be
utterly cast down;
For Jĕ-hō'văh [5]upholdeth him
with his hand.
25 I have been young, and now
am old;
Yet have I not seen the right-
eous forsaken,
Nor his seed begging bread.
26 All the day long he dealeth
graciously, and lendeth;
And his seed is blessed.
27 Depart from evil, and do good;
And dwell for evermore.
28 For Jĕ-hō'văh loveth justice,
And forsaketh not his saints;
They are preserved for ever:
But the seed of the wicked
shall be cut off.
29 The righteous shall inherit the
land,
And dwell therein for ever.
30 The mouth of the righteous
talketh of wisdom,
And his tongue speaketh jus-
tice.
31 The law of his God is in his
heart;
None of his steps shall slide.
32 The wicked watcheth the
righteous,
And seeketh to slay him.
33 Jĕ-hō'văh will not leave him in
his hand,
Nor condemn him when he is
judged.
34 Wait for Jĕ-hō'văh, and keep
his way,
And he will exalt thee to inherit
the land:
When the wicked are cut off,
thou shalt see it.
35 I have seen the wicked in
great power,
And spreading himself like a
green tree in its native
soil.
36 [6]But one passed by, and, lo, he
was not:

[1] Or, *the earth* (and so in ver. 11, 22, 29, 34) [2] Or, *it* [3] Or, *the excellency of the pastures* [4] Or, *like smoke*

[5] Or, *upholdeth his hand* [6] Or, *Yet he passed away*

Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.
37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright;
For there is a *happy* end to the man of peace.
38 As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together:
The end of the wicked shall be cut off.
39 But the salvation of the righteous is of Jĕ-hō′văh:
He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
40 And Jĕ-hō′văh helpeth them, and rescueth them:
He rescueth them from the wicked, and saveth them,
Because they have taken refuge in him.

Prayer of a Suffering Penitent.

A Psalm of David, [1]to bring to remembrance.

38 O Jĕ-hō′văh, rebuke me not in thy wrath;
Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
2 For thine arrows [2]stick fast in me,
And thy hand [2]presseth me sore.
3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine indignation;
Neither is there any [3]health in my bones because of my sin.
4 For mine iniquities are gone over my head:
As a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
5 My wounds are loathsome and corrupt,
Because of my foolishness.
6 I am [4]pained and bowed down greatly;
I go mourning all the day long.
7 For my loins are filled with burning;
And there is no soundness in my flesh.
8 I am faint and sore bruised:
I have [5]groaned by reason of the disquietness of my heart.
9 Lord, all my desire is before thee;
And my groaning is not hid from thee.
10 My heart throbbeth, my strength faileth me:
As for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.
11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my plague;
And my kinsmen stand afar off.
12 They also that seek after my life lay snares *for me*;
And they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things,
And meditate deceits all the day long.
13 But I, as a deaf man, hear not;
And I am as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.
14 Yea, I am as a man that heareth not,
And in whose mouth are no [6]reproofs.
15 For in thee, O Jĕ-hō′văh, do I hope:
Thou wilt answer, O Lord my God.
16 For I said, Lest they rejoice over me:
When my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.
17 For I am ready to fall,
And my sorrow is continually before me.
18 For I will declare mine iniquity;
I will be sorry for my sin.
19 But mine enemies are lively, *and* are strong;
And they that hate me [7]wrongfully are multiplied.
20 They also that render evil for good
Are adversaries unto me, because I follow the thing that is good.
21 Forsake me not, O Jĕ-hō′văh:
O my God, be not far from me.
22 Make haste to help me,
O Lord, my salvation.

The Vanity of Life.

For the Chief Musician, for [8]Jeduthun.
A Psalm of David.

39 I said, I will take heed to my ways,
That I sin not with my tongue:

[1] Or, *to make memorial* Heb. *lighted on* [2] Or, *rest* [3] Heb. *bent* [4] Heb. *roared* [5] Or, *arguments* [6] Heb. *falsely* [7] Ps. 62 title; 77. title; 1 Chr. 16.41; 25.1

I will keep [1]my mouth with a bridle,
While the wicked is before me.
2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, [2]even from good;
And my sorrow was stirred.
3 My heart was hot within me;
While I was musing the fire burned:
Then spake I with my tongue:
4 Jĕ-hō′văh, make me to know mine end,
And the measure of my days, what it is;
Let me know how frail I am.
5 Behold, thou hast made my days *as* handbreadths;
And my life-time is as nothing before thee:
Surely every man [3]at his best estate is altogether [4]vanity.
[Sē′lăh
6 Surely every man wa!keth [5]in a vain show;
Surely they are disquieted [6]in vain:
He heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who shall gather them.
7 And now, Lord, what wait I for?
My hope is in thee.
8 Deliver me from all my transgressions:
Make me not the reproach of the foolish.
9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth;
Because thou didst it.
10 Remove thy stroke away from me:
I am consumed by the [7]blow of thy hand.
11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity,
Thou [8]makest his beauty to consume away like a moth:
Surely every man is [4]vanity.
[Sē′lăh
12 Hear my prayer, O Jĕ-hō′văh, and give ear unto my cry;
Hold not thy peace at my tears:
For I am a stranger with thee,
A sojourner, as all my fathers were.
13 Oh [9]spare me, that I may [10]recover strength,
Before I go hence, and be no more.

[1] Heb. *a bridle* (or, *muzzle*) *for my mouth* [2] Or, *and had no comfort* Heb. *away from good* [3] Heb. *standing firm* [4] Heb. *a breath* [5] Or, *as a shadow* [6] Or, *for vanity* [7] Heb. *conflict* [8] Or, *consumest like a moth his delights*

A Sacrifice of Praise, and Prayer for Help.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

40 I waited patiently for Jĕ-hō′-văh;
And he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
2 He brought me up also out of [11]a horrible pit, out of the miry clay;
And he set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.
3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God:
Many shall see it, and fear,
And shall trust in Jĕ-hō′văh.
4 Blessed is the man that maketh Jĕ-hō′văh his trust,
And respecteth not the proud, nor such as [12]turn aside to lies.
5 Many, O Jĕ-hō′văh my God, are the wonderful works which thou hast done,
And thy thoughts which are to us-ward:
[13]They cannot be set in order unto thee;
If I would declare and speak of them,
They are more than can be numbered.
6 Sacrifice and [14]offering thou hast no delight in;
[15]Mine ears hast thou opened:
Burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required.
7 Then said I, Lo, I am come;
In the roll of the book it is [16]written of me:
8 I delight to do thy will, O my God;
Yea, thy law is within my heart.
9 I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great assembly;

[9] Or, *look away from me* [10] Heb. *brighten up* [11] Heb. *a pit of tumult* (or, *destruction*) [12] Or, *fall away treacherously* [13] Or, *There is none to be compared unto thee* [14] Or, *meal-offering* [15] Heb. *Ears hast thou digged* (or, *pierced*) *for me* [16] Or, *prescribed to*

Lo, I will not refrain my lips,
O Jĕ-hō'văh, thou knowest.
10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart;
I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation;
I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great assembly.
11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Jĕ-hō'-văh;
Let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.
12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about;
Mine iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up;
They are more than the hairs of my head;
And my heart hath [1]failed me.
13 Be pleased, O Jĕ-hō'văh, to deliver me:
Make haste to help me, O Jĕ-hō'văh.
14 Let them be put to shame and confounded together
That seek after my soul to destroy it:
Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonor
That delight in my hurt.
15 Let them be [2]desolate [3]by reason of their shame
That say unto me, Aha, aha.
16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee:
Let such as love thy salvation say continually,
Jĕ-hō'văh be magnified.
17 But I am poor and needy;
Yet the Lord thinketh upon me:
Thou art my help and my deliverer;
Make no tarrying, O my God.

The Psalmist in Sickness complains of Enemies and False Friends.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

41 Blessed is he that considereth [4]the poor:
Jĕ-hō'văh will deliver him in the day of evil.
2 Jĕ-hō'văh will preserve him, and keep him alive,
And he shall be blessed [5]upon the earth;
And deliver not thou him unto the will of his enemies.
3 Jĕ-hō'văh will support him upon the couch of languishing:
Thou [6]makest all his bed in his sickness.
4 I said, O Jĕ-hō'văh, have mercy upon me:
Heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.
5 Mine enemies speak evil against me, *saying*,
When will he die, and his name perish?
6 And if he come to see *me*, he speaketh falsehood;
His heart gathereth iniquity to itself:
When he goeth abroad, he telleth it.
7 All that hate me whisper together against me;
Against me do they devise my hurt.
8 [7]An evil disease, *say they*,
[8]cleaveth fast unto him;
And now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.
9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted,
Who did eat of my bread,
Hath lifted up his heel against me.
10 But thou, O Jĕ-hō'văh, have mercy upon me, and raise me up,
That I may requite them.
11 By this I know that thou delightest in me,
Because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.
12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity,
And settest me before thy face for ever.

13 Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl,
From everlasting and to everlasting.
Ā-mĕn', and Ā-mĕn'.

1 Heb. *forsaken* 2 Or, *astonished* 3 Or, *for a reward of* 4 Or, *the weak*
5 Or, *in the land* 6 Heb. *turnest*, or, *changest* 7 Or, *Some wicked thing* 8 Or, *is poured out upon him*

BOOK II

Thirsting for God in Trouble and Exile.

For the Chief Musician. Maschil of the sons of Korah.

42 As the hart panteth after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul after thee, O God.
2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God:
When shall I come and appear before God?
3 My tears have been my food day and night,
While they [1]continually say unto me, Where is thy God?
4 These things I remember, and pour out my soul [2]within me,
How I went with the throng, and [3]led them to the house of God,
With the voice of joy and praise, a multitude keeping holyday.
5 Why art thou [4]cast down, O my soul?
And *why* art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him
For the help of his countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me:
Therefore do I remember thee from the land of the Jordan,
And the Hĕr'mŏns, from [5]the hill Mī'zär.
7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterfalls:
All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.
8 *Yet* Jĕ-hō'văh will command his lovingkindness in the day-time;
And in the night his song shall be with me,
Even a prayer unto the God of my life.

[1] Heb. *all the day* [2] Heb. *upon* [3] Or, *went in procession with them* [4] Heb. *bowed down* [5] Or. *the little mountain*

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me?
Why go I mourning [6]because of the oppression of the enemy?
10 As with [7]a sword in my bones, mine adversaries reproach me,
While they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?
11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him,
Who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Prayer for Deliverance.

43 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation:
Oh deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.
2 For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou cast me off?
Why go I mourning [6]because of the oppression of the enemy?
3 Oh send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me:
Let them bring me unto thy holy hill,
And to thy tabernacles.
4 Then will I go unto the altar of God,
Unto God [8]my exceeding joy;
And upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.
5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him,
Who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

[6] Or, *while the enemy oppresseth* [7] Or, *crushing* [8] Heb. *the gladness of my joy*

Former Deliverances and Present Troubles.

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of the sons of Korah. Maschil.

44 We have heard with our ears,
O God,
Our fathers have told us,
What work thou didst in their days,
In the days of old.
2 Thou didst drive out the nations with thy hand;
But them thou didst plant:
Thou didst afflict the peoples;
But them thou didst spread abroad.
3 For they gat not the land in possession by their own sword,
Neither did their own arm save them;
But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance,
Because thou wast favorable unto them.
4 Thou art my King, O God:
Command [1]deliverance for Jacob.
5 Through thee will we push down our adversaries:
Through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.
6 For I will not trust in my bow,
Neither shall my sword save me.
7 But thou hast saved us from our adversaries,
And hast put them to shame that hate us.
8 In God have we made our boast all the day long,
And we will give thanks unto thy name for ever. [Sē'lăh
9 But now thou hast cast *us* off, and brought us to dishonor,
And goest not forth with our hosts.
10 Thou makest us to turn back from the adversary;
And they that hate us take spoil for themselves.
11 Thou hast made us like sheep *appointed* for food,
And hast scattered us among the nations.
12 Thou sellest thy people for nought,
And hast not increased *thy wealth* by their price.
13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbors,
A scoffing and a derision to them that are round about us.
14 Thou makest us a byword among the nations,
A shaking of the head among the peoples.
15 All the day long is my dishonor before me,
And the shame of my face hath covered me,
16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth,
By reason of the enemy and the avenger.
17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee,
Neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.
18 Our heart is not turned back,
Neither have our steps declined from thy way,
19 [2]That thou hast sore broken us in the place of jackals,
And covered us with the shadow of death.
20 If we have forgotten the name of our God,
Or spread forth our hands to a strange god;
21 Will not God search this out?
For he knoweth the secrets of the heart.
22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord?
Arise, cast *us* not off for ever.
24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face,
And forgettest our affliction and our oppression?
25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust:
Our body cleaveth unto the earth.
26 Rise up for our help,
And redeem us for thy loving-kindness' sake.

[1] Or, *victories*

[2] Or, *Though*

A Song celebrating the King's Marriage.

For the Chief Musician; set to [2]Shoshannim. *A Psalm* of the sons of Korah. Maschil. A Song of loves.

45 My heart overfloweth with a goodly matter;
[2]I speak the things which I have made touching the king:
My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
2 Thou art fairer than the children of men;
Grace is poured [3]into thy lips:
Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.
3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O mighty one,
Thy glory and thy majesty.
4 And in thy majesty ride on prosperously,
[4]Because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness:
And [5]thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
5 Thine arrows are sharp;
The peoples fall under thee;
They are in the heart of the king's enemies.
6 [6]Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever:
A sceptre of equity is the sceptre of thy kingdom.
7 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness:
Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
8 All thy garments *smell of* myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia;
Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made thee glad.
9 Kings' daughters are among thy honorable women:
At thy right hand doth stand the queen in gold of Ō'phĭr.
10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear;
Forget also thine own people, and thy father's house:
11 So will the king desire thy beauty;
For he is thy lord; and reverence thou him.
12 And the daughter of Tȳre *shall be there* with a gift;
The rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.
13 The king's daughter [7]within *the palace* is all glorious:
Her clothing is inwrought with gold.
14 She shall be led unto the king [3]in broidered work:
The virgins her companions that follow her
Shall be brought unto thee.
15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be led:
They shall enter into the king's palace.
16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children,
Whom thou shalt make princes in all the earth.
17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations:
Therefore shall the peoples give thee thanks for ever and ever.

[1] That is, *Lilies* [3] Or, *I speak: my work is for a king* [3] Or, *upon* [4] Or, *In behalf of* [5] Or, *let thy right hand teach* [6] Or, *Thy throne is* the throne of *God &c.*

God the Refuge of his People.

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of the sons of Korah; set to Alamoth. A Song.

46 God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do change,
And though the mountains be shaken into the heart of the seas;
3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains tremble with the [8]swelling thereof.
[Sĕ'lăh
4 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God,
The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:
God will help her, [9]and that right early.

[7] Or, *in the inner part* of the palace [8] Or, *pride* [9] Heb. *at the dawn of morning*

6 The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved:
He uttered his voice, the earth melted.
7 Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our [1]refuge. [Sē'lăh

8 Come, behold the works of Jĕ-hō'văh,
[2]What desolations he hath made in the earth.
9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth;
He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder;
He burneth the chariots in the fire.
10 [3]Be still, and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.
11 Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our [1]refuge. [Sē'lăh

God the King of the Earth.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

47 Oh clap your hands, all ye peoples;
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
2 For [4]Jĕ-hō'văh Most High is terrible;
He is a great King over all the earth.
3 He subdueth peoples under us,
And nations under our feet.
4 He chooseth our inheritance for us,
The glory of Jacob whom he [5]loved. [Sē'lăh
5 God is gone up with a shout,
Jĕ-hō'văh with the sound of a trumpet.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises:
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
7 For God is the King of all the earth:
Sing ye praises [6]with understanding.
8 God reigneth over the nations:
God sitteth upon his holy throne.
9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together
[7]*To be* the people of the God of Abraham;
For the shields of the earth belong unto God:
He is greatly exalted.

The Beauty and Glory of Zion.

A Song; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

48 Great is Jĕ-hō'văh, and greatly to be praised,
In the city of our God, in his holy mountain.
2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth,
Is mount Zī'ŏn, *on* the sides of the north,
The city of the great King.
3 God hath made himself known in her palaces for a [1]refuge.
4 For, lo, the kings assembled themselves,
They [8]passed by together.
5 They saw it, then were they amazed;
They were dismayed, they [9]hasted away.
6 Trembling took hold of them there,
Pain, as of a woman in travail.
7 [10]With the east wind
Thou breakest the ships of Tär'shish.
8 As we have heard, so have we seen
In the city of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, in the city of our God:
God will establish it for ever. [Sē'lăh
9 We have thought on thy lovingkindness, O God,
In the midst of thy temple.
10 As is thy name, O God,
So is thy praise unto the ends of the earth:
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.
11 Let mount Zī'ŏn be glad,
Let the daughters of Jū'dăh rejoice,
Because of thy judgments.

1 Or, *high tower* 2 Or, *Who hath made desolation &c.* 3 Or, *Let be* 4 Or, *Jehovah is most high* and *terrible* 5 Or, *loveth* 6 Or, *in a skilful psalm* Heb. *Maschil*
7 Or, Unto *the people* 8 Or, *passed away* 9 Or, *were stricken with terror* 10 Or, *As with the east wind that breaketh*

12 Walk about Zī'ŏn, and go round about her;
Number the towers thereof;
13 Mark ye well her bulwarks;
[1]Consider her palaces:
That ye may tell it to the generation following.
14 For this God is our God for ever and ever:
He will be our guide *even* unto death.

The Folly of trusting in Riches.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

49 Hear this, all ye peoples;
Give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world,
2 Both low and high,
Rich and poor together.
3 My mouth shall speak wisdom;
And the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.
4 I will incline mine ear to a parable:
I will open my dark saying upon the harp.
5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil,
When [2]iniquity at my heels compasseth me about?
6 They that trust in their wealth,
And boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;
7 None *of them* can by any means redeem his brother,
Nor give to God a ransom for him
8 (For the redemption of their life is costly,
And it faileth for ever),
9 That he should still live alway,
That he should not see [3]corruption.
10 For [4]he shall see it. Wise men die;
The fool and the brutish alike perish,
And leave their wealth to others.
11 Their inward thought is, *that* their houses *shall continue* for ever,
And their dwelling-places to all generations;
They call their lands after their own names.
12 But man *being* in honor abideth not:
He is like the beasts that perish.

13 This [5]their way is [6]their folly:
Yet after them men approve their sayings. [Sē'lăh
14 They are appointed as a flock for Shē'ōl;
Death shall be their shepherd:
And the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning;
And their [7]beauty shall be for Shē'ōl to consume,
That there be no habitation for it.
15 But God will redeem my soul from the [8]power of Shē'ōl;
For he will receive me. [Sē'lăh
16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich,
When the [9]glory of his house is increased:
17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away;
His glory shall not descend after him.
18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul
(And men praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself),
19 [10]He shall go to the generation of his fathers;
[11]They shall never see the light.
20 Man that is in honor, and understandeth not,
Is like the beasts that perish.

God the Judge of the Righteous and the Wicked.

A Psalm of Asaph.

50 The Mighty One, God, Jĕhō'văh, hath spoken,
And called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.
2 Out of Zī'ŏn, the perfection of beauty,
God hath shined forth.

[1] Or, *Traverse* [2] Or, *the iniquity of them that would supplant me compasseth me about. Even of them that trust . . . riches?* [3] Or, *the pit* [4] Or, *he seeth that wise men &c.*
[5] Or, *is the way of them that are foolish* [6] Or, *their confidence: and after &c.* [7] Or, *form* [8] Heb. *hand* [9] Or, *wealth* [10] Heb. *Thou shalt go, or, It shall go* [11] Or, *Who never more see*

3 Our God cometh, and doth not
keep silence:
A fire devoureth before him,
And it is very tempestuous
round about him.
4 He calleth to the heavens above,
And to the earth, that he may
judge his people:
5 Gather my saints together
unto me,
Those that have made a cove-
nant with me by sacrifice.
6 And the heavens [1]shall declare
his righteousness;
For God is judge himself.
[Sē'lăh
7 Hear, O my people, and I will
speak;
O Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and I will testify
[2]unto thee:
I am God, *even* thy God.
8 I will not reprove thee for thy
sacrifices;
[3]And thy burnt-offerings are
continually before me.
9 I will take no bullock out of
thy house,
Nor he-goats out of thy folds.
10 For every beast of the forest is
mine,
And the cattle [4]upon a thou-
sand hills.
11 I know all the birds of the
mountains;
And the wild beasts of the field
are [5]mine.
12 If I were hungry, I would not
tell thee;
For the world is mine, and the
fulness thereof.
13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
Or drink the blood of goats?
14 Offer unto God the sacrifice of
thanksgiving;
And pay thy vows unto the
Most High;
15 And call upon me in the day of
trouble:
I will deliver thee, and thou
shalt glorify me.

16 But unto the wicked God saith,
What hast thou to do to declare
my statutes,
And that thou hast taken my
covenant in thy mouth,
17 Seeing thou hatest [6]instruc-
tion,
And castest my words behind
thee?
18 When thou sawest a thief, thou
consentedst with him,
And [7]hast been partaker with
adulterers.
19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil,
And thy tongue frameth deceit.
20 Thou sittest and speakest
against thy brother;
Thou [8]slanderest thine own
mother's son.
21 These things hast thou done,
and I kept silence;
Thou thoughtest that I was
altogether such a one as thy-
self:
But I will reprove thee, and set
them in order before thine
eyes.

22 Now consider this, ye that for-
get God,
Lest I tear you in pieces, and
there be none to deliver:
23 Whoso offereth the sacrifice of
thanksgiving glorifieth me;
And [9]to him that ordereth his
way *aright*
Will I show the salvation of God.

A Contrite Sinner's Prayer for Pardon.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David; when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba.

51 Have mercy upon me, O God,
according to thy loving-
kindness:
According to the multitude of
thy tender mercies blot out
my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly from
mine iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I know my transgressions;
And my sin is ever before me.
4 Against thee, thee only, have
I sinned,
And done that which is evil in
thy sight;

[1] Or, *declare* [2] Or, *against* [3] Or, *Nor thy burnt-offerings, which are &c.* [4] Or, *upon the mountains where thousands are* Or, *in my mind* Heb. *with me*

[6] Or, *correction* [7] Heb. *thy portion was with adulterers* [8] Or, *givest a thrust against* [9] Or, *prepareth a way that I may show him*

That thou mayest be justified
when thou speakest,
And be clear when thou judgest.
5 Behold, I was brought forth in
iniquity;
And in sin did my mother con-
ceive me.
6 Behold, thou desirest truth in
the inward parts;
And in the hidden part thou wilt
make me to know wisdom.
7 Purify me with hyssop, and I
shall be clean:
Wash me, and I shall be whiter
than snow.
8 Make me to hear joy and glad-
ness,
That the bones which thou hast
broken may rejoice.
9 Hide thy face from my sins,
And blot out all mine iniquities.
10 Create [1]in me a clean heart, O
God;
And renew a [2]right spirit within
me.
11 Cast me not away from thy
presence;
And take not thy holy Spirit
from me.
12 Restore unto me the joy of thy
salvation;
And uphold me with a willing
spirit.
13 Then will I teach transgressors
thy ways;
And sinners shall [3]be converted
unto thee.
14 Deliver me from bloodguilti-
ness, O God, thou God of my
salvation;
And my tongue shall sing aloud
of thy righteousness.
15 O Lord, open thou my lips;
And my mouth shall show forth
thy praise.
16 For thou delightest not in sac-
rifice; [4]else would I give it:
Thou hast no pleasure in burnt-
offering.
17 The sacrifices of God are a
broken spirit:
A broken and a contrite heart,
O God, thou wilt not despise.

18 Do good in thy good pleasure
unto Zi'ŏn:
Build thou the walls of Jĕ-ru'-
să-lĕm.
19 Then wilt thou delight in the
sacrifices of righteousness,
In burnt-offering and whole
burnt-offering:
Then will they offer bullocks
upon thine altar.

[1] Or, *for me* [2] Or, *stedfast* [3] Or, *return*
[4] Or, *that I should give it*

Futility of Boastful Wickedness.

For the Chief Musician. Maschil of David;
when Doeg the Edomite came and told
Saul, and said unto him, David is come
to the house of Ahimelech.

52 Why boastest thou thyself in
mischief, O mighty man?
The lovingkindness of God
endureth continually.
2 Thy tongue deviseth very wick-
edness,
Like a sharp razor, working de-
ceitfully.
3 Thou lovest evil more than
good,
And lying rather than to speak
righteousness. [Sē'lăh
4 Thou lovest all devouring
words,
[5]O thou deceitful tongue.
5 God will likewise [6]destroy thee
for ever;
He will take thee up, and pluck
thee out of thy tent,
And root thee out of the land
of the living. [Sē'lăh
6 The righteous also shall see *it*,
and fear,
And shall laugh at him, *saying*,
7 Lo, this is the man that made
not God his [7]strength,
But trusted in the abundance
of his riches,
And strengthened himself in
his wickedness.
8 But as for me, I am like a green
olive-tree in the house of
God:
I trust in the lovingkindness of
God for ever and ever.
9 I will give thee thanks for ever,
because thou hast done it;
And I will hope in thy name,
for it is good, in the presence
of thy saints.

[5] Or, And the *deceitful tongue* [6] Or, *break*
thee down [7] Or, *stronghold*

The Folly and Wickedness of Men.

For the Chief Musician; set to Mahalath. Maschil of David.

53 The fool hath said in his heart,
There is no God.
Corrupt are they, and have
done abominable iniquity;
There is none that doeth good.
2 God looked down from heaven
upon the children of men,
To see if there were any that
did [1]understand,
That did seek after God.
3 Every one of them is gone back;
they are together become
filthy;
There is none that doeth good,
no, not one.
4 Have the workers of iniquity
no knowledge,
Who eat up my people *as* they
eat bread,
And call not upon God?
5 There were they in great fear,
where no fear was;
For God hath scattered the
bones of him that encampeth
against thee:
Thou hast put them to shame,
because God hath rejected
them.
6 Oh that the salvation of Ĭs'-
rā-ĕl were come out of Zī'ŏn!
When God [2]bringeth back the
captivity of his people,
Then shall Jacob rejoice, *and*
Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall be glad.

Prayer for Defence against Enemies.

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. Maschil of David; when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?

54 Save me, O God, by thy name,
And judge me in thy might.
2 Hear my prayer, O God;
Give ear to the words of my
mouth.
3 For strangers are risen up
against me,
And violent men have sought
after my soul:
They have not set God before
them. [Sē'lăh
4 Behold, God is my helper:
The Lord is [3]of them that up-
hold my soul.
5 [4]He will requite the evil unto
[5]mine enemies:
Destroy thou them in thy truth.
6 With a freewill-offering will I
sacrifice unto thee:
I will give thanks unto thy
name,
O Jĕ-hō'văh, for it is good.
7 For he hath delivered me out
of all trouble;
And mine eye hath seen *my
desire* upon mine enemies.

Prayer for the Destruction of the Treacherous.

For the Chief Musician; on stringed [6]instruments. Maschil of David.

55 Give ear to my prayer, O God;
And hide not thyself from
my supplication.
2 Attend unto me, and answer me:
I am restless in my complaint,
and moan,
3 Because of the voice of the
enemy,
Because of the oppression of
the wicked;
For they cast iniquity upon me,
And in anger they persecute
me.
4 My heart is sore pained within
me:
And the terrors of death are
fallen upon me.
5 Fearfulness and trembling are
come upon me,
And horror hath overwhelmed
me.
6 And I said, Oh that I had wings
like a dove!
Then would I fly away, and be
at rest.
7 Lo, then would I wander far off,
I would lodge in the wilderness.
[Sē'lăh
8 I would [6]haste me to a shelter
From the stormy wind and
tempest.
9 [7]Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide
their tongue;
For I have seen violence and
strife in the city.
10 Day and night they go about it
upon the walls thereof:

[1] Or, *deal wisely* [2] Or, *returneth to* [3] Or, *with* [4] Another reading is, *The evil shall return* [5] Or, *them that lie in wait for me* [6] Or, *hasten my escape* [7] Heb. *Swallow up*

Iniquity also and mischief are
in the midst of it.
11 Wickedness is in the midst
thereof:
[1]Oppression and guile depart not
from its streets.
12 For it was not an enemy that
reproached me;
Then I could have borne it:
Neither was it he that hated me
that did magnify himself
against me;
Then I would have hid myself
from him:
13 But it was thou, a man mine
equal,
My companion, and my famil-
iar friend.
14 We took sweet counsel together;
We walked in the house of God
with the throng.
15 [2]Let death come suddenly upon
them,
Let them go down alive into
Shĕ'ōl;
For wickedness is in their
dwelling, in [3]the midst of
them.
16 As for me, I will call upon God;
And Jĕ-hō'văh will save me.
17 Evening, and morning, and at
noonday, will I complain,
and moan;
And he will hear my voice.
18 He hath redeemed my soul in
peace [4]from the battle that
was against me;
For they were many *that strove*
with me.
19 God will hear, and [5]answer
them,
Even he that abideth of old,
[Sē'lăh
The men who have no changes,
And who fear not God.
20 He hath put forth his hands
against such as were at peace
with him:
He hath profaned his covenant.
21 His mouth was smooth as butter,
But his heart was war:
His words were softer than oil,
Yet were they drawn swords.
22 Cast [6]thy burden upon Jĕ-hō'-
văh, and he will sustain thee:
He will never suffer the right-
eous to be moved.
23 But thou, O God, wilt bring
them down into the pit of
destruction:
Bloodthirsty and deceitful men
shall not live out half their
days;
But I will trust in thee.

Supplication for Deliverance, and Grateful Trust in God.

For the Chief Musician; set to [7]Jonath elem rehokim. *A Psalm* of David. Michtam; when the Philistines took him in Gath.

56 Be merciful unto me, O God;
for man would swallow me
up:
All the day long he fighting op-
presseth me.
2 [8]Mine enemies would swallow
me up all the day long;
For they are many that fight
proudly against me.
3 What time I am afraid,
I will put my trust in thee.
4 In God (I will praise his word),
In God have I put my trust, I
will not be afraid;
What can flesh do unto me?
5 All the day long they wrest my
words:
All their thoughts are against
me for evil.
6 They gather themselves to-
gether, they hide themselves,
They mark my steps,
[9]Even as they have waited for
my soul.
7 [10]Shall they escape by iniquity?
In anger cast down the peoples,
O God.
8 Thou numberest my wander-
ings:
Put thou my tears into thy
bottle;
Are they not in thy [11]book?
9 Then shall mine enemies turn
back in the day that I call:
This I know, [12]that God is for me.
10 In God (I will praise *his* word),
In Jĕ-hō'văh (I will praise *his*
word),
11 In God have I put my trust, I
will not be afraid;

[1] Or, *Fraud* [2] Or, as otherwise read, *Desolations be upon them!* [3] Or, *their inward part* [4] Or, *so that none came nigh me* [5] Or, *afflict* [6] Or, *what he hath given thee* [7] That is, *The silent dove of them that are afar off* Or, as otherwise read, *The dove of the distant terebinths* [8] Or, *They that lie in wait for me* [9] Or, *Inasmuch as* [10] Or, *They think to escape* [11] Or, *record* [12] Or, *for*

What can man do unto me?
12 Thy vows are upon me, O God:
I will render thank-offerings unto thee.
13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death:
Hast thou not *delivered* my feet from falling,
That I may walk before God
In the light of [1]the living?

Prayer for Rescue from Persecutors.

For the Chief Musician; *set to* Al-tashheth. *A Psalm* of David. Michtam; when he fled from Saul, in the cave.

57 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me;
For my soul taketh refuge in thee:
Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I take refuge,
Until *these* [2]calamities be overpast.
2 I will cry unto God Most High,
Unto God that performeth *all things* for me.
3 He will send from heaven, and save me,
When he that would swallow me up reproacheth; [Sē'lāh
God will send forth his lovingkindness and his truth.
4 My soul is among lions;
I [3]lie among them that are set on fire,
Even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows,
And their tongue a sharp sword.
5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let thy glory *be* above all the earth.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps;
My soul is bowed down:
They have digged a pit before me;
They are fallen into the midst thereof themselves. [Sē'lāh
7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises.
8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp:
I myself [4]will awake right early.
9 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the peoples:
I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
10 For thy lovingkindness is great unto the heavens,
And thy truth unto the skies.
11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let thy glory *be* above all the earth.

Prayer for the Punishment of the Wicked.

For the Chief Musician; *set to* Al-tashheth. *A Psalm* of David. Michtam.

58 [5]Do ye indeed [6]in silence speak righteousness?
Do ye [7]judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?
2 Nay, in heart ye work wickedness;
Ye weigh out the violence of your hands in the earth.
3 The wicked are estranged from the womb:
They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.
4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent:
They are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear,
5 Which hearkeneth not to the voice of [8]charmers,
Charming never so wisely.
6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth:
Break out the great teeth of the young lions, O Jĕ-hō'văh.
7 Let them melt away as water that runneth apace:
When he aimeth his arrows, let them be as though they were cut off.
8 *Let them be* as a snail which melteth and passeth away,
Like the untimely birth of a woman, [9]that hath not seen the sun.

1 Or *life* 2 Or, *wickednesses* 3 Or, *must lie*
4 Or, *will awake the dawn* 5 Or, *Is the righteousness ye should speak dumb?* 6 Or, as otherwise read, *O ye gods* Or, *O ye mighty ones* 7 Or, *judge uprightly the sons of men* 8 Or, *enchanters* 9 Or, like them *that have not seen the sun*

9 Before your pots can feel the thorns,
[1]He will take them away with a whirlwind, the green and the burning alike.
10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance:
He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked;
11 So that men shall say, Verily there is [2]a reward for the righteous:
Verily there is a God that judgeth in the earth.

Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies.

For the Chief Musician; *set to* Al-tashheth. *A Psalm* of David. Michtam; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

59 Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God:
Set me on high from them that rise up against me.
2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,
And save me from the bloodthirsty men.
3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul;
The mighty gather themselves together against me:
Not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Jĕ-hō'văh.
4 They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault:
Awake thou to [3]help me, and behold.
5 Even thou, O Jĕ-hō'văh God of hosts, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl,
Arise to visit all the nations:
Be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. [Sē'lăh
6 They return at evening, they howl like a dog,
And go round about the city.
7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth;
Swords are in their lips:
For who, *say they*, doth hear?
8 But thou, O Jĕ-hō'văh, wilt laugh at them;
Thou wilt have all the nations in derision.
9 [4]*Because of* his strength I will give heed unto thee;
For God is my high tower.
10 My God with his lovingkindness will meet me:
God will let me see *my desire* upon [5]mine enemies.
11 Slay them not, lest my people forget:
[6]Scatter them by thy power, and bring them down,
O Lord our shield.
12 *For* the sin of their mouth, *and* the words of their lips,
Let them even be taken in their pride,
And for cursing and lying which they speak.
13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, so that they shall be no more:
And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob,
Unto the ends of the earth. [Sē'lăh
14 And at evening let them return, let them howl like a dog,
And go round about the city.
15 They shall wander up and down for food,
And tarry all night if they be not satisfied.
16 But I will sing of thy strength;
Yea, I will sing aloud of thy lovingkindness in the morning:
For thou hast been my high tower,
And a refuge in the day of my distress.
17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing praises:
For God is my high tower, the God of my mercy.

Lament over Defeat in Battle, and Prayer for Help.

For the Chief Musician; set to [7]Shushan Eduth. Michtam of David, to teach; when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the Valley of Salt twelve thousand.

60 O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast broken us down;
Thou hast been angry; oh restore us again.

[1] Or, *Wrath shall take them away while living as with a whirlwind* [2] Heb. *fruit* [3] Heb. *meet*
[4] Acc. to Sept. and Vulg., *My strength* [5] Or, *them that lie in wait for me* [6] Or, *Make them wander to and fro* [7] That is, *The lily of testimony*

2 Thou hast made the land to tremble; thou hast rent it:
Heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.
3 Thou hast showed thy people hard things:
Thou hast made us to drink the wine of staggering.
4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee,
That it may be displayed because of the truth. [Sē'lăh
5 That thy beloved may be delivered,
Save with thy right hand, and answer [1]us.
6 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult;
I will divide Shĕ'chĕm, and mete out the valley of Sŭc'-cŏth.
7 Gĭl'ĕ-ăd is mine, and Mă-năs'-sĕh is mine;
Ē'phră-ĭm also is the defence of my head;
Jū'dăh is my [2]sceptre.
8 Mō'ăb is my washpot;
[3]Upon Ē'dŏm will I cast my shoe:
Phĭ-lĭs'tĭ-à, shout thou because of me.
9 Who will bring me into the strong city?
[4]Who hath led me unto Ē'dŏm?
10 [5]Hast not thou, O God, cast us off?
And thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.
11 Give us help against the adversary;
For vain is the [6]help of man.
12 Through God we shall do valiantly;
For he it is that will tread down our adversaries.

Confidence in God's Protection.

For the Chief Musician; on a stringed instrument. *A Psalm* of David.

61 Hear my cry, O God;
Attend unto my prayer.
2 From the end of the earth will I call unto thee, when my heart [7]is overwhelmed:
Lead me to [8]the rock that is higher than I.
3 For thou hast been a refuge for me,
A strong tower from the enemy.
4 I will dwell in thy [9]tabernacle for ever:
I will take refuge in the covert of thy wings. [Sē'lăh
5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows:
Thou hast [10]given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name.
6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life;
His years shall be as many generations.
7 He shall abide before God for ever:
Oh prepare lovingkindness and truth, that they may preserve him.
8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever,
That I may daily perform my vows.

God alone a Refuge from Treachery and Oppression.

For the Chief Musician; after the manner of Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

62 My soul [11]waiteth in silence for God only:
From him *cometh* my salvation.
2 He only is my rock and my salvation:
He is my high tower; I shall not be greatly moved.
3 How long will ye set upon a man,
[12]That ye may slay *him*, all of you,
Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence?
4 They only consult to thrust him down from his dignity;
They delight in lies;
They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. [Sē'lăh
5 My soul, [13]wait thou in silence for God only;
For my expectation is from him.
6 He only is my rock and my salvation:

[1] Another reading is, *me* [2] Or, *lawgiver* [3] Or, *Unto* [4] Or, *Who will lead me &c.* [5] Or, *Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off, and goest . . hosts?* [6] Heb. *salvation* [7] Or, *fainteth* [8] Or, *a rock that is too high for me* [9] Heb. *tent* [10] Or, *given a heritage unto those &c.* [11] Heb. *is silent unto God* [12] Or, as otherwise read, *Ye shall be slain &c.* [13] Heb. *be thou silent unto God*

He is my high tower; I shall not be moved.
7 With God is my salvation and my glory:
The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
8 Trust in him at all times, ye people;
Pour out your heart before him:
God is a refuge for us. [Sē'lăh
9 Surely men of low degree are [1]vanity, and men of high degree are a lie:
In the balances they will go up;
They are together lighter than [1]vanity.
10 Trust not in oppression,
And become not vain in robbery:
If riches increase, set not your heart *thereon.*
11 God hath spoken once,
Twice have I heard this,
That power belongeth unto God.
12 Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth lovingkindness;
For thou renderest to every man according to his work.

The Thirsting Soul satisfied in God.

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

63 O God, thou art my God; earnestly will I seek thee:
My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee,
In a dry and weary land, where no water is.
2 So have I looked upon thee in the sanctuary,
To see thy power and thy glory.
3 Because thy lovingkindness is better than life,
My lips shall praise thee.
4 So will I bless thee while I live:
I will lift up my hands in thy name.
5 My soul shall be satisfied as with [2]marrow and fatness;
And my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips;
6 When I remember thee upon my bed,
[3]*And* meditate on thee in the night-watches.
7 For thou hast been my help,
And in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
8 My soul followeth hard after thee:
Thy right hand upholdeth me.
9 But those that seek my soul, [4]to destroy it,
Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.
10 They shall be [5]given over to the power of the sword:
They shall be a portion for [6]foxes.
11 But the king shall rejoice in God:
Every one that sweareth by him shall glory;
For the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

Prayer for Deliverance from Secret Enemies.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

64 Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint:
Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
2 Hide me from the secret counsel of evil-doers,
From the [7]tumult of the workers of iniquity;
3 Who have whet their tongue like a sword,
And have aimed their arrows, even bitter words,
4 That they may shoot in secret places at the perfect:
Suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.
5 They encourage themselves in an evil purpose;
They commune of laying snares privily;
They say, Who will see them?
6 They search out iniquities;
[8]We have accomplished, *say they,* a diligent search:
And the inward thought and the heart of every one is deep.
7 But God will shoot at them;
With an arrow suddenly shall they be wounded.
8 So [9]they shall be made to

1 Heb. *a breath* 2 Heb. *fat* 3 Or, *I meditate*
4 Or, *shall be destroyed; They shall &c.* 5 Or, *poured out by* 6 Or, *jackals* 7 Or, *throng* 8 Or, as otherwise read, *They have accomplished* (or, *have hidden*) 9 Or, *shall they against whom their tongue was make them to stumble*

stumble, their own tongue being against them:
All that see them shall [1]wag the head.
9 And all men shall fear;
And they shall declare the work of God,
And shall wisely consider of his doing.
10 The righteous shall be glad in Jĕ-hō'văh, and shall take refuge in him;
And all the upright in heart shall glory.

God's Abundant Favor to Earth and Man.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm. A Song of David.

65 [2]Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zī'ŏn;
And unto thee shall the vow be performed.
2 O thou that hearest prayer,
Unto thee shall all flesh come.
3 [3]Iniquities prevail against me:
As for our transgressions, thou wilt [4]forgive them.
4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach *unto thee,*
That he may dwell in thy courts:
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house,
Thy holy temple.
5 By terrible things thou wilt answer us in righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
Thou that art the confidence of all the ends of the earth,
And [5]of them that are afar off upon the sea:
6 Who by his strength setteth fast the mountains,
Being girded about with might;
7 Who stilleth the roaring of the seas,
The roaring of their waves,
And the tumult of the peoples.
8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens:
Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it,
Thou greatly enrichest it;
The river of God is full of water:
Thou providest them grain,
[6]when thou hast so prepared [7]the earth.
10 Thou waterest its furrows abundantly;
Thou [8]settlest the ridges thereof:
Thou makest it soft with showers;
Thou blessest the springing thereof.
11 Thou crownest [9]the year with thy goodness;
And thy paths drop fatness.
12 [10]They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness;
And the hills are girded with joy.
13 The pastures are clothed with flocks;
The valleys also are covered over with grain;
They shout for joy, they also sing.

Praise for God's Mighty Deeds and for his Answer to Prayer.

For the Chief Musician. A Song, a Psalm.

66 Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth:
2 Sing forth the glory of his name:
Make his praise glorious.
3 Say unto God, How terrible are thy works!
Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies [11]submit themselves unto thee.
4 All the earth shall worship thee,
And shall sing unto thee;
They shall sing to thy name. [Sē'lăh
5 Come, and see the works of God;
He is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.
6 He turned the sea into dry land;
They went through the river on foot:

[1] Or, *flee away* [2] Or, *There shall be silence before thee,* and *praise, O God &c.* [3] Heb. *Words* (or, *Matters*) *of iniquities* [4] Or, *expiate* [5] Or, *of the sea, afar off*
[6] Or, *for so preparest thou* [7] Heb. *it* [8] Heb. *loweresť* [9] Heb. *the year of thy goodness* [10] Or, *The pastures . . . do drop* [11] Or, *yield feigned obedience* Heb. *lie*

There [1]did we rejoice in him.
7 He ruleth by his might for ever;
His eyes observe the nations:
Let not the rebellious exalt themselves. [Sē'lăh
8 Oh bless our God, ye peoples,
And make the voice of his praise to be heard;
9 Who [2]holdeth our soul in life,
And suffereth not our feet to be moved.
10 For thou, O God, hast proved us:
Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.
11 Thou broughtest us into the net;
Thou layedst a sore burden upon our loins.
12 Thou didst cause men to ride over our heads;
We went through fire and through water;
But thou broughtest us out into [3]a wealthy place.
13 I will come into thy house with burnt-offerings;
I will pay thee my vows,
14 Which my lips uttered,
And my mouth spake, when I was in distress.
15 I will offer unto thee burnt-offerings of fatlings,
With the incense of rams;
I will offer bullocks with goats. [Sē'lăh
16 Come, and hear, all ye that fear God,
And I will declare what he hath done for my soul.
17 I cried unto him with my mouth,
And [4]he was extolled with my tongue.
18 If I [5]regard iniquity in my heart,
The Lord [6]will not hear:
19 But verily God hath heard;
He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.
20 Blessed be God,
Who hath not turned away my prayer,
Nor his lovingkindness from me.

[1] Or, *let us rejoice* [2] Heb. *putteth* [3] Heb. *abundance* [4] Or, as otherwise read, *high praise was under my tongue* [5] Or, *had regarded* [6] Or, *would*

The Nations exhorted to praise God.

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A Psalm, a Song.

67 God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And cause his face to shine [7]upon us; [Sē'lăh
2 That thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy salvation among all nations.
3 Let the peoples [8]praise thee, O God;
Let all the peoples praise thee.
4 Oh let the nations be glad and sing for joy;
For thou wilt judge the peoples with equity,
And [9]govern the nations upon earth. [Sē'lăh
5 Let the peoples praise thee, O God;
Let all the peoples praise thee.
6 The earth hath yielded its increase:
God, even our own God, will bless us.
7 God will bless us;
And all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Jehovah the God of Sinai and of the Sanctuary.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David, a Song.

68 [10]Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered;
Let them also that hate him flee before him.
2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away:
As wax melteth before the fire,
So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
3 But let the righteous be glad; let them exult before God:
Yea, let them rejoice with gladness.
4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name:
Cast up a highway for him that rideth through the deserts;
His name is [11]Jĕ-hō'văh; and exult ye before him.

[7] Heb. *with us* [8] Or. *give thanks unto* [9] Heb. *lead* [10] Or, *God ariseth;* and so throughout ver. 1, 2, 3 [11] Heb. *Jah*

5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows,
Is God in his holy habitation.
6 God [1]setteth the solitary in families:
He bringeth out the prisoners into prosperity;
But the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people,
When thou didst march through the wilderness; [Sē'lăh
8 The earth trembled,
The heavens also dropped *rain* at the presence of God:
Yon Sī'năi *trembled* at the presence of God, the God of Is'rā-ĕl.
9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain,
Thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.
10 Thy [2]congregation dwelt therein:
Thou, O God, didst prepare of thy goodness for the poor.
11 The Lord giveth the word:
The women that publish the tidings are a great host.
12 Kings of armies flee, they flee;
And she that tarrieth at home divideth the spoil.
13 [3]When ye lie among the sheepfolds,
It is as the wings of a dove covered with silver,
And her pinions with yellow gold.
14 When the Almighty scattered kings therein,
It [4]*was as when* it snoweth in Zăl'mŏn.
15 A mountain of God is the mountain of Bā'shăn;
A [5]high mountain is the mountain of Bā'shăn.
16 Why look ye askance, ye high mountains,
At the mountain which God hath desired for his abode?
Yea, Jĕ-hō'văh will dwell *in it* for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands upon thousands:
The Lord is among them, [6]*as in* Sī'năi, in the sanctuary.
18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led away captives;
Thou hast received gifts among men,
Yea, *among* the rebellious also, that [7]Jĕ-hō'văh God might [8]dwell *with them*.

19 Blessed be [9]the Lord, who daily beareth our burden,
Even the God who is our salvation. [Sē'lăh
20 God is unto us a God of deliverances;
And unto Jĕ-hō'văh the Lord belongeth escape from death.
21 But God will smite through the head of his enemies,
The hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his guiltiness.
22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bā'shăn,
I will bring *them* again from the depths of the sea;
23 That thou mayest crush *them, dipping* thy foot in blood,
That the tongue of thy dogs may have its portion from *thine* enemies.
24 They have seen thy goings, O God,
Even the goings of my God, my King, [10]into the sanctuary.
25 The singers went before, the minstrels followed after,
In the midst of the damsels playing with timbrels.
26 Bless ye God in the congregations,
Even the Lord, *ye that are* of the fountain of Is'rā-ĕl.
27 There is little Bĕn'jă-mĭn their ruler,
The princes of Jū'dăh *and* their [11]council,
The princes of Zĕb'ū-lŭn, the princes of Năph'tă-lī.

[1] Heb. *maketh the solitary to dwell in a house* [2] Or, *troop* [3] Or, *Will ye lie among the sheepfolds, as the wings . . . gold?* [4] Or, *snowed* [5] Heb. *mountain of summits* [6] Or, *Sinai* is *in the sanctuary* [7] Heb. *Jah.* See ver. 4 [8] Or, *dwell* there [9] Or, *the Lord day by day: if one oppresseth us, God is our salvation* [10] Or, *in the sanctuary* Or, *in holiness* [11] Or, *company*

28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength:
[1]Strengthen, O God, that which thou [2]hast wrought for us.
29 Because of thy temple at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm
Kings shall bring presents unto thee.
30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds,
The multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the peoples,
[3]Trampling under foot the pieces of silver:
[4]He hath scattered the peoples that delight in war.
31 Princes shall come out of Ĕ'gўpt;
[5]Ē-thi-ō'pĭ-ă shall haste to stretch out her hands unto God.
32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth;
Oh sing praises unto the Lord;
[Sē'lăh
33 To him that rideth upon the heaven of heavens, which are of old;
Lo, he uttereth his voice, a mighty voice.
34 Ascribe ye strength unto God:
His excellency is over ĭs'ră-ĕl,
And his strength is in the skies.
35 [6]O God, *thou art* terrible out of thy holy places:
The God of ĭs'ră-ĕl, he giveth strength and power unto *his* people.
Blessed be God.

A Cry of Distress, and Imprecation on Adversaries.

For the Chief Musician; set to [7]Shoshannim. *A Psalm* of David.

69 Save me, O God;
For the waters are come in unto my soul.
2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing:
I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.
3 I am weary with my crying; my throat is dried:
Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.
4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head:
They that would cut me off, being mine enemies [8]wrongfully, are mighty:
That which I took not away I have to restore.
5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness;
And my [9]sins are not hid from thee.
6 Let not them that wait for thee be put to shame through me, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts:
Let not those that seek thee be brought to dishonor through me, O God of ĭs'ră-ĕl.
7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach;
Shame hath covered my face.
8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren,
And an alien unto my mother's children.
9 For the zeal of thy house hath eaten me up;
And the reproaches of them that reproach thee are fallen upon me.
10 When I wept, *and chastened* my soul with fasting,
That was to my reproach.
11 When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a byword unto them.
12 They that sit in the gate talk of me;
And *I am* the song of the drunkards.
13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh, in an acceptable time:
O God, in the abundance of thy lovingkindness,
Answer me in the truth of thy salvation.
14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink:
Let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

[1] Or, *Be strong, O God, thou that hast &c.* [2] Or, *hast wrought for us out of thy temple. Unto Jerusalem &c.* [3] Or, Every one *submitting himself with pieces of silver* [4] Or, as otherwise read, *Scatter thou* [5] Heb. *Cush* [6] Or, *Terrible is God* [7] That is, *Lilies*
[8] Heb. *falsely* [9] Heb. *guiltinesses*

15 Let not the waterflood overwhelm me,
Neither let the deep swallow me up;
And let not the pit shut its mouth upon me.
16 Answer me, O Jĕ-hō'văh; for thy lovingkindness is good:
According to the multitude of thy tender mercies turn thou unto me.
17 And hide not thy face from thy servant;
For I am in distress; answer me speedily.
18 Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it:
Ransom me because of mine enemies.
19 Thou knowest my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor:
Mine adversaries are all before thee.
20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am [1]full of heaviness:
And I looked for some to take pity, but there was none;
And for comforters, but I found none.
21 They gave me also gall for my food;
And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
22 Let their table before them become a snare;
And when they are in peace, *let it become* a trap.
23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they cannot see;
And make their loins continually to shake.
24 Pour out thine indignation upon them,
And let the fierceness of thine anger overtake them.
25 Let their [2]habitation be desolate;
Let none dwell in their tents.
26 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten;
And they tell of the [3]sorrow of those whom thou hast wounded.
27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity;
And let them not come into thy righteousness.
28 Let them be blotted out of the book of [4]life,
And not be written with the righteous.
29 But I am poor and [5]sorrowful:
Let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.
30 I will praise the name of God with a song,
And will magnify him with thanksgiving.
31 And it will please Jĕ-hō'văh better than an ox,
Or a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.
32 The meek have seen it, and are glad:
Ye that seek after God, let your heart live.
33 For Jĕ-hō'văh heareth the needy,
And despiseth not his prisoners.
34 Let heaven and earth praise him,
The seas, and everything that moveth therein.
35 For God will save Zī'ŏn, and build the cities of Jū'dăh;
And they shall abide there, and have it in possession.
36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it;
And they that love his name shall dwell therein.

1 Or, *sore sick* 2 Or, *encampment* 3 Or, *pain*

Prayer for Help against Persecutors.

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David; [6]to bring to remembrance.

70 *Make haste,* O God, to deliver me;
Make haste to help me, O Jĕ-hō'văh.
2 Let them be put to shame and confounded
That seek after my soul:
Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonor
That delight in my hurt.
3 Let them be turned back [7]by reason of their shame
That say, Aha, aha.
4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee;
And let such as love thy salvation say continually,
Let God be magnified.

4 Or, *the living* 5 Or, *in pain* 6 Or, *to make memorial* 7 Or, *for a reward of*

5 But I am poor and needy;
Make haste unto me, O God:
Thou art my help and my deliverer;
O Jĕ-hō'văh, make no tarrying.

Prayer of an Old Man for Deliverance.

71 In thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh, do I take refuge:
Let me never be put to shame.
2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and rescue me:
Bow down thine ear unto me, and save me.
3 Be thou to me a rock of habitation, whereunto I may continually resort:
Thou hast given commandment to save me;
For thou art my rock and my fortress.
4 Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,
Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
5 For thou art my hope, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh:
Thou art my trust from my youth.
6 By thee have I been holden up from the womb;
Thou [1]art he that took me out of my mother's bowels:
My praise shall be continually of thee.
7 I am as a wonder unto many;
But thou art my strong refuge.
8 My mouth shall be filled with thy praise,
And with thy honor all the day.
9 Cast me not off in the time of old age;
Forsake me not when my strength faileth.
10 For mine enemies speak concerning me;
And they that watch for my soul take counsel together,
11 Saying, God hath forsaken him:
Pursue and take him; for there is none to deliver.
12 O God, be not far from me;
O my God, make haste to help me.
13 Let them be put to shame *and* consumed that are adversaries to my soul;
Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor that seek my hurt.
14 But I will hope continually,
And will praise thee yet more and more.
15 My mouth shall tell of thy righteousness,
And of thy salvation all the day;
For I know not the numbers *thereof.*
16 I will come [2]with the mighty acts of the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh:
I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.
17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth;
And hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.
18 Yea, even [3]when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not,
Until I have declared [4]thy strength unto *the next* generation,
Thy might to every one that is to come.
19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high;
Thou who hast done great things,
O God, who is like unto thee?
20 Thou, who hast showed [5]us many and sore troubles,
Wilt quicken [5]us again,
And wilt bring [5]us up again from the depths of the earth.
21 Increase thou my greatness,
And turn again and comfort me.
22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery,
Even thy truth, O my God:
Unto thee will I sing praises with the harp,
O thou Holy One of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.
23 My lips shall shout for joy when I sing praises unto thee;
And my soul, which thou hast redeemed.
24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long;

[1] Or, *hast been my benefactor from &c.*
[2] Or, *in the strength*
[3] Heb. *unto old age and gray hairs*
[4] Heb. *thine arm*
[5] Another reading is, *me*

For they are put to shame, for they are confounded, that seek my hurt.

The Reign of the Righteous King.

A Psalm of Solomon.

72 Give the king thy judgments, O God,
And thy righteousness unto the king's son.
2 [1]He will judge thy people with righteousness,
And thy poor with justice.
3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people,
And the hills, in righteousness.
4 He will judge the poor of the people,
He will save the children of the needy,
And will break in pieces the oppressor.
5 They shall fear thee while the sun endureth,
And [2]so long as the moon, throughout all generations.
6 He will come down like rain upon the mown grass,
As showers that water the earth.
7 In his days shall the righteous flourish,
And abundance of peace, till the moon be no more.
8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
And from the River unto the ends of the earth.
9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him;
And his enemies shall lick the dust.
10 The kings of Tär'shish and of the isles shall render tribute:
The kings of Shē'bà and Sē'bà shall offer gifts.
11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him;
All nations shall serve him.
12 For he will deliver the needy when he crieth,
And the poor, [3]that hath no helper.
13 He will have pity on the [4]poor and needy,
And the souls of the needy he will save.
14 He will redeem their soul from [5]oppression and violence;
And precious will their blood be in his sight:
15 And [6]they shall live; and to him shall be given of the gold of Shē'bà:
And men shall pray for him continually;
[6]They shall bless him all the day long.
16 There shall be [7]abundance of grain in the [8]earth upon the top of the mountains;
The fruit thereof shall shake like Lĕb'ă-nŏn:
And they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.
17 His name shall endure for ever;
His name shall [9]be continued [10]as long as the sun:
And men shall [11]be blessed in him;
All nations shall call him happy.
18 Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh God, the God of ĭs'rà-ĕl,
Who only doeth wondrous things:
19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever;
And let the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Ā-mĕn', and Ā-mĕn'.
20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

[1] Or, *Let him* and so throughout the Psalm [2] Heb. *before the moon* [3] Or, *and him that hath* [4] Or, *weak* [5] Or, *fraud* [6] Or, *he* [7] Or, *a handful* [8] Or, *land* [9] Or, *have issue* [10] Heb. *before the sun* [11] Or, *bless themselves*

BOOK III

The End of the Wicked contrasted with that of the Righteous.

A Psalm of Asaph.

73 [1]Surely God is good to Is'rā-ĕl,
Even to such as are pure in heart.
2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone;
My steps had well nigh slipped.
3 For I was envious at the [2]arrogant,
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
4 For there are no pangs in their death;
But their strength is firm.
5 They are not [3]in trouble as *other* men;
Neither are they plagued like *other* men.
6 Therefore pride is as a chain about their neck;
Violence covereth them as a garment.
7 Their eyes stand out with fatness:
[4]They have more than heart could wish.
8 They scoff, and in wickedness utter oppression:
They speak [5]loftily.
9 They have set their mouth [6]in the heavens,
And their tongue walketh through the earth.
10 Therefore [7]his people return hither:
And waters of a full *cup* are drained by them.
11 And they say, How doth God know?
And is there knowledge in the Most High?
12 Behold, these are the wicked;
And, being alway at ease, they increase in riches.
13 Surely in vain have I cleansed my heart,
And washed my hands in innocency;
14 For all the day long have I been plagued,
And [8]chastened every morning.
15 If I had said, I will speak thus;
Behold, I had dealt treacherously with the generation of thy children.
16 When I thought how I might know this,
It was [9]too painful for me;
17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God,
And considered their latter end.
18 Surely thou settest them in slippery places:
Thou castest them down to [10]destruction.
19 How are they become a desolation in a moment!
They are utterly consumed with terrors.
20 As a dream when one awaketh,
So, O Lord, [11]when thou awakest, thou wilt despise their image.
21 For my soul [12]was grieved,
And I was pricked in my [13]heart:
22 So brutish [14]was I, and ignorant;
I was *as* a beast [15]before thee.
23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee:
Thou hast holden my right hand.
24 Thou wilt guide me with thy counsel,
And afterward receive me [16]to glory.
25 Whom have I in heaven *but thee?*
And there is none upon earth that I desire [17]besides thee.
26 My flesh and my heart faileth;
But God is the [18]strength of my heart and my portion for ever.
27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish:
Thou hast destroyed all them that play the harlot, *departing* from thee.

[1] Or, *Only good is God* [2] Or, *fools* [3] Heb. *in the trouble of men* [4] Or, *The imaginations of their heart overflow* [5] Or, *from on high* [6] Or, *against* [7] Another reading is, *he will bring back his people*

[8] Heb. *my chastisement* was [9] Heb. *labor in mine eyes* [10] Heb. *ruins* [11] Or, *in the city* [12] Heb. *was in a ferment* [13] Heb. *reins* [14] Or, *am* [15] Heb. *with thee* [16] Or, *with* [17] Or, *with thee* [18] Heb. *rock*

28 But it is good for me to draw
near unto God:
I have made the Lord Jĕ-hō'-
văh my refuge,
That I may tell of all thy works.

A Complaint over the Devastation of the Land by the Enemy.

Maschil of Asaph.

74 O God, why hast thou cast *us*
off for ever?
Why doth thine anger smoke
against the sheep of thy
pasture?
2 Remember thy congregation,
which thou hast gotten of
old,
Which thou hast redeemed to
be the tribe of thine inheri-
tance;
And mount Zī'ŏn, wherein
thou hast dwelt.
3 Lift up thy feet unto the per-
petual ruins,
[1]All the evil that the enemy
hath done in the sanctuary.
4 Thine adversaries have roared
in the midst of thine assem-
bly;
They have set up their ensigns
for signs.
5 They [2]seemed as men that
lifted up
Axes upon a thicket of trees.
6 And now all the carved work
thereof
They break down with hatchet
and hammers.
7 They have set thy sanctuary on
fire;
They have profaned the dwell-
ing-place of thy name *by*
casting it to the ground.
8 They said in their heart, Let us
make havoc of them alto-
gether:
They have burned up all the
[3]synagogues of God in the
land.
9 We see not our signs:
There is no more any prophet;
Neither is there among us any
that knoweth how long.
10 How long, O God, shall the
adversary reproach?
Shall the enemy blaspheme thy
name for ever?
11 Why drawest thou back thy
hand, even thy right hand?
Pluck it out of thy bosom *and*
consume *them.*

12 Yet God is my King of old,
Working salvation in the midst
of the earth.
13 Thou didst [4]divide the sea by
thy strength:
Thou brakest the heads of the
sea-monsters in the waters.
14 Thou brakest the heads of lē-
vī'ă-thăn in pieces;
Thou gavest him to be food to
the people inhabiting the
wilderness.
15 Thou didst cleave fountain and
flood:
Thou driedst up [5]mighty rivers.
16 The day is thine, the night also
is thine:
Thou hast prepared the [6]light
and the sun.
17 Thou hast set all the borders of
the earth:
Thou hast made summer and
winter.
18 Remember this, that the enemy
[7]hath reproached, O Jĕ-hō'-
văh,
And that a foolish people hath
blasphemed thy name.
19 Oh deliver not [8]the soul of thy
turtle-dove unto the wild
beast:
Forget not the [9]life of thy poor
for ever.
20 Have respect unto the cove-
nant;
For the dark places of the
[10]earth are full of the habi-
tations of violence.
21 Oh let not the oppressed return
ashamed:
Let the poor and needy praise
thy name.
22 Arise, O God, plead thine own
cause:
Remember how the foolish
man reproacheth thee all the
day.

[1] Or, *The enemy hath wrought all evil* [2] Or, *made themselves known* [3] Or, *places of assembly*

[4] Heb. *break up* [5] Or, *ever-flowing* [6] Heb. *luminary* [7] Or, *hath reproached Jehovah* [8] Or, *thy turtle-dove unto the greedy multitude* [9] Or, *multitude* [10] Or, *land*

23 Forget not the voice of thine adversaries:
The tumult of those that rise up against thee [1]ascendeth continually.

God abases the Proud, but exalts the Righteous.

For the Chief Musician; *set to* Al-tashheth. A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

75 We give thanks unto thee, O God;
We give thanks, [2]for thy name is near:
Men tell of thy wondrous works.
2 When I shall [3]find the set time,
I will judge uprightly.
3 [4]The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved:
I have [5]set up the pillars of it. [Sē'lăh
4 I said unto the [6]arrogant, Deal not arrogantly;
And to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:
5 Lift not up your horn on high;
Speak not [7]with a stiff neck.
6 For neither from the east, nor from the west,
Nor yet [8]from the [9]south, *cometh* lifting up,
7 But God is the judge:
He putteth down one, and lifteth up another.
8 For in the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh there is a cup, and the wine [10]foameth;
It is full of mixture, and he poureth out of the same:
Surely the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall drain them, and drink them.
9 But I will declare for ever,
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off;
But the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

[1] Or, *which ascendeth* [2] Or, *for* that *thy name is near Thy wondrous works declare* [3] Heb. *take* [4] Or, *When the earth . . . I set up* [5] Heb. *proportioned* [6] Or, *fools* [7] Or, *insolently with a* haughty *neck* [8] Or, *from the wilderness of mountains* cometh judgment [9] Heb. *wilderness* [10] Or, *is red*

The Victorious Power of the God of Jacob.

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

76 In Jū'dăh is God known:
His name is great in Ĭs'rā-ĕl.
2 In Sā'lĕm also is his [11]tabernacle,
And his [12]dwelling-place in Zī'ŏn.
3 There he brake the [13]arrows of the bow;
The shield, and the sword, and the battle. [Sē'lăh
4 Glorious art thou *and* excellent,
[14]From the mountains of prey.
5 The stouthearted are made a spoil,
They have slept their sleep;
And none of the men of might have found their hands.
6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,
Both chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.
7 Thou, even thou, art to be feared;
And who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?
8 Thou didst cause sentence to be heard from heaven;
The earth feared, and was still,
9 When God arose to judgment,
To save all the meek of the earth. [Sē'lăh
10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee:
The residue of wrath shalt thou [15]gird upon thee.
11 Vow, and pay unto Jĕ-hō'văh your God:
Let all that are round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.
12 He will cut off the spirit of princes:
He is terrible to the kings of the earth.

Comfort in Trouble from recalling God's Mighty Deeds.

For the Chief Musician; after the manner of Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph.

77 I will cry unto God with my voice,
Even unto God with my voice; and he will give ear unto me.

[11] Or, *covert* [12] Or, *lair* [13] Or, *fiery shafts* Or, *lightnings* [14] Or, *More than* [15] Or, *restrain*

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord:
My hand was stretched out in the night, and slacked not;
My soul refused to be comforted.
3 I remember God, and am disquieted:
I complain, and my spirit [1]is overwhelmed. [Sē'lăh
4 Thou holdest mine eyes watching:
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
5 I have considered the days of old,
The years of ancient times.
6 I call to remembrance my song in the night:
I commune with mine own heart;
And my spirit maketh diligent search.
7 Will the Lord cast off for ever?
And will he be favorable no more?
8 Is his lovingkindness clean gone for ever?
Doth his promise fail for evermore?
9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious?
Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? [Sē'lăh
10 And I said, [2]This is my infirmity;
But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.
11 I will make mention of the deeds of [3]Jĕ-hō'văh;
For I will remember thy wonders of old.
12 I will meditate also upon all thy work,
And muse on thy doings.
13 Thy way, O God, is [4]in the sanctuary:
Who is a great god like unto God?
14 Thou art the God that doest wonders:
Thou hast made known thy strength among the peoples.
15 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people,
The sons of Jacob and Joseph. [Sē'lăh
16 The waters saw thee, O God;
The waters saw thee, they [5]were afraid:
The depths also trembled.
17 The clouds poured out water;
The skies sent out a sound:
Thine arrows also went abroad.
18 The voice of thy thunder was in the whirlwind;
The lightnings lightened the world:
The earth trembled and shook.
19 Thy way was in the sea,
And thy paths in the great waters,
And thy footsteps were not known.
20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock,
By the hand of Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn.

1 Or, *fainteth* 2 Or, *This is my grief, That the right hand of the Most High doth change* 3 Heb. *Jah* 4 Or, *in holiness*

God's Guidance of his People in spite of their Unfaithfulness.

Maschil of Asaph.

78 Give ear, O my people, to my [6]law:
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings of old,
3 Which we have heard and known,
And our fathers have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children,
Telling to the generation to come the praises of Jĕ-hō'văh,
And his strength, and his wondrous works that he hath done.
5 For he established a testimony in Jacob,
And appointed a law in ĭs'rā-ĕl,
Which he commanded our fathers,
That they should make them known to their children;
6 That the generation to come might know *them*, even the children that should be born;
Who should arise and tell *them* to their children,
7 That they might set their hope in God,

5 Or, *were in pain* 6 Or, *teaching*

And not forget the works of God,
But keep his commandments,
8 And might not be as their fathers,
A stubborn and rebellious generation,
A generation [1]that set not their heart aright,
And whose spirit was not stedfast with God.
9 The children of Ĕ'phră-ĭm, being armed and carrying bows,
Turned back in the day of battle.
10 They kept not the covenant of God,
And refused to walk in his law;
11 And they forgat his doings,
And his wondrous works that he had showed them.
12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers,
In the land of Ē'gўpt, in the field of Zō'ăn.
13 He clave the sea, and caused them to pass through;
And he made the waters to stand as a heap.
14 In the day-time also he led them with a cloud,
And all the night with a light of fire.
15 He clave rocks in the wilderness,
And gave them drink abundantly as out of the depths.
16 He brought streams also out of the rock,
And caused waters to run down like rivers.
17 Yet went they on still to sin against him,
To rebel against the Most High in [2]the desert.
18 And they tempted God in their heart
By asking food [3]according to their desire.
19 Yea, they spake against God;
They said, Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?
20 Behold, he smote the rock, so that waters gushed out,
And streams overflowed;
Can he give bread also?
Will he provide flesh for his people?
21 Therefore Jĕ-hō'văh heard, and was wroth;
And a fire was kindled against Jacob,
And anger also went up against Ĭs'rā-ĕl;
22 Because they believed not in God,
And trusted not in his salvation.
23 Yet he commanded the skies above,
And opened the doors of heaven;
24 And he rained down măn'nā upon them to eat,
And gave them [4]food from heaven.
25 [5]Man did eat the bread of the mighty:
He sent them food to the full.
26 He [6]caused the east wind to blow in the heavens;
And by his power he guided the south wind.
27 He rained flesh also upon them as the dust,
And winged birds as the sand of the seas:
28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp,
Round about their habitations.
29 So they did eat, and were well filled;
And he gave them their own desire.
30 They were not estranged from that which they desired,
Their food was yet in their mouths,
31 When the anger of God went up against them,
And slew of the fattest of them,
And smote down the young men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.
32 For all this they sinned still,
And believed not in his wondrous works.
33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity,
And their years in terror.
34 When he slew them, then they inquired after him;
And they returned and sought God earnestly.
35 And they remembered that God was their rock,

[1] Or, *that prepared not their heart* [2] Or, *a dry land* [3] Or, *for themselves* [4] Heb. *grain* [5] Or, *Every one* [6] Heb. *led forth the east wind*

And the Most High God their redeemer.
36 But they flattered him with their mouth,
And lied unto him with their tongue.
37 For their heart was not [1]right with him,
Neither were they faithful in his covenant.
38 But he, being merciful, forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not:
Yea, many a time turned he his anger away,
And did not stir up all his wrath.
39 And he remembered that they were but flesh,
A wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.
40 How oft did they rebel against him in the wilderness,
And grieve him in the desert!
41 And they turned again and tempted God,
And [2]provoked the Holy One of Is'rā-ĕl.
42 They remembered not his hand,
Nor the day when he redeemed them from the adversary;
43 How he set his signs in E'gў̆pt,
And his wonders in the field of Zō'ăn,
44 And turned their rivers into blood,
And their streams, so that they could not drink.
45 He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them;
And frogs, which destroyed them.
46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar,
And their labor unto the locust.
47 He [3]destroyed their vines with hail,
And their sycomore-trees with [4]frost.
48 He gave over their cattle also to the hail,
And their flocks to hot thunderbolts.
49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger,
Wrath, and indignation, and trouble,
[5]A band of angels of evil.
50 He [6]made a path for his anger;
He spared not their soul from death,
But gave [7]their life over to the pestilence,
51 And smote all the first-born in E'gў̆pt,
The [8]chief of their strength in the tents of Ham.
52 But he led forth his own people like sheep,
And guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
53 And he led them safely, so that they feared not;
But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
54 And he brought them to [9]the border of his sanctuary,
To this [10]mountain, which his right hand had gotten.
55 He drove out the nations also before them,
And allotted them for an inheritance by line,
And made the tribes of Is'rā-ĕl to dwell in their tents.
56 Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most High God,
And kept not his testimonies;
57 But turned back, and dealt treacherously like their fathers:
They were turned aside like a deceitful bow.
58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places,
And moved him to jealousy with their graven images.
59 When God heard *this*, he was wroth,
And greatly abhorred Is'rā-ĕl;
60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shī'lōh,
The tent which he placed among men;
61 And delivered his strength into captivity,
And his glory into the adversary's hand.

[1] Or, *stedfast* [2] Or, *limited* [3] Heb. *killed* [4] Or, *great hailstones* [5] Heb. *A sending* [6] Heb. *levelled* [7] Or, *their beasts to the murrain* [8] Heb. *beginning* See Deut. 21.17 [9] Or, *his holy border* [10] Or, *mountain land*

62 He gave his people over also unto the sword,
And was wroth with his inheritance.
63 Fire devoured their young men;
And their virgins had no marriage-song.
64 Their priests fell by the sword;
And their widows made no lamentation.
65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep,
Like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.
66 And he smote his adversaries backward:
He put them to a perpetual reproach.
67 Moreover he refused the tent of Joseph,
And chose not the tribe of Ĕ'phrăĭm,
68 But chose the tribe of Jū'dăh,
The mount Zĭ'ŏn which he loved.
69 And he built his sanctuary like the heights,
Like the earth which he hath established for ever.
70 He chose David also his servant,
And took him from the sheepfolds:
71 From following the ewes that have their young he brought him,
To be the shepherd of Jacob his people, and ĭs'rā-ĕl his inheritance.
72 So he was their shepherd according to the integrity of his heart,
And guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

A Lament over the Destruction of Jerusalem, and Prayer for Help.

A Psalm of Asaph.

79 O God, the nations are come into thine inheritance;
Thy holy temple have they defiled;
They have laid Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm in heaps.
2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be food unto the birds of the heavens,
The flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.
3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jĕ'ru-să-lĕm;
And there was none to bury them.
4 We are become a reproach to our neighbors,
A scoffing and derision to them that are round about us.
5 How long, O Jĕ-hō'văh? wilt thou be angry for ever?
Shall thy jealousy burn like fire?
6 Pour out thy wrath upon the nations that know thee not,
And upon the kingdoms that call not upon thy name.
7 For they have devoured Jacob,
And laid waste his [1]habitation.
8 Remember not against us the iniquities of our forefathers:
Let thy tender mercies speedily meet us;
For we are brought very low.
9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name;
And deliver us, and [2]forgive our sins, for thy name's sake.
10 Wherefore should the nations say, Where is their God?
Let the avenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed
Be known among the nations in our sight.
11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee:
According to the greatness of [3]thy power preserve thou [4]those that are appointed to death;
12 And render unto our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom
Their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.
13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture
Will give thee thanks for ever:
We will show forth thy praise to all generations.

[1] Or, *pasture* [2] Or, *expiate* [3] Heb. *thine arm* [4] Heb. *the children of death*

God implored to rescue his People from their Calamities.

For the Chief Musician; set to [1]Shoshannim Eduth. A Psalm of Asaph.

80 Give ear, O Shepherd of Ĭs'rā-ĕl,
Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;
Thou that [2]sittest *above* the chĕr'ū-bĭm, shine forth.
2 Before Ē'phrā-ĭm and Bĕn'jā-mĭn and Mā-nās'sĕh, stir up thy might,
And come to save us.
3 [3]Turn us again, O God;
And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

4 O Jĕ-hō'văh God of hosts,
How long [4]wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?
5 Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears,
And given them tears to drink in large measure.
6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbors;
And our enemies laugh among themselves.
7 [3]Turn us again, O God of hosts;
And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

8 Thou broughtest a vine out of Ē'gĭypt:
Thou didst drive out the nations, and plantedst it.
9 Thou preparedst *room* before it,
And it took deep root, and filled the land.
10 The mountains were covered with the shadow of it,
And [5]the boughs thereof were *like* [6]cedars of God.
11 It sent out its branches unto the sea,
And its shoots unto the River.
12 Why hast thou broken down its walls,
So that all they that pass by the way do pluck it?
13 The boar out of the wood doth ravage it,
And the wild beast of the field feed on it.
14 Turn again, we beseech thee, O God of hosts:
Look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine,
15 And [7]the stock which thy right hand planted,
And the [8]branch that thou madest strong for thyself.
16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down:
They perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand,
Upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.
18 So shall we not go back from thee:
Quicken thou us, and we will call upon thy name.
19 [3]Turn us again, O Jĕ-hō'văh God of hosts;
Cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

[1] That is, *Lilies, a testimony* [2] Or, *art enthroned* [3] Or, *Restore* [4] Heb. *wilt thou smoke* See Ps. 74.1 [5] Or, *the cedars of God with the boughs thereof* [6] Or, *goodly cedars*

God's Goodness and Israel's Waywardness.

For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith. *A Psalm* of Asaph.

81 Sing aloud unto God our strength:
Make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.
2 Raise a song, and [9]bring hither the timbrel,
The pleasant harp with the psaltery.
3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
At the full moon, on our feast-day.
4 For it is a statute for Ĭs'rā-ĕl,
An ordinance of the God of Jacob.
5 He appointed it in Joseph for a testimony,
When he went out [10]over the land of Ē'gypt,
Where I heard [11]a language that I knew not.
6 I removed his shoulder from the burden:

[7] Or, *protect* (or, *maintain*) *that which &c.* [8] Heb. *son* [9] Or, *strike the timbrel* [10] Or, *against* [11] Or, *the speech of one that &c.*

His hands were freed from the basket.
7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee;
I answered thee in the secret place of thunder;
I proved thee at the waters of Mĕr'ī-băh. [Sē'lăh
8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee:
O Ĭs'rā-ĕl, if thou wouldest hearken unto me!
9 There shall no strange god be in thee;
Neither shalt thou worship any foreign god.
10 I am Jĕ-hō'văh thy God,
Who brought thee up out of the land of Ĕ-gўpt:
Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
11 But my people hearkened not to my voice;
And Ĭs'rā-ĕl would none of me.
12 So I let them go after the stubbornness of their heart,
That they might walk in their own counsels.
13 Oh that my people would hearken unto me,
That Ĭs'rā-ĕl would walk in my ways!
14 I would soon subdue their enemies,
And turn my hand against their adversaries.
15 The haters of Jĕ-hō'văh should [1]submit themselves unto him:
But their time should endure for ever.
16 He would feed them also with the [2]finest of the wheat;
And with honey out of the rock would I satisfy thee.

Unjust Judgments rebuked.

A Psalm of Asaph.

82 God standeth in the congregation of God;
He judgeth among the gods.
2 How long will ye judge unjustly,
And respect the persons of the wicked? [Sē'lăh
3 Judge the [3]poor and fatherless:
Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.
4 Rescue the [3]poor and needy:
Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.
5 They know not, neither do they understand;
They walk to and fro in darkness:
All the foundations of the earth are shaken.
6 I said, Ye are gods,
And all of you sons of the Most High.
7 Nevertheless ye shall die like men,
And fall like one of the princes.
8 Arise, O God, judge the earth;
For thou shalt inherit all the nations.

God implored to confound his Enemies.

A Song, a Psalm of Asaph.

83 O God, keep not thou silence:
Hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.
2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult;
And they that hate thee have lifted up the head.
3 They take crafty counsel against thy people,
And consult together against thy hidden ones.
4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation;
That the name of Ĭs'rā-ĕl may be no more in remembrance.
5 For they have consulted together with one consent;
Against thee do they make a covenant:
6 The tents of Ē'dŏm and the Ĭsh'mā-ĕl-ītes;
Mō'ăb, and the [4]Hā-gär-ēnes';
7 Gē'băl, and Ăm'mŏn, and Ăm'ă-lĕk;
Phĭ-lĭs'tĭ-à with the inhabitants of Tўre:
8 Ăs-sўr'ĭ-à also is joined with them;
They have [5]helped the children of Lot. [Sē'lăh

[1] Or, *yield feigned obedience* Heb. *lie*
[2] Heb. *fat of wheat*
[3] Or, *weak*
[4] Or, *Hagrites* See 1 Chr. 5.10
[5] Heb. *been an arm to the children of Lot*

9 Do thou unto them as unto
Mid'i-an,
As to Sis'e-ra, as to Ja'bin, at
the river Ki'shon;
10 Who perished at En-dor,
Who became as dung for the
earth.
11 Make their nobles like O'reb
and Ze'eb;
Yea, all their princes like Ze'-
bah and Zal-mun'na;
12 Who said, Let us take to our-
selves in possession
The [1]habitations of God.
13 O my God, make them like the
whirling dust;
As stubble before the wind.
14 As the fire that burneth the for-
est,
And as the flame that setteth
the mountains on fire,
15 So pursue them with thy tem-
pest,
And terrify them with thy storm.
16 Fill their faces with confusion,
That they may seek thy name,
O Je-ho'vah.
17 Let them be put to shame and
dismayed for ever;
Yea, let them be confounded
and perish;
18 That they may know that [2]thou
alone, whose name is Je-ho'-
vah,
Art the Most High over all the
earth.

Longing for the Temple Worship.

For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

84 How [3]amiable are thy tab-
ernacles,
O Je-ho'vah of hosts!
2 My soul longeth, yea, even
fainteth for the courts of Je-
ho'vah;
My heart and my flesh [4]cry out
unto the living God.
3 Yea, the sparrow hath found
her a house,
And the swallow a nest for her-
self, where she may lay her
young,
Even thine altars, O Je-ho'vah
of hosts,
My King, and my God.
4 Blessed are they that dwell in
thy house:
They will be still praising thee.
[Se'lah
5 Blessed is the man whose
strength is in thee;
In whose heart are the high-
ways *to Zi'on.*
6 Passing through the valley of
[5]Weeping they make it a
place of springs;
Yea, the early rain covereth it
with blessings.
7 They go from strength to
strength;
Every one of them appeareth
before God in Zi'on.
8 O Je-ho'vah God of hosts,
hear my prayer;
Give ear, O God of Jacob.
[Se'lah
9 [6]Behold, O God our shield,
And look upon the face of thine
anointed.
10 For a day in thy courts is better
than a thousand.
I had rather [7]be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God,
Than to dwell in the tents of
wickedness.
11 For Je-ho'vah God is a sun
and a shield:
Je-ho'vah will give grace and
glory;
No good thing will he withhold
from them that walk up-
rightly.
12 O Je-ho'vah of hosts,
Blessed is the man that trust-
eth in thee.

Prayer for God's Mercy upon the Nation.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

85 Je-ho'vah, thou hast been
favorable unto thy land;
Thou hast [8]brought back the
captivity of Jacob.
2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity
of thy people;
Thou hast covered all their sin.
[Se'lah
3 Thou hast taken away all thy
wrath;

[1] Or, *pastures* [2] Or, *thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art &c.* [3] Or, *lovely* [4] Or, *sing for joy*

[5] Or, *balsam-trees* Heb. *Baca* See 2 S. 5.23 [6] Or, *Behold our shield, O God* [7] Or, *stand at the threshold of &c.* [8] Or, *returned to*

Thou hast turned *thyself* from
the fierceness of thine anger.
4 [1]Turn us, O God of our salvation,
And cause thine indignation
toward us to cease.
5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever?
Wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?
6 Wilt thou not quicken us again,
That thy people may rejoice in thee?
7 Show us thy lovingkindness, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
And grant us thy salvation.
8 I will hear what God Jĕ-hō'văh will speak;
For he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints:
But let them not turn again to folly.
9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him,
That glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth are met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 Truth springeth out of the earth;
And righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
12 Yea, Jĕ-hō'văh will give that which is good;
And our land shall yield its increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him,
And shall [2]make his footsteps a way *to walk in*.

A Psalm of Supplication and Trust.

A Prayer of David.

86 Bow down thine ear, O Jĕ-hō'văh, and answer me;
For I am poor and needy.
2 Preserve my soul; for I am godly:
O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.
3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord;
For unto thee do I cry all the day long.
4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant;
For unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive,
And abundant in lovingkindness unto all them that call upon thee.
6 Give ear, O Jĕ-hō'văh, unto my prayer;
And hearken unto the voice of my supplications.
7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee;
For thou wilt answer me.
8 There is none like unto thee among the gods, O Lord;
Neither *are there any works* like unto thy works.
9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord;
And they shall glorify thy name.
10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things:
Thou art God alone.
11 Teach me thy way, O Jĕ-hō'văh; I will walk in thy truth:
Unite my heart to fear thy name.
12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart;
And I will glorify thy name for evermore.
13 For great is thy lovingkindness toward me;
And thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest Shĕ'ōl.
14 O God, the proud are risen up against me,
And a company of violent men have sought after my soul,
And have not set thee before them.
15 But thou, O Lord, art a God merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness and truth.
16 Oh turn unto me, and [3]have mercy upon me;
Give thy strength unto thy servant,
And save the son of thy handmaid.

[1] Or, *Turn to us* [2] Or, *set us in the way of his steps*

[3] Or, *be gracious unto*

17 Show me a token for good,
That they who hate me may
see it, and be put to shame,
Because thou, Jĕ-hō′văh, hast
helped me, and comforted me.

The Privileges of Citizenship in Zion.

A Psalm of the sons of Korah; a Song.

87 [1]His foundation is in the holy mountains.
2 Jĕ-hō′văh loveth the gates of Zī′ŏn
More than all the dwellings of Jacob.
3 Glorious things are spoken of thee,
O city of God. [Sē′lăh
4 I will make mention of [2]Rā′hăb and Băb′ў-lŏn as among them that know me:
Behold, Phĭ-lĭs′tĭ-á, and Tўre, with [3]E-thĭ-ō′pĭ-á:
This one was born there.
5 Yea, of Zī′ŏn it shall be said, This one and that one was born in her;
And the Most High himself will establish her.
6 Jĕ-hō′văh will count, when he writeth up the peoples,
This one was born there.
[Sē′lăh
7 They that sing as well as [4]they that dance *shall say,*
All my fountains are in thee.

A Petition to be saved from Death.

A Song, a Psalm of the sons of Korah; for the Chief Musician; set to Mahalath [5]Leannoth. Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.

88 O Jĕ-hō′văh, the God of my salvation,
I have cried day and night before thee.
2 Let my prayer enter into thy presence;
Incline thine ear unto my cry.
3 For my soul is full of troubles,
And my life draweth nigh unto Shē′ōl.
4 I am reckoned with them that go down into the pit;
I am as a man that hath no help,
5 Cast [6]off among the dead,
Like the slain that lie in the grave,
Whom thou rememberest no more,
And they are cut off from thy hand.
6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit,
In dark places, in the deeps.
7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,
And thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. [Sē′lăh
8 Thou hast put mine acquaintance far from me;
Thou hast made me an abomination unto them:
I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.
9 Mine eye wasteth away by reason of affliction:
I have called daily upon thee, O Jĕ-hō′văh;
I have spread forth my hands unto thee.
10 Wilt thou show wonders to the dead?
Shall [7]they that are deceased arise and praise thee?
[Sē′lăh
11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave?
Or thy faithfulness in [8]Destruction?
12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark?
And thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
13 But unto thee, O Jĕ-hō′văh, have I cried;
And in the morning shall my prayer come before thee.
14 Jĕ-hō′văh, why castest thou off my soul?
Why hidest thou thy face from me?
15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up:
While I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.
16 Thy fierce wrath is gone over me;
Thy terrors have cut me off.
17 They came round about me like water all the day long;
They compassed me about together.

[1] Or, *His foundation in the holy mountains Jehovah loveth, even the gates &c.* [2] Or, *Egypt* [3] Heb. *Cush* [4] Or, *the players on instruments* shall be there [5] Or, *for singing* [6] Or, *away*

[7] Or, *the shades* Heb. *Rephaim* [8] Heb. *Abaddon* See Job 26.6

18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me,
And mine acquaintance [1]into darkness.

Jehovah's Covenant with David, and Israel's Afflictions.

Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

89 I will sing of the lovingkindness of Jĕ-hō'văh for ever:
With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.
2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever;
Thy faithfulness wilt thou establish in the very heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my chosen,
I have sworn unto David my servant:
4 Thy seed will I establish for ever,
And build up thy throne to all generations. [Sē'lăh
5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Jĕ-hō'văh;
Thy faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.
6 For who in the skies can be compared unto Jĕ-hō'văh?
Who among the [2]sons of the [3]mighty is like unto Jĕ-hō'-văh,
7 A God very terrible in the council of the holy ones,
And to be feared above all them that are round about him?
8 O Jĕ-hō'văh God of hosts,
Who is a mighty one, like unto thee, O [4]Jĕ-hō'văh?
And thy faithfulness is round about thee.
9 Thou rulest the pride of the sea:
When the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.
10 Thou hast broken [5]Rā'hăb in pieces, as one that is slain;
Thou hast scattered thine enemies with the arm of thy strength.
11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine:
The world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.
12 The north and the south, thou hast created them:
Tā'bōr and Hĕr'mŏn rejoice in thy name.
13 Thou hast [6]a mighty arm;
Strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.
14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of thy throne:
Lovingkindness and truth go before thy face.
15 Blessed is the people that know the [7]joyful sound:
They walk, O Jĕ-hō'văh, in the light of thy countenance.
16 In thy name do they rejoice all the day;
And in thy righteousness are they exalted.
17 For thou art the glory of their strength;
And in thy favor [8]our horn shall be exalted.
18 For our shield belongeth unto Jĕ-hō'văh;
[9]And our king to the Holy One of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy [10]saints,
And saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
20 I have found David my servant;
With my holy oil have I anointed him:
21 With whom my hand shall be established;
Mine arm also shall strengthen him.
22 The enemy shall not [11]exact from him,
Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
23 And I will beat down his adversaries before him.
And smite them that hate him.
24 But my faithfulness and my lovingkindness shall be with him;
And in my name shall his horn be exalted.
25 I will set his hand also on the sea,

[1] Or, *are darkness* [2] Or, *sons of God* [3] Or, *gods* See Ps. 29.1 [4] Heb. *Jah* [5] Or, *Egypt*
[6] Heb. *an arm with might* [7] Or, *trumpet sound* [8] Another reading is, *thou shalt exalt our horn* [9] Or, *Even to the Holy One of Israel our King* [10] Or, as otherwise read, *saint* [11] Or, *do him violence*

And his right hand on the rivers.
26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my Father,
My God, and the rock of my salvation.
27 I also will make him *my* first-born,
The highest of the kings of the earth.
28 My lovingkindness will I keep for him for evermore;
And my covenant shall [1]stand fast with him.
29 His seed also will I make to endure for ever,
And his throne as the days of heaven.
30 If his children forsake my law,
And walk not in mine ordinances;
31 If they [2]break my statutes,
And keep not my commandments;
32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod,
And their iniquity with stripes.
33 But my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him,
Nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.
34 My covenant will I not [2]break,
Nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.
35 [3]Once have I sworn by my holiness:
I will not lie unto David:
36 His seed shall endure for ever,
And his throne as the sun before me.
37 [4]It shall be established for ever as the moon,
[5]And *as* the faithful witness in the sky. [Sē'lăh

38 But thou hast cast off and rejected,
Thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.
39 Thou hast abhorred the covenant of thy servant:
Thou hast profaned his crown *by casting it* to the ground.
40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges;
Thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin.
41 All that pass by the way rob him:
He is become a reproach to his neighbors.
42 Thou hast exalted the right hand of his adversaries;
Thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.
43 Yea, thou turnest back the edge of his sword,
And hast not made him to stand in the battle.
44 Thou hast made his brightness to cease,
And cast his throne down to the ground.
45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened:
Thou hast covered him with shame. [Sē'lăh
46 How long, O Jĕ-hō'văh? wilt thou hide thyself for ever?
How long shall thy wrath burn like fire?
47 Oh remember how short my time is:
For what vanity hast thou created all the children of men!
48 What man is he that shall live and not see death,
That shall deliver his soul from the [6]power of Shĕ'ōl? [Sē'lăh
49 Lord, where are thy former lovingkindnesses,
Which thou swarest unto David in thy faithfulness?
50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants;
How I do bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all the [7]mighty peoples,
51 Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
Wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.

52 Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh for evermore.
Ā-mĕn', and Ā-mĕn'.

[1] Or, *be faithful* [2] Heb. *profane* [3] Or, *One thing* [4] Or, *As the moon which is established for ever* [5] Or, *And the witness in the sky is faithful*
[6] Heb. *hand* [7] Or, *many*

BOOK IV

God's Eternity and Man's Transitoriness.

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

90 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place
In all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever thou [1]hadst formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
3 Thou turnest man to [2]destruction,
And sayest, Return, ye children of men.
4 For a thousand years in thy sight
Are but as yesterday [3]when it is past,
And as a watch in the night.
5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep:
In the morning they are like grass which groweth up.
6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up;
In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
7 For we are consumed in thine anger,
And in thy wrath are we troubled.
8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee,
Our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath:
We bring our years to an end as [4]a sigh.
10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten,
Or even by reason of strength fourscore years;
Yet is their pride but labor and sorrow;
For it is soon gone, and we fly away.
11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger,
And thy wrath according to the fear that is due unto thee?
12 So teach us to number our days,
That we may get us a heart of wisdom.
13 Return, O Jĕ-hō'văh; how long?
And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
14 Oh satisfy us in the morning with thy lovingkindness,
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
15 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us,
And the years wherein we have seen evil.
16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants,
And thy glory upon their children.
17 And let the [5]favor of the Lord our God be upon us;
And establish thou the work of our hands upon us;
Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

[1] Heb. *gavest birth to* [2] Or, *dust* Heb. *crushing* [3] Or, *when it passeth* [4] Or, *a sound*

Security of him who trusts in Jehovah.

91 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High
[6]Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say of Jĕ-hō'văh, He is my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in whom I trust.
3 For he will deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,
And from the deadly pestilence.
4 He will cover thee with his pinions,
And under his wings shalt thou take refuge:
His truth is a shield and a buckler.
5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night,
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness,
Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

[5] Or, *beauty* [6] Or, *That abideth . . . Almighty; Even I &c.*

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side,
And ten thousand at thy right hand;
But it shall not come nigh thee.
8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold,
And see the reward of the wicked.
9 [1]For thou, O Jĕ-hō'văh, art my refuge!
Thou hast made the Most High thy habitation;
10 There shall no evil befall thee,
Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.
11 For he will give his angels charge over thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways.
12 They shall bear thee up in their hands,
Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder:
The young lion and the serpent shalt thou trample under foot.
14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him:
I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble:
I will deliver him, and honor him.
16 With long life will I satisfy him,
And show him my salvation.

Praise for Jehovah's Goodness.

A Psalm, a Song for the sabbath day

92 It is a good thing to give thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh,
And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High;
2 To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning,
And thy faithfulness every night,
3 With an instrument of ten strings, and with the psaltery;
With a solemn sound upon the harp.
4 For thou, Jĕ-hō'văh, hast made me glad through thy work:
I will triumph in the works of thy hands.
5 How great are thy works, O Jĕ-hō'văh!
Thy thoughts are very deep.
6 A brutish man knoweth not;
Neither doth a fool understand this:
7 When the wicked spring as the grass,
And when all the workers of iniquity do flourish;
It is that they shall be destroyed for ever.
8 But thou, O Jĕ-hō'văh, art on high for evermore.
9 For, lo, thine enemies, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
For, lo, thine enemies shall perish;
All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
10 But my horn hast thou exalted like *the horn of* the wild-ox:
I am anointed with fresh oil.
11 Mine eye also hath seen *my desire* on [2]mine enemies,
Mine ears have heard *my desire* of the evil-doers that rise up against me.
12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree:
He shall grow like a cedar in Lĕb'ă-nŏn.
13 They are planted in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh;
They shall flourish in the courts of our God.
14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age;
They shall be full of sap and green:
15 To show that Jĕ-hō'văh is upright;
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

The Majesty of Jehovah.

93 Jĕ-hō'văh reigneth; he is clothed with majesty;
Jĕ-hō'văh is clothed with strength; he hath girded himself therewith:
The world also is established, that it cannot be moved.

[1] Or, *Because thou* hast said, *Jehovah is my refuge*

[2] Or, *them that lie in wait for me*

2 Thy throne is established of old:
Thou art from everlasting.
3 The floods have lifted up, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
The floods have lifted up their voice;
The floods lift up their [1]waves.
4 Above the voices of many waters,
The mighty breakers of the sea,
Jĕ-hō'văh on high is mighty.
5 Thy testimonies are very sure:
Holiness becometh thy house,
O Jĕ-hō'văh, for evermore.

Jehovah implored to avenge his People.

94 O Jĕ-hō'văh, thou God to whom vengeance belongeth,
Thou God to whom vengeance belongeth, shine forth.
2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth:
Render to the proud *their* desert.
3 Jĕ-hō'văh, how long shall the wicked,
How long shall the wicked triumph?
4 They prate, they speak arrogantly:
All the workers of iniquity boast themselves.
5 They break in pieces thy people, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
And afflict thy heritage.
6 They slay the widow and the sojourner,
And murder the fatherless.
7 And they say, [2]Jĕ-hō'văh will not see,
Neither will the God of Jacob consider.
8 Consider, ye brutish among the people;
And ye fools, when will ye be wise?
9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear?
He that formed the eye, shall he not see?
10 He that [3]chastiseth the nations, shall not he correct,
Even he that teacheth man knowledge?
11 Jĕ-hō'văh knoweth the thoughts of man,
[4]That they are [5]vanity.
12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O [2]Jĕ-hō'văh,
And teachest out of thy law;
13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity,
Until the pit be digged for the wicked.
14 For Jĕ-hō'văh will not cast off his people,
Neither will he forsake his inheritance.
15 For judgment shall return unto righteousness;
And all the upright in heart shall follow it.
16 Who will rise up for me against the evil-doers?
Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
17 Unless Jĕ-hō'văh had been my help,
My soul had soon dwelt in silence.
18 When I said, My foot slippeth;
Thy lovingkindness, O Jĕ-hō'văh, held me up.
19 In the multitude of my [6]thoughts within me
Thy comforts delight my soul.
20 Shall the [7]throne of wickedness have fellowship with thee,
Which frameth mischief by statute?
21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous,
And condemn the innocent blood.
22 But Jĕ-hō'văh hath been my high tower,
And my God the rock of my refuge.
23 And he hath brought upon them their own iniquity,
And will cut them off in their own wickedness;
Jĕ-hō'văh our God will cut them off.

Praise to Jehovah, and Warning against Unbelief.

95 Oh come, let us sing unto Jĕ-hō'văh;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

[1] Or, *roaring* [2] Heb. *Jah* [3] Or, *instructeth*
[4] Or, *For* [5] Heb. *a breath* [6] Or, *doubts*
[7] Or, *seat*

2 Let us come before his presence
with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise
unto him with psalms.
3 For Jĕ-hō'văh is a great God,
And a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the deep places
of the earth;
The [1]heights of the mountains
are his also.
5 The sea is his, and he made it;
And his hands formed the dry
land.
6 Oh come, let us worship and
bow down;
Let us kneel before Jĕ-hō'văh
our Maker:
7 For he is our God,
And we are the people of his
pasture, and the sheep of his
hand.
To-day, [2]oh that ye would hear
his voice!
8 Harden not your heart, as at
[3]Mĕr'ĭ-băh,
As in the day of [4]Măs'săh in
the wilderness;
9 When your fathers tempted me,
Proved me, and saw my work.
10 Forty years long was I grieved
with *that* generation,
And said, It is a people that do
err in their heart,
And they have not known my
ways:
11 Wherefore I sware in my wrath,
That they should not enter into
my rest.

A Call to worship Jehovah the Righteous Judge.

96 Oh sing unto Jĕ-hō'văh a
new song:
Sing unto Jĕ-hō'văh, all the
earth.
2 Sing unto Jĕ-hō'văh, bless his
name;
Show forth his salvation from
day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the
nations,
His marvellous works among
all the peoples.
4 For great is Jĕ-hō'văh, and
greatly to be praised:
He is to be feared above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the peoples
are [5]idols;
But Jĕ-hō'văh made the heav-
ens.
6 Honor and majesty are before
him:
Strength and beauty are in his
sanctuary.
7 Ascribe unto Jĕ-hō'văh, ye
kindreds of the peoples,
Ascribe unto Jĕ-hō'văh glory
and strength.
8 Ascribe unto Jĕ-hō'văh the
glory due unto his name:
Bring an offering, and come
into his courts.
9 Oh worship Jĕ-hō'văh [6]in holy
array:
Tremble before him, all the
earth.
10 Say among the nations, Jĕ-hō'-
văh reigneth:
The world also is established
that it cannot be moved:
He will judge the peoples with
equity.
11 Let the heavens be glad, and
let the earth rejoice;
Let the sea roar, and the ful-
ness thereof;
12 Let the field exult, and all that
is therein;
Then shall all the trees of the
wood sing for joy
13 Before Jĕ-hō'văh; for he com-
eth,
For he cometh to judge the
earth:
He will judge the world with
righteousness,
And the peoples [7]with his truth.

Jehovah's Power and Dominion.

97 Jĕ-hō'văh reigneth; let the
earth rejoice;
Let the multitude of isles be glad.
2 Clouds and darkness are round
about him:
Righteousness and justice are
the foundation of his throne.
3 A fire goeth before him,
And burneth up his adversaries
round about.
4 His lightnings lightened the
world:
The earth saw, and trembled.

[1] Or, *strength* [2] Or, *if ye will hear his voice, Harden &c.* [3] That is, *strife* [4] That is, *temptation*
[5] Or, *things of nought* [6] Or, *in the beauty of holiness* [7] Or, *in his faithfulness*

5 The mountains melted like wax
at the presence of Jĕ-hō'văh,
At the presence of the Lord of
the whole earth.
6 The heavens declare his right-
eousness,
And all the peoples have seen
his glory.
7 Let all them be put to shame
that serve graven images,
That boast themselves of idols:
Worship him, all ye gods.
8 Zī'ŏn heard and was glad,
And the daughters of Jū'dăh
rejoiced,
Because of thy judgments, O
Jĕ-hō'văh.
9 For thou, Jĕ-hō'văh, art most
high above all the earth:
Thou art exalted far above all
gods.
10 O ye that love Jĕ-hō'văh, hate
evil:
He preserveth the souls of his
saints;
He delivereth them out of the
hand of the wicked.
11 Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in
heart.
12 Be glad in Jĕ-hō'văh, ye
righteous;
And give thanks to his holy
memorial *name*.

A Call to praise Jehovah for his Righteousness.

A Psalm.

98 Oh sing unto Jĕ-hō'văh a
new song;
For he hath done marvellous
things:
His right hand, and his holy
arm, hath wrought salvation
for him.
2 Jĕ-hō'văh hath made known
his salvation:
His righteousness hath he
openly showed in the sight
of the nations.
3 He hath remembered his lov-
ingkindness and his faith-
fulness toward the house of
Ĭs'rā-ĕl:
All the ends of the earth have
seen the salvation of our God.
4 Make a joyful noise unto Jĕ-
hō'văh, all the earth:
Break forth and sing for joy,
yea, sing praises.
5 Sing praises unto Jĕ-hō'văh
with the harp;
With the harp and the voice of
melody.
6 With trumpets and sound of
cornet
Make a joyful noise before the
King, Jĕ-hō'văh.
7 Let the sea roar, and the ful-
ness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell
therein;
8 Let the floods clap their hands;
Let the hills sing for joy to-
gether
9 Before Jĕ-hō'văh; for he cometh
to judge the earth:
He will judge the world with
righteousness,
And the peoples with equity.

Praise to Jehovah for his Fidelity to Israel

99 Jĕ-hō'văh reigneth; let the
peoples tremble:
He [1]sitteth *above* the chĕr'ū-
bĭm; let the earth be moved.
2 Jĕ-hō'văh is great in Zī'ŏn;
And he is high above all the
peoples.
3 Let them praise thy great and
terrible name:
Holy is he.

4 The king's strength also loveth
justice;
Thou dost establish equity;
Thou executest justice and
righteousness in Jacob.
5 Exalt ye Jĕ-hō'văh our God,
And worship at his footstool:
Holy is he.

6 Mō'sĕs and Aâr'ŏn among his
priests,
And Săm'ū-ĕl among them that
call upon his name;
They called upon Jĕ-hō'văh,
and he answered them.
7 He spake unto them in the pil-
lar of cloud:
They kept his testimonies,
And the statute that he gave
them.
8 Thou answeredst them, O Jĕ-
hō'văh our God:

[1] Or, *is enthroned*

Thou wast a God that forgavest them,
Though thou tookest vengeance of their doings.
9 Exalt ye Jĕ-hō'văh our God,
And worship at his holy hill;
For Jĕ-hō'văh our God is holy.

All Men exhorted to praise God.

A Psalm [1] of thanksgiving.

100 Make a joyful noise unto Jĕ-hō'văh, [2]all ye lands.
2 Serve Jĕ-hō'văh with gladness:
Come before his presence with singing.
3 Know ye that Jĕ-hō'văh, he is God:
It is he that hath made us, [3]and we are his;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
4 Enter into his gates with [4]thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise:
Give thanks unto him, and bless his name.
5 For Jĕ-hō'văh is good; his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever,
And his faithfulness unto all generations.

The Psalmist's Profession of Uprightness.

A Psalm of David.

101 I will sing of lovingkindness and justice:
Unto thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh, will I sing praises.
2 I will [5]behave myself wisely in a perfect way:
Oh when wilt thou come unto me?
I will walk within my house [6]with a perfect heart.
3 I will set no base thing before mine eyes:
I hate [7]the work of them that turn aside;
It shall not cleave unto me.
4 A perverse heart shall depart from me:
I will know no [8]evil thing.
5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I destroy:
Him that hath a high look and a proud heart will I not suffer.
6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me:
He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall minister unto me.
7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house:
He that speaketh falsehood shall not be established before mine eyes.
8 Morning by morning will I destroy all the wicked of the land;
To cut off all the workers of iniquity from the city of Jĕ-hō'văh.

Prayer of an Afflicted One for Mercy on himself and on Zion.

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he [9]is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before Jehovah.

102 Hear my prayer, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
And let my cry come unto thee.
2 Hide not thy face from me in the day of my distress:
Incline thine ear unto me;
In the day when I call answer me speedily.
3 For my days consume away [10]like smoke,
And my bones are burned [11]as a firebrand.
4 My heart is smitten like grass, and withered;
For I forget to eat my bread.
5 By reason of the voice of my groaning
My bones cleave to my flesh.
6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness;
I am become as an owl of the waste places.
7 I watch, and am become like a sparrow
That is alone upon the housetop.
8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day;
They that are mad against me do curse by me.
9 For I have eaten ashes like bread,
And mingled my drink with weeping,

[1] Or, *for the thank-offering* [2] Heb. *all the earth* [3] Another reading is, *and not we ourselves* [4] Or, *a thank-offering* [5] Or, *give heed unto the perfect way* [6] Or, *in the integrity of my heart* [7] Or, *the doing of unfaithfulness* [8] Or, *evil person*

[9] Or, *fainteth* [10] Or, *in smoke* [11] Or, *as a hearth*

10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath:
For thou hast taken me up, and cast me away.
11 My days are like a shadow that [1]declineth;
And I am withered like grass.

12 But thou, O Jĕ-hō′văh, [2]wilt abide for ever;
And thy memorial *name* unto all generations.
13 Thou wilt arise, and have mercy upon Zī′ŏn;
For it is time to have pity upon her,
Yea, the set time is come.
14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones,
And have pity upon her dust.
15 So the nations shall fear the name of Jĕ-hō′văh,
And all the kings of the earth thy glory:
16 For Jĕ-hō′văh hath built up Zī′ŏn;
He hath appeared in his glory.
17 He hath regarded the prayer of the destitute,
And hath not despised their prayer.
18 This shall be written for the generation to come;
And a people which shall be created shall praise [3]Jĕ-hō′văh.
19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary;
From heaven did Jĕ-hō′văh behold the earth;
20 To hear the sighing of the prisoner;
To loose [4]those that are appointed to death;
21 That men may declare the name of Jĕ-hō′văh in Zī′ŏn,
And his praise in Jĕ-ru′să-lĕm;
22 When the peoples are gathered together,
And the kingdoms, to serve Jĕ-hō′văh.

23 He [5]weakened my strength in the way;
He shortened my days.
24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days:
Thy years are throughout all generations.
25 Of old didst thou lay the foundation of the earth;
And the heavens are the work of thy hands.
26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure;
Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment;
As a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:
27 But thou art the same,
And thy years shall have no end.
28 The children of thy servants shall continue,
And their seed shall be established before thee.

[1] Or, *is stretched out* [2] Or, *sittest* as King [3] Heb. *Jah* [4] Heb. *the children of death* [5] Another reading is, *afflicted* me with *his strength*

Praise for Jehovah's Mercies.

A Psalm of David.

103 Bless Jĕ-hō′văh, O my soul;
And all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.
2 Bless Jĕ-hō′văh, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits:
3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
Who healeth all thy diseases;
4 Who redeemeth thy life from [6]destruction;
Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
5 Who satisfieth [7]thy desire with good things,
So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle.
6 Jĕ-hō′văh executeth righteous acts,
And judgments for all that are oppressed.
7 He made known his ways unto Mō′sĕs,
His doings unto the children of ĭs′rā-ĕl.
8 Jĕ-hō′văh is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness.
9 He will not always chide;
Neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.

[6] Or, *the pit* [7] Or, *thy years* Or, *thy prime* Heb. *thine ornament*

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins,
Nor rewarded us after our iniquities.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is his lovingkindness toward them that fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the west,
So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
13 Like as a father pitieth his children,
So Jĕ-hō'văh pitieth them that fear him.
14 For he knoweth our frame;
He remembereth that we are dust.
15 As for man, his days are as grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;
And the place thereof shall know it no more.
17 But the lovingkindness of Jĕ-hō'văh is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him,
And his righteousness unto children's children;
18 To such as keep his covenant,
And to those that remember his precepts to do them.
19 Jĕ-hō'văh hath established his throne in the heavens;
And his kingdom ruleth over all.
20 Bless Jĕ-hō'văh, ye his angels,
That are mighty in strength, that fulfil his word,
Hearkening unto the voice of his word.
21 Bless Jĕ-hō'văh, all ye his hosts,
Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
22 Bless Jĕ-hō'văh, all ye his works,
In all places of his dominion:
Bless Jĕ-hō'văh, O my soul.

Jehovah's Care over all his Works.

104 Bless Jĕ-hō'văh, O my soul.
O Jĕ-hō'văh my God, thou art very great;
Thou art clothed with honor and majesty:
2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment;
Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain;
3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters;
Who maketh the clouds his chariot;
Who walketh upon the wings of the wind;
4 Who maketh [1]winds his messengers;
Flames of fire his ministers;
5 [2]Who laid the foundations of the earth,
That it should not be moved for ever.
6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a vesture;
The waters stood above the mountains.
7 At thy rebuke they fled;
At the voice of thy thunder they hasted away
8 [3](The mountains rose, the valleys sank down)
Unto the place which thou hadst founded for them.
9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over;
That they turn not again to cover the earth.
10 He sendeth forth springs into the valleys;
They run among the mountains;
11 They give drink to every beast of the field;
The wild asses quench their thirst.
12 By them the birds of the heavens have their habitation;
They [4]sing among the branches.
13 He watereth the mountains from his chambers:
The earth is filled with the fruit of thy works.
14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,
And herb for the [5]service of man;
That he may bring forth [6]food out of the earth,
15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man,

[1] Or, *his angels winds* [2] Heb. *He founded the earth upon its bases* [3] Or, *They went up by the mountains, they went down by the valleys* [4] Heb. *utter their voice* [5] Or, *labor* [6] Heb. *bread*

[1]*And* oil to make his face to shine,
And bread that strengtheneth man's heart.
16 The trees of Jĕ-hō'văh are filled *with moisture*,
The cedars of Lĕb'ă-nŏn, which he hath planted;
17 Where the birds make their nests:
As for the stork, the fir-trees are her house.
18 The high mountains are for the wild goats;
The rocks are a refuge for the conies.
19 He appointed the moon for seasons:
The sun knoweth his going down.
20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night,
Wherein all the beasts of the forest creep forth.
21 The young lions roar after their prey,
And seek their food from God.
22 The sun ariseth, they get them away,
And lay them down in their dens.
23 Man goeth forth unto his work
And to his labor until the evening.
24 O Jĕ-hō'văh, how manifold are thy works!
In wisdom hast thou made them all:
The earth is full of thy [2]riches.
25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
Wherein are things creeping innumerable,
Both small and great beasts.
26 There go the ships;
There is lĕ-vī'ă-thăn, whom thou hast formed to play [3]therein.
27 These wait all for thee,
That thou mayest give them their food in due season.
28 Thou givest unto them, they gather;
Thou openest thy hand, they are satisfied with good.
29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled;
Thou [4]takest away their breath, they die,
And return to their dust.
30 Thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created;
And thou renewest the face of the ground.
31 Let the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh endure for ever;
Let Jĕ-hō'văh rejoice in his works:
32 Who looketh on the earth, and it trembleth;
He toucheth the mountains, and they smoke.
33 I will sing unto Jĕ-hō'văh as long as I live:
I will sing praise to my God while I have any being.
34 Let my meditation be sweet unto him:
I will rejoice in Jĕ-hō'văh.
35 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth.
And let the wicked be no more.
Bless Jĕ-hō'văh, O my soul.
[5]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.

[1] Heb. *To make his face to shine with oil*
[2] Or, *creatures* [3] Or, *with him* See Job 41.5

Jehovah's Wonderful Works in behalf of Israel.

105 Oh give thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh, call upon his name;
Make known among the peoples his doings.
2 Sing unto him, sing praises unto him;
[6]Talk ye of all his marvellous works.
3 Glory ye in his holy name:
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek Jĕ-hō'văh.
4 Seek ye Jĕ-hō'văh and his strength;
Seek his face evermore.
5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done,
His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth,
6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant,
Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
7 He is Jĕ-hō'văh our God:
His judgments are in all the earth.
8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever,

[4] Or, *gatherest in* [5] Heb. *Hallelujah*
[6] Or, *Meditate*

The word which he commanded
to a thousand generations,
9 *The covenant* which he made
with Abraham,
And his oath unto Ĭ'săac,
10 And confirmed the same unto
Jacob for a statute,
To Ĭs'rā-ĕl for an everlasting
covenant,
11 Saying, Unto thee will I give
the land of Că'năan,
The [1]lot of your inheritance;
12 When they were but a few men
in number,
Yea, very few, and sojourners
in it.
13 And they went about from
nation to nation,
From one kingdom to another
people.
14 He suffered no man to do them
wrong;
Yea, he reproved kings for
their sakes,
15 *Saying,* Touch not mine
anointed ones,
And do my prophets no harm.
16 And he called for a famine
upon the land;
He brake the whole staff of
bread.
17 He sent a man before them;
Joseph was sold for a servant:
18 His feet they hurt with fetters:
[2]He was laid in *chains of* iron,
19 Until the time that his word
came to pass,
The word of Jĕ-hō'văh tried
him.
20 The king sent and loosed him;
Even the ruler of peoples, and
let him go free.
21 He made him lord of his house,
And ruler of all his substance;
22 To bind his princes [3]at his
pleasure,
And teach his elders wisdom.
23 Ĭs'rā-ĕl also came into Ē'gĭpt;
And Jacob sojourned in the
land of Ham.
24 And he increased his people
greatly,
And made them stronger than
their adversaries.
25 He turned their heart to hate
his people,
To deal subtly with his ser-
vants.
26 He sent Mō'sĕs his servant,
And Aâr'ŏn whom he had
chosen.
27 They set among them [3]his signs,
And wonders in the land of
Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and made
it dark;
And they rebelled not against
his words.
29 He turned their waters into
blood,
And slew their fish.
30 Their land swarmed with frogs
In the chambers of their kings.
31 He spake, and there came
swarms of flies,
And lice in all their borders.
32 He gave them hail for rain,
And flaming fire in their land.
33 He smote their vines also and
their fig-trees,
And brake the trees of their
borders.
34 He spake, and the locust came,
And the grasshopper, and that
without number,
35 And did eat up every herb in
their land,
And did eat up the fruit of their
ground.
36 He smote also all the first-
born in their land,
The [4]chief of all their strength.
37 And he brought them forth with
silver and gold;
And there was [5]not one feeble
person among his tribes.
38 Ē'gĭpt was glad when they de-
parted;
For the fear of them had fallen
upon them.
39 He spread a cloud for a cover-
ing,
And fire to give light in the
night.
40 They asked, and he brought
quails,
And satisfied them with the
bread of heaven.
41 He opened the rock, and
waters gushed out;
They ran in the dry places *like*
a river.

[1] Heb. *cord,* or, *line* [2] Heb. *His soul entered into the iron* [3] Heb. *the words of his signs* [4] Heb. *beginning* See Deut. 21.17 [5] Or, *none that stumbled*

42 For he remembered his holy word,
And Abraham his servant.
43 And he brought forth his people with joy,
And his chosen with singing.
44 And he gave them the lands of the nations;
And they took the labor of the peoples in possession:
45 That they might keep his statutes,
And observe his laws.
[1]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.

Israel's Rebelliousness and Jehovah's Deliverances.

106 [1]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.
Oh give thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh; for he is good;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.
2 Who can utter the mighty acts of Jĕ-hō'văh,
Or show forth all his praise?
3 Blessed are they that keep justice,
And he that doeth righteousness at all times.
4 Remember me, O Jĕ-hō'văh, with the favor that thou bearest unto thy people;
Oh visit me with thy salvation,
5 That I may see the prosperity of thy chosen,
That I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation,
That I may glory with thine inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers,
We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.
7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Ē'gўpt;
They remembered not the multitude of thy lovingkindnesses,
But were rebellious at the sea, even at the Red Sea.
8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake,
That he might make his mighty power to be known.
9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up:
So he led them through the depths, as through a [2]wilderness.
10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them,
And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
11 And the waters covered their adversaries;
There was not one of them left.
12 Then believed they his words;
They sang his praise.
13 They soon forgat his works;
They waited not for his counsel,
14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness,
And tempted God in the desert.
15 And he gave them their request,
But sent leanness into their soul.
16 They envied Mō'sĕs also in the camp,
And Aâr'ŏn the [3]saint of Jĕ-hō'văh.
17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dā'thăn,
And covered the company of Ă-bī'răm.
18 And a fire was kindled in their company;
The flame burned up the wicked.
19 They made a calf in Hō'rĕb,
And worshipped a molten image.
20 Thus they changed their glory
For the likeness of an ox that eateth grass.
21 They forgat God their Saviour,
Who had done great things in Ē'gўpt,
22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham,
And terrible things by the Red Sea.
23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them,
Had not Mō'sĕs his chosen stood before him in the breach,
To turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy *them*.
24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land,
They believed not his word,
25 But murmured in their tents,
And hearkened not unto the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh.
26 Therefore he [4]sware unto them,

[1] Heb. *Hallelujah*
[2] Or, *pasture-land* [3] Or, *holy one*
[4] Heb. *lifted up his hand*

That he would [1]overthrow them
in the wilderness,
27 And that he would overthrow
their seed among the nations,
And scatter them in the lands.
28 They joined themselves also
unto Bā'ăl-pē'ôr,
And ate the sacrifices of the
dead.
29 Thus they provoked him to
anger with their doings;
And the plague brake in upon
them.
30 Then stood up Phĭn'ĕ-hăs, and
executed judgment;
And so the plague was stayed.
31 And that was reckoned unto
him for righteousness,
Unto all generations for ever-
more.
32 They angered him also at the
waters of [2]Mĕr'ĭ-băh,
So that it went ill with Mō'sĕs
for their sakes;
33 Because they were rebellious
against his spirit,
And he spake unadvisedly with
his lips.
34 They did not destroy the peo-
ples,
As Jĕ-hō'văh commanded them,
35 But mingled themselves with
the nations,
And learned their works,
36 And served their idols,
Which became a snare unto
them.
37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons
and their daughters unto
demons,
38 And shed innocent blood,
Even the blood of their sons
and of their daughters,
Whom they sacrificed unto the
idols of Cā'năan;
And the land was polluted with
blood.

[1] Heb. *make them fall*
[2] Or, *strife*

39 Thus were they defiled with
their works,
And played the harlot in their
doings.
40 Therefore was the wrath of
Jĕ-hō'văh kindled against
his people,
And he abhorred his inheri-
tance.
41 And he gave them into the hand
of the nations;
And they that hated them ruled
over them.
42 Their enemies also oppressed
them,
And they were brought into
subjection under their hand.
43 Many times did he deliver them;
But they were rebellious in
their counsel,
And were brought low in their
iniquity.
44 Nevertheless he regarded their
distress,
When he heard their cry:
45 And he remembered for them
his covenant,
And repented according to the
multitude of his lovingkind-
nesses.
46 He made them also to be pitied
Of all those that carried them
captive.

47 Save us, O Jĕ-hō'văh our God,
And gather us from among the
nations,
To give thanks unto thy holy
name,
And to triumph in thy praise.

48 Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh, the God
of ĭs'rā-ĕl,
From everlasting even to ever-
lasting.
And let all the people say,
Ā-mĕn'.
[3]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.

[3] Heb. *Hallelujah*

BOOK V

Jehovah delivers Men from Manifold Troubles.

107 Oh give thanks unto Jĕ-
hō'văh; for he is good;
For his lovingkindness *endureth*
for ever.
2 Let the redeemed of Jĕ-hō'văh
say *so*,
Whom he hath redeemed from
the hand of the adversary,
3 And gathered out of the lands,
From the east and from the west,
From the north and [1]from the
south.

[1] Heb. *from the sea*

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way;
They found no city of habitation.
5 Hungry and thirsty,
Their soul fainted in them.
6 Then they cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh in their trouble,
And he delivered them out of their distresses,
7 He led them also by a straight way,
That they might go to a city of habitation.
8 Oh that men would praise Jĕ-hō'văh for his lovingkindness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
9 For he satisfieth the longing soul,
And the hungry soul he filleth with good.

10 Such as sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
Being bound in affliction and iron,
11 Because they rebelled against the words of God,
And contemned the counsel of the Most High:
12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labor;
They fell down, and there was none to help.
13 Then they cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh in their trouble,
And he saved them out of their distresses.
14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
And brake their bonds in sunder.
15 Oh that men would praise Jĕ-hō'văh for his lovingkindness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
16 For he hath broken the gates of brass,
And cut the bars of iron in sunder.

17 Fools because of [1]their transgression,
And because of their iniquities, are afflicted.
18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of food;
And they draw near unto the gates of death.
19 Then they cry unto Jĕ-hō'văh in their trouble,
And he saveth them out of their distresses.
20 He sendeth his word, and healeth them,
And delivereth *them* from their [2]destructions.
21 Oh that men would praise Jĕ-hō'văh for his lovingkindness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
22 And let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And declare his works with singing.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships,
That do business in great waters:
24 These see the works of Jĕ-hō'văh,
And his wonders in the deep.
25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind,
Which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26 They mount up to the heavens, they go down again to the depths:
Their soul melteth away because of trouble.
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,
And [3]are at their wits' end.
28 Then they cry unto Jĕ-hō'văh in their trouble,
And he bringeth them out of their distresses.
29 He maketh the storm a calm,
So that the waves thereof are still.
30 Then are they glad because they are quiet;
So he bringeth them unto their desired haven.
31 Oh that men would praise Jĕ-hō'văh for his lovingkindness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
32 Let them exalt him also in the assembly of the people,

[1] Heb. *the way of their transgression*
[2] Heb. *pits* [3] Heb. *all their wisdom is swallowed up*

And praise him in the seat of the elders.

33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness,
And watersprings into a thirsty ground;
34 A fruitful land into a salt desert,
For the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
35 He turneth a wilderness into a pool of water,
And a dry land into watersprings.
36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell,
That they may prepare a city of habitation,
37 And sow fields, and plant vineyards,
And get them fruits of increase.
38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly;
And he suffereth not their cattle to decrease.
39 Again, they are diminished and bowed down
Through oppression, trouble, and sorrow.
40 He poureth contempt upon princes,
And causeth them to wander in the waste, where there is no way.
41 Yet setteth he the needy on high from affliction,
And maketh *him* families like a flock.
42 The upright shall see it, and be glad;
And all iniquity shall stop her mouth.
43 Whoso is wise will give heed to these things;
And they will consider the lovingkindnesses of Jĕ-hō'văh.

God praised, and supplicated to give Victory.

A Song, a Psalm of David.

108 My heart is fixed, O God;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises, even with my glory.
2 Awake, psaltery and harp:
I myself will [1]awake right early.
3 I will give thanks unto thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh, among the peoples;
And I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
4 For thy lovingkindness is great above the heavens;
And thy truth *reacheth* unto the skies.
5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens,
And thy glory above all the earth.
6 That thy beloved may be delivered,
Save with thy right hand, and answer [2]us.
7 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult;
I will divide Shē'chĕm, and mete out the valley of Sŭc'cōth.
8 Gĭl'ĕ-ăd is mine; Mă-năs'sĕh is mine;
Ē'phrā-ĭm also is the defence of my head;
Jū'dăh is my [3]sceptre.
9 Mō'ăb is my washpot;
[4]Upon Ē'dŏm will I cast my shoe;
Over Phĭ-lĭs'tĭ-á will I shout.
10 Who will bring me into the fortified city?
Who [5]hath led me unto Ē'dŏm?
11 [6]Hast not thou cast us off, O God?
And thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.
12 Give us help against the adversary;
For vain is the [7]help of man.
13 Through God we shall do valiantly:
For he it is that will tread down our adversaries.

[1] Or, *awake the dawn*

Vengeance invoked upon Adversaries.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

109 Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise;
2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of deceit have they opened against me:
They have spoken [8]unto me with a lying tongue.
3 They have compassed me about also with words of hatred,
And fought against me without a cause.

[2] Another reading is, *me.* [3] Or, *lawgiver* [4] Or, *Unto* [5] Or, *will lead me &c.* [6] Or, *Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off, and goest . . . hosts?* [7] Heb. *salvation* [8] Or, *against*

4 For my love they are my adversaries:
But I *give myself unto* prayer.
5 And they have [1]rewarded me evil for good,
And hatred for my love.
6 Set thou a wicked man over him;
And let [2]an adversary stand at his right hand.
7 When he is judged, let him come forth guilty;
And let his prayer [3]be turned into sin.
8 Let his days be few;
And let another take his office.
9 Let his children be fatherless,
And his wife a widow.
10 Let his children be vagabonds, and beg;
And let them seek *their bread* [4]out of their desolate places.
11 Let the extortioner [5]catch all that he hath;
And let strangers make spoil of his labor.
12 Let there be none to [6]extend kindness unto him;
Neither let there be any to have pity on his fatherless children.
13 Let his posterity be cut off;
In the generation following let their name be blotted out.
14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with Jĕ-hō'-văh;
And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.
15 Let them be before Jĕ-hō'văh continually,
That he may cut off the memory of them from the earth;
16 Because he remembered not to show kindness,
But persecuted the poor and needy man,
And the broken in heart, to slay *them*.
17 Yea, he loved cursing, and it came unto him;
And he delighted not in blessing, and it was far from him.
18 He clothed himself also with cursing as with his garment,
And it came into his inward parts like water,
And like oil into his bones.
19 Let it be unto him as the raiment wherewith he covereth himself,
And for the girdle wherewith he is girded continually.
20 This is the reward of mine adversaries from Jĕ-hō'văh,
And of them that speak evil against my soul.
21 But deal thou with me, O Jĕ-hō'văh the Lord, for thy name's sake:
Because thy lovingkindness is good, deliver thou me;
22 For I am poor and needy,
And my heart is wounded within me.
23 I am gone like the shadow when it [7]declineth:
I am tossed up and down as the locust.
24 My knees [8]are weak through fasting;
And my flesh faileth of fatness.
25 I am become also a reproach unto them:
When they see me, they shake their head.
26 Help me, O Jĕ-hō'văh my God;
Oh save me according to thy lovingkindness:
27 That they may know that this is thy hand;
That thou, Jĕ-hō'văh, hast done it.
28 Let them curse, but bless thou:
When they arise, they shall be put to shame,
But thy servant shall rejoice.
29 [9]Let mine adversaries be clothed with dishonor,
And let them cover themselves with their own shame as with a robe.
30 I will give great thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh with my mouth;
Yea, I will praise him among the multitude.
31 For he will stand at the right hand of the needy,
To save him from them that judge his soul.

[1] Heb. *laid upon me* [2] Or, *Satan* Or, *an accuser* [3] Or, *become* [4] Or, *far from* [5] Heb. *snare* [6] Or, *continue*
[7] Or, *is stretched out* [8] Or, *totter* [9] Or, *Mine adversaries shall be clothed . . . And they shall cover &c.*

Jehovah gives Dominion to the King.

A Psalm of David.

110 Jĕ-hō′văh saith unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand,
Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
2 Jĕ-hō′văh will [1]send forth the [2]rod of thy strength out of Zi′ŏn:
Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
3 Thy people [3]offer themselves willingly
In the day of thy [4]power, [5]in holy array:
Out of the womb of the morning
[6]Thou hast the dew of thy youth.
4 Jĕ-hō′văh hath sworn, and will not repent:
Thou art a priest for ever
After the [7]order of Mĕl-chĭz′ĕ-dĕk.
5 The Lord at thy right hand
[8]Will strike through kings in the day of his wrath.
6 He will judge among the nations,
[9]He [10]will fill *the places* with dead bodies;
He [8]will strike through the head [11]in many countries.
7 He will drink of the brook in the way:
Therefore will he lift up the head.

Jehovah praised for his Goodness.

111 [12]Praise ye Jĕ-hō′văh.
I will give thanks unto Jĕ-hō′văh with my whole heart,
In the council of the upright, and in the congregation.
2 The works of Jĕ-hō′văh are great,
Sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
3 His work is honor and majesty;
And his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered:
Jĕ-hō′văh is gracious and merciful.
5 He hath given [13]food unto them that fear him:
He will ever be mindful of his covenant.
6 He hath showed his people the power of his works,
In giving them the heritage of the nations.
7 The works of his hands are truth and justice;
All his precepts are sure.
8 They are established for ever and ever;
They are [14]done in truth and uprightness.
9 He hath sent redemption unto his people;
He hath commanded his covenant for ever:
Holy and reverend is his name.
10 The fear of Jĕ-hō′văh is the beginning of wisdom;
[15]A good understanding have all they that do [16]*his commandments*:
His praise endureth for ever.

Prosperity of him that fears Jehovah.

112 [12]Praise ye Jĕ-hō′văh.
Blessed is the man that feareth Jĕ-hō′văh,
That delighteth greatly in his commandments.
2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth:
The generation of the upright shall be blessed.
3 Wealth and riches are in his house;
And his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness:
He is gracious, and merciful, and righteous.
5 Well is it with the man that dealeth graciously and lendeth;
He shall maintain his cause in judgment.
6 For he shall never be moved;

[1] Or, *stretch* [2] Or, *sceptre* [3] Heb. *are freewill-offerings* [4] Or, *army* [5] Or, *in the beauty of holiness* [6] Or, *Thy youth are to thee as the dew* [7] Or, *manner* [8] Or, *Hath stricken* [9] Or, The places *are full of &c.* [10] Or, *hath filled* [11] Or, *over a wide land* [12] Heb. *Hallelujah* [13] Heb. *prey* [14] Or, *made* [15] Or, *Good repute* [16] Heb. *them*

The righteous shall be had in
everlasting remembrance.
7 He shall not be afraid of evil
tidings:
His heart is fixed, trusting in
Jĕ-hō′văh.
8 His heart is established, he
shall not be afraid,
Until he see *his desire* upon his
adversaries.
9 He hath dispersed, he hath
given to the needy;
His righteousness endureth for
ever:
His horn shall be exalted with
honor.
10 The wicked shall see it, and be
grieved;
He shall gnash with his teeth,
and melt away:
The desire of the wicked shall
perish.

Jehovah exalts the Humble.

113 [1]Praise ye Jĕ-hō′văh.
Praise, O ye servants of
Jĕ-hō′văh,
Praise the name of Jĕ-hō′văh.
2 Blessed be the name of Jĕ-hō′-
văh
From this time forth and for
evermore.
3 From the rising of the sun unto
the going down of the same
Jĕ-hō′văh's name is to be
praised.
4 Jĕ-hō′văh is high above all
nations,
And his glory above the
heavens.
5 Who is like unto Jĕ-hō′văh our
God,
That hath his seat on high,
6 That humbleth himself [2]to be-
hold
The things that are in heaven
and in the earth?
7 He raiseth up the poor out of
the dust,
And lifteth up the needy from
the dunghill;
8 That he may set him with
princes,
Even with the princes of his
people.
9 He maketh the barren woman
to keep house,
And to be a joyful mother of
children.
[1]Praise ye Jĕ-hō′văh.

God's Deliverance of Israel from Egypt.

114 When ĭs′rā-ĕl went forth
out of Ē′gўpt,
The house of Jacob from a peo-
ple of strange language;
2 Jū′dăh became his sanctuary,
ĭs′rā-ĕl his dominion.
3 The sea saw it, and fled;
The Jordan was driven back.
4 The mountains skipped like
rams,
The little hills like lambs.
5 What aileth thee, O thou sea,
that thou fleest?
Thou Jordan, that thou turnest
back?
6 Ye mountains, that ye skip like
rams;
Ye little hills, like lambs?
7 Tremble, thou earth, at the
presence of the Lord,
At the presence of the God of
Jacob,
8 Who turned the rock into a pool
of water,
The flint into a fountain of
waters.

Heathen Idols contrasted with Jehovah.

115 Not unto us, O Jĕ-hō′văh,
not unto us,
But unto thy name give glory,
For thy lovingkindness, and for
thy truth's sake.
2 Wherefore should the nations
say,
Where is now their God?
3 But our God is in the heavens:
He hath done whatsoever he
pleased.
4 Their idols are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
5 They have mouths, but they
speak not;
Eyes have they, but they see
not;
6 They have ears, but they hear
not;
Noses have they, but they
smell not;
7 They have hands, but they
handle not;

[1] Heb. *Hallelujah* [2] Or, *to regard the heavens and the earth*

Feet have they, but they walk not;
Neither speak they through their throat.
8 They that make them shall be like unto them;
Yea, every one that trusteth in them.
9 O Is'rā-ĕl, trust thou in Jĕ-hō'văh:
He is their help and their shield.
10 O house of Aär'ŏn, trust ye in Jĕ-hō'văh:
He is their help and their shield.
11 Ye that fear Jĕ-hō'văh, trust in Jĕ-hō'văh:
He is their help and their shield.
12 Jĕ-hō'văh hath been mindful of us; he will bless *us*:
He will bless the house of Is'rā-ĕl;
He will bless the house of Aär'ŏn.
13 He will bless them that fear Jĕ-hō'văh,
Both small and great.
14 Jĕ-hō'văh increase you more and more,
You and your children.
15 Blessed are ye of Jĕ-hō'văh,
Who made heaven and earth.
16 The heavens are the heavens of Jĕ-hō'văh;
But the earth hath he given to the children of men.
17 The dead praise not [1]Jĕ-hō'văh,
Neither any that go down into silence;
18 But we will bless [1]Jĕ-hō'văh
From this time forth and for evermore.
[2]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.

Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death.

116 I love Jĕ-hō'văh, because he heareth
My voice and my supplications.
2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,
Therefore will I call *upon him* as long as I live.
3 The cords of death compassed me,
And the pains of Shē'ōl [3]gat hold upon me:
I found trouble and sorrow.
4 Then called I upon the name of Jĕ-hō'văh:
O Jĕ-hō'văh, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
5 Gracious is Jĕ-hō'văh, and righteous;
Yea, our God is merciful.
6 Jĕ-hō'văh preserveth the simple:
I was brought low, and he saved me.
7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul;
For Jĕ-hō'văh hath dealt bountifully with thee.
8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death,
Mine eyes from tears,
And my feet from falling.
9 I will walk before Jĕ-hō'văh
In the [4]land of the living.
10 I [5]believe, for I will speak:
I was greatly afflicted:
11 I said in my [6]haste,
All men are liars.
12 What shall I render unto Jĕ-hō'văh
For all his benefits toward me?
13 I will take the cup of salvation,
And call upon the name of Jĕ-hō'văh.
14 I will pay my vows unto Jĕ-hō'văh,
Yea, in the presence of all his people.
15 Precious in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh
Is the death of his saints.
16 O Jĕ-hō'văh, truly I am thy servant:
I am thy servant, the son of thy handmaid;
Thou hast loosed my bonds.
17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And will call upon the name of Jĕ-hō'văh.
18 I will pay my vows unto Jĕ-hō'văh,
Yea, in the presence of all his people,
19 In the courts of Jĕ-hō'văh's house,
In the midst of thee, O Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm.
[2]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.

[1] Heb. *Jah.* [2] Heb. *Hallelujah* [3] Or, *found me* [4] Heb. *lands* [5] Or, *believed, when I spake thus* [6] Or, *alarm*

A Psalm of Praise.

117 Oh praise Jĕ-hō'văh, all ye nations;
Laud him, all ye peoples.
2 For his lovingkindness is great toward us;
And the truth of Jĕ-hō'văh *endureth* for ever.
[1]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.

Thanksgiving for Jehovah's Saving Goodness.

118 Oh give thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh; for he is good;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.
2 Let Ĭs'rā-ĕl now say,
That his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.
3 Let the house of Aâr'ŏn now say,
That his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.
4 Let them now that fear Jĕ-hō'văh say,
That his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.
5 Out of my distress I called upon [1]Jĕ-hō'văh:
[2]Jĕ-hō'văh answered me *and set me* in a large place.
6 Jĕ-hō'văh is on my side; I will not fear:
What can man do unto me?
7 Jĕ-hō'văh is on my side among them that help me:
Therefore shall I see *my desire* upon them that hate me.
8 It is better to take refuge in Jĕ-hō'văh
Than to put confidence in man.
9 It is better to take refuge in Jĕ-hō'văh
Than to put confidence in princes.
10 All nations compassed me about:
In the name of Jĕ-hō'văh I will cut them off.
11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about:
In the name of Jĕ-hō'văh I will cut them off.
12 They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns:
In the name of Jĕ-hō'văh I will cut them off.
13 Thou didst thrust sore at me that I might fall;
But Jĕ-hō'văh helped me.
14 [2]Jĕ-hō'văh is my strength and song;
And he is become my salvation.
15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous:
The right hand of Jĕ-hō'văh doeth valiantly.
16 The right hand of Jĕ-hō'văh is exalted:
The right hand of Jĕ-hō'văh doeth valiantly.
17 I shall not die, but live,
And declare the works of [3]Jĕ-hō'văh.
18 [2]Jĕ-hō'văh hath chastened me sore;
But he hath not given me over unto death.
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness:
I will enter into them, I will give thanks unto [2]Jĕ-hō'văh.
20 This is the gate of Jĕ-hō'văh;
The righteous shall enter into it.
21 I will give thanks unto thee; for thou hast answered me,
And art become my salvation.
22 The stone which the builders rejected
Is become the head of the corner.
23 This is [3]Jĕ-hō'văh's doing;
It is marvellous in our eyes.
24 This is the day which Jĕ-hō'văh hath made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Save now, we beseech thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh:
O Jĕ-hō'văh, we beseech thee, send now prosperity.
26 Blessed be he that [4]cometh in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh:
We have blessed you out of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh.
27 Jĕ-hō'văh is God, and he hath given us light:
Bind the sacrifice with cords even unto the horns of the altar.
28 Thou art my God, and I will give thanks unto thee:
Thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

[1] Heb. *Hallelujah* [2] Heb. *Jah* [3] Heb. *from Jehovah* [4] Or, *entereth*

29 Oh give thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh; for he is good;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.

Meditations and Prayers relating to the Law of God.

א ALEPH.

119 Blessed are they that are [1]perfect in the way,
Who walk in the law of Jĕ-hō'-văh.
2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies,
That seek him with the whole heart.
3 Yea, they do no unrighteousness;
They walk in his ways.
4 Thou hast commanded *us* thy precepts,
That we should observe them diligently.
5 Oh that my ways were established
To observe thy statutes!
6 Then shall I not be put to shame,
When I have respect unto all thy commandments.
7 I will give thanks unto thee with uprightness of heart,
When I learn thy righteous judgments.
8 I will observe thy statutes:
Oh forsake me not utterly.

ב BETH.

9 Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.
10 With my whole heart have I sought thee:
Oh let me not wander from thy commandments.
11 Thy word have I laid up in my heart,
That I might not sin against thee.
12 Blessed art thou, O Jĕ-hō'văh:
Teach me thy statutes.
13 With my lips have I declared
All the ordinances of thy mouth.
14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies,
As much as in all riches.
15 I will meditate on thy precepts,
And have respect unto thy ways.
16 I will delight myself in thy statutes:
I will not forget thy word.

ג GIMEL.

17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live;
So will I observe thy word.
18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold
Wondrous things out of thy law.
19 I am a sojourner in the earth:
Hide not thy commandments from me.
20 My soul breaketh for the longing
That it hath unto thine ordinances at all times.
21 Thou hast rebuked the proud [2]that are cursed,
That do wander from thy commandments.
22 Take away from me reproach and contempt;
For I have kept thy testimonies.
23 Princes also sat and talked against me;
But thy servant did meditate on thy statutes.
24 Thy testimonies also are my delight
And [3]my counsellors.

ד DALETH.

25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust:
Quicken thou me according to thy word.
26 I declared my ways, and thou answeredst me:
Teach me thy statutes.
27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts:
So shall I meditate on thy wondrous works.
28 My soul [4]melteth for heaviness:
Strengthen thou me according unto thy word.
29 Remove from me the way of falsehood;
And grant me thy law graciously.

[1] Or, *upright in way*

[2] Or, *Cursed are they that &c.* [3] Heb. *the men of my counsel* [4] Heb. *droppeth*

30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness:
Thine ordinances have I set *before me.*
31 I cleave unto thy testimonies:
O Jĕ-hō′văh, put me not to shame.
32 I will run the way of thy commandments,
When thou shalt enlarge my heart.

ה HE.

33 Teach me, O Jĕ-hō′văh, the way of thy statutes;
And I shall keep it unto the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;
Yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;
For therein do I delight.
36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
And not to covetousness.
37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity,
And quicken me in thy ways.
38 Confirm unto thy servant thy word,
[1]Which *is in order* unto the fear of thee.
39 Turn away my reproach whereof I am afraid;
For thine ordinances are good.
40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts:
Quicken me in thy righteousness.

ו VAV.

41 Let thy lovingkindnesses also come unto me, O Jĕ-hō′văh,
Even thy salvation, according to thy word.
42 So shall I have an answer for him that reproacheth me;
For I trust in thy word.
43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth;
For I have hoped in thine ordinances.
44 So shall I observe thy law continually
For ever and ever.
45 And I shall walk at liberty;
For I have sought thy precepts.
46 I will also speak of thy testimonies before kings,
And shall not be put to shame.
47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments,
Which I have loved.
48 I will lift up my hands also unto thy commandments, which I have loved;
And I will meditate on thy statutes.

ז ZAYIN.

49 Remember the word unto thy servant,
[2]Because thou hast made me to hope.
50 This is my comfort in my affliction;
[3]For thy word hath quickened me.
51 The proud have had me greatly in derision:
Yet have I not swerved from thy law.
52 I have remembered thine ordinances of old, O Jĕ-hō′văh,
And have comforted myself.
53 [4]Hot indignation hath taken hold upon me,
Because of the wicked that forsake thy law.
54 Thy statutes have been my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.
55 I have remembered thy name, O Jĕ-hō′văh, in the night,
And have observed thy law.
56 This I have had,
[5]Because I have kept thy precepts.

ח HHETH.

57 [6]Jĕ-hō′văh is my portion:
I have said that I would observe thy words.
58 I entreated thy favor with my whole heart:
Be merciful unto me according to thy word.

[1] Or, *Who* is devoted *to*
[2] Or, *Wherein* [3] Or, *That* [4] Or, *Horror*
[5] Or, *That* [6] Or, *Jehovah is my portion, have I said: That I may observe &c.*

59 I thought on my ways,
And turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
60 I made haste, and delayed not,
To observe thy commandments.
61 The cords of the wicked have wrapped me round;
But I have not forgotten thy law.
62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee
Because of thy righteous ordinances.
63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee,
And of them that observe thy precepts.
64 The earth, O Jĕ-hō'văh, is full of thy lovingkindness:
Teach me thy statutes.

ט TETH.

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant,
O Jĕ-hō'văh, according unto thy word.
66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge;
For I have believed in thy commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray;
But now I observe thy word.
68 Thou art good, and doest good;
Teach me thy statutes.
69 The proud have forged a lie against me:
With my whole heart will I keep thy precepts.
70 Their heart is as fat as grease;
But I delight in thy law.
71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted;
That I may learn thy statutes.
72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me
Than thousands of gold and silver.

י YODH.

73 Thy hands have made me and [1]fashioned me:
Give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

[1] Or, *established*

74 They that fear thee shall see me and be glad,
Because I have hoped in thy word.
75 I know, O Jĕ-hō'văh, that thy judgments are righteous,
And that in faithfulness thou hast afflicted me.
76 Let, I pray thee, thy lovingkindness be for my comfort,
According to thy word unto thy servant.
77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live;
For thy law is my delight.
78 Let the proud be put to shame;
for they have overthrown me [2]wrongfully:
But I will meditate on thy precepts.
79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me;
[3]And they shall know thy testimonies.
80 Let my heart be perfect in thy statutes,
That I be not put to shame.

כ KAPH.

81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation;
But I hope in thy word.
82 Mine eyes fail for thy word,
While I say, When wilt thou comfort me?
83 For I am become like a wineskin in the smoke;
Yet do I not forget thy statutes.
84 How many are the days of thy servant?
When wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?
85 The proud have digged pits for me,
Who are not according to thy law.
86 All thy commandments are faithful:
They persecute me [2]wrongfully; help thou me.
87 They had almost consumed me upon earth;
But I forsook not thy precepts.

[2] Or, *with falsehood* [3] Another reading is, *Even they that know*

88 Quicken me after thy loving-
kindness;
So shall I observe the testi-
mony of thy mouth.

ל LAMEDH

89 For ever, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
Thy word is settled in heaven.
90 Thy faithfulness is unto all
generations:
Thou hast established the
earth, and it abideth.
91 [1]They abide this day according
to thine ordinances;
For all things are thy servants.
92 Unless thy law had been my
delight,
I should then have perished in
mine affliction.
93 I will never forget thy pre-
cepts;
For with them thou hast quick-
ened me.
94 I am thine, save me;
For I have sought thy precepts.
95 The wicked have waited for
me, to destroy me;
But I will consider thy testi-
monies.
96 I have seen an end of all per-
fection;
But thy commandment is ex-
ceeding broad.

מ MEM.

97 Oh how love I thy law!
It is my meditation all the day.
98 [2]Thy commandments make
me wiser than mine enemies;
For they are ever with me.
99 I have more understanding
than all my teachers;
For thy testimonies are my
meditation.
100 I understand more than the
aged,
Because I have kept thy pre-
cepts.
101 I have refrained my feet from
every evil way,
That I might observe thy
word.
102 I have not turned aside from
thine ordinances;
For thou hast taught me.
103 How sweet are thy words unto
my [3]taste!
Yea, sweeter than honey to
my mouth!
104 Through thy precepts I get
understanding:
Therefore I hate every false
way.

נ NUN.

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my
feet,
And light unto my path.
106 I have sworn, and have con-
firmed it,
That I will observe thy right-
eous ordinances.
107 I am afflicted very much:
Quicken me, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
according unto thy word.
108 Accept, I beseech thee, the
freewill-offerings of my
mouth, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
And teach me thine ordinances.
109 My soul is continually in my
hand;
Yet do I not forget thy law.
110 The wicked have laid a snare
for me;
Yet have I not gone astray
from thy precepts.
111 Thy testimonies have I taken
as a heritage for ever;
For they are the rejoicing of
my heart.
112 I have inclined my heart to
perform thy statutes
For ever, even unto the end.

ס SAMEKH.

113 I hate them that are of a
double mind;
But thy law do I love.
114 Thou art my hiding-place and
my shield:
I hope in thy word.
115 Depart from me, ye evil-
doers,
That I may keep the com-
mandments of my God.
116 Uphold me according unto thy
word, that I may live;

[1] Or, *As for thine ordinances, they abide this day* [2] Or, *Thou through thy commandments makest*

[3] Heb. *palate*

And let me not be ashamed of
my hope.
117 Hold thou me up, and I shall
be safe,
And shall have respect unto thy
statutes continually.
118 Thou hast set at nought all
them that err from thy
statutes;
For their deceit is [1]falsehood.
119 Thou [2]puttest away all the
wicked of the earth like
dross:
Therefore I love thy testi-
monies.
120 My flesh trembleth for fear of
thee;
And I am afraid of thy judg-
ments.

ע AYIN.

121 I have done justice and right-
eousness:
Leave me not to mine oppres-
sors.
122 Be surety for thy servant for
good:
Let not the proud oppress me.
123 Mine eyes fail for thy salva-
tion,
And for thy righteous word.
124 Deal with thy servant accord-
ing unto thy lovingkindness,
And teach me thy statutes.
125 I am thy servant; give me
understanding,
That I may know thy testi-
monies.
126 It is time for Jĕ-hō'văh to
work;
For they have made void thy
law.
127 Therefore I love thy com-
mandments
Above gold, yea, above fine
gold.
128 Therefore I esteem all *thy* pre-
cepts concerning all *things*
to be right;
And I hate every false way.

פ PE.

129 Thy testimonies are wonder-
ful;
Therefore doth my soul keep
them.
130 The opening of thy words
giveth light;
It giveth understanding unto
the simple.
131 I opened wide my mouth, and
panted;
For I longed for thy com-
mandments.
132 Turn thee unto me, and have
mercy upon me,
As thou usest to do unto those
that love thy name.
133 Establish my footsteps in thy
word;
And let not any iniquity have
dominion over me.
134 Redeem me from the oppres-
sion of man:
So will I observe thy precepts.
135 Make thy face to shine upon
thy servant;
And teach me thy statutes.
136 Streams of water run down
mine eyes,
Because they observe not
thy law.

צ TSADHE.

137 Righteous art thou, O Jĕ-hō'-
văh,
And upright [3]are thy judg-
ments.
138 Thou hast commanded thy
testimonies in righteousness
And very faithfulness.
139 My zeal hath [4]consumed me,
Because mine adversaries
have forgotten thy words.
140 Thy word is very [5]pure;
Therefore thy servant loveth it.
141 I am small and despised;
Yet do I not forget thy precepts.
142 Thy righteousness is an ever-
lasting righteousness,
And thy law is truth.
143 Trouble and anguish have
[6]taken hold on me;
Yet thy commandments are
my delight.
144 Thy testimonies are righteous
for ever:
Give me understanding, and
I shall live.

1 Or, *vain* 2 Heb. *causest to cease*
3 Or, *in thy judgments* 4 Heb. *cut me off*
5 Heb. *tried*, or, *refined* 6 Or, *found me*

ק QOPH.

145 I have called with my whole heart; answer me, O Jĕ-hō'văh:
I will keep thy statutes.
146 I have called unto thee; save me,
And I shall observe thy testimonies.
147 I anticipated the dawning of the morning, and cried:
I hoped in thy words.
148 Mine eyes anticipated the night-watches,
That I might meditate on thy word.
149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness:
Quicken me, O Jĕ-hō'văh, [1]according to thine ordinances.
150 They draw nigh [2]that follow after wickedness;
They are far from thy law.
151 Thou art nigh, O Jĕ-hō'văh;
And all thy commandments are truth.
152 Of old have I known from thy testimonies,
That thou hast founded them for ever.

ר RESH.

153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me;
For I do not forget thy law.
154 Plead thou my cause, and redeem me:
Quicken me according to thy word.
155 Salvation is far from the wicked;
For they seek not thy statutes.
156 Great are thy tender mercies, O Jĕ-hō'văh:
Quicken me according to thine ordinances.
157 Many are my persecutors and mine adversaries;
Yet have I not swerved from thy testimonies.
158 I beheld the treacherous, and [3]was grieved,
Because they observe not thy word.
159 Consider how I love thy precepts:
Quicken me, O Jĕ-hō'văh, according to thy lovingkindness.
160 The sum of thy word is truth;
And every one of thy righteous ordinances *endureth* for ever.

ש SHIN.

161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause;
But my heart standeth in awe of thy words.
162 I rejoice at thy word,
As one that findeth great spoil.
163 I hate and abhor falsehood;
But thy law do I love.
164 Seven times a day do I praise thee,
Because of thy righteous ordinances.
165 Great peace have they that love thy law;
And they have no occasion of stumbling.
166 I have hoped for thy salvation, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
And have done thy commandments.
167 My soul hath observed thy testimonies;
And I love them exceedingly.
168 I have observed thy precepts and thy testimonies;
For all my ways are before thee.

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169 Let my cry come near before thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh:
Give me understanding according to thy word.
170 Let my supplication come before thee:
Deliver me according to thy word.
171 Let my lips utter praise;
For thou teachest me thy statutes.
172 Let my tongue sing of thy word;
For all thy commandments are righteousness.

[1] Or, *as thou art wont* [2] Or, *that persecute me with wickedness* [3] Or, *loathed* them

173 Let thy hand be ready to help me;
For I have chosen thy precepts.
174 I have longed for thy salvation, O Jĕ-hō′văh;
And thy law is my delight.
175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee;
And let thine ordinances help me.
176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant;
For I do not forget thy commandments.

Prayer for Deliverance from the Treacherous.

A Song of Ascents.

120 In my distress I cried unto Jĕ-hō′văh,
And he answered me.
2 Deliver my soul, O Jĕ-hō′văh, from lying lips,
And from a deceitful tongue.
3 What shall be given unto thee, and what shall be done more unto thee,
Thou deceitful tongue?
4 [1]Sharp arrows of the mighty,
With coals of [2]juniper.
5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mē′shĕch,
That I dwell among the tents of Kē′där!
6 My soul hath long had her dwelling
With him that hateth peace.
7 I am *for* peace:
But when I speak, they are for war.

Jehovah the Keeper of Israel.

A Song of Ascents.

121 I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains:
From whence shall my help come?
2 My help *cometh* from Jĕ-hō′văh,
Who made heaven and earth.
3 [3]He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
4 Behold, he that keepeth Ĭs′rā-ĕl
Will neither slumber nor sleep.
5 Jĕ-hō′văh is thy keeper:
Jĕ-hō′văh is thy shade upon thy right hand.
6 The sun shall not smite thee by day,
Nor the moon by night.
7 Jĕ-hō′văh will keep thee from all evil;
He will keep thy soul.
8 Jĕ-hō′văh will keep thy going out and thy coming in
From this time forth and for evermore.

Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem.

A Song of Ascents; of David.

122 I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go unto the house of Jĕ-hō′văh.
2 Our feet [4]are standing
Within thy gates, O Jĕ-ru′sā-lĕm,
3 Jĕ-ru′sā-lĕm, that art builded
As a city that is compact together;
4 Whither the tribes go up, even the tribes of [5]Jĕ-hō′văh,
For [6]an ordinance for Ĭs′rā-ĕl,
To give thanks unto the name of Jĕ-hō′văh.
5 For there [7]are set thrones for judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.
6 [8]Pray for the peace of Jĕ-ru′sā-lĕm:
[9]They shall prosper that love thee.
7 Peace be within thy walls,
And prosperity within thy palaces.
8 For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will now [10]say, Peace be within thee.
9 For the sake of the house of Jĕ-hō′văh our God
I will seek thy good.

[1] Or, It is as *the sharp arrows of the mighty man* [2] Or, *broom* [3] Or, *Let him not suffer . . . Let him not slumber that &c.*
[4] Or, *have stood* [5] Heb. *Jah* [6] Heb. *a testimony* [7] Or, *were* [8] Or, *Salute ye Jerusalem* [9] Or, *May they* [10] Or, *speak peace concerning thee*

An Expectant Prayer for Jehovah's Help.

A Song of Ascents.

123 Unto thee do I lift up mine eyes,
O thou that sittest in the heavens.
2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the hand of their master,
As the eyes of a maid unto the hand of her mistress;
So our eyes *look* unto Jĕ-hō'-văh our God,
Until he have mercy upon us.
3 Have mercy upon us, O Jĕ-hō'văh, have mercy upon us;
For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
4 Our soul is exceedingly filled
With the scoffing of those that are at ease,
And with the contempt of the proud.

Praise for Rescue from Enemies.

A Song of Ascents; of David.

124 If it had not been Jĕ-hō'-văh who was on our side,
Let Ĭs'rā-ĕl now say,
2 If it had not been Jĕ-hō'văh who was on our side,
When men rose up against us;
3 Then they had swallowed us up alive,
When their wrath was kindled against us:
4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us,
The stream had gone over our soul;
5 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.
6 Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh,
Who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.
7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers:
The snare is broken, and we are escaped.
8 Our help is in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh,
Who made heaven and earth.

Jehovah round about his People.

A Song of Ascents.

125 They that trust in Jĕ-hō'văh
Are as mount Zĭ'ŏn, which cannot be moved, but abideth for ever.
2 As the mountains are round about Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm,
So Jĕ-hō'văh is round about his people
From this time forth and for evermore.
3 For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous;
That the righteous put not forth their hands unto iniquity.
4 Do good, O Jĕ-hō'văh, unto those that are good,
And to them that are upright in their hearts.
5 But as for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways,
Jĕ-hō'văh will lead them forth with the workers of iniquity.
Peace be upon Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

Thanksgiving for Return from Captivity.

A Song of Ascents.

126 When Jĕ-hō'văh brought back those that returned to Zĭ'ŏn,
We were like unto them that dream.
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
And our tongue with singing:
Then said they among the nations,
Jĕ-hō'văh hath done great things for them.
3 Jĕ-hō'văh hath done great things for us,
Whereof we are glad.
4 Turn again our captivity, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
As the streams in the South.
5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, [1]bearing seed for sowing,
Shall doubtless come again with joy, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

[1] Or, *bearing the measure of seed*

Prosperity comes from Jehovah.

A Song of Ascents; of Solomon.

127 Except Jĕ-hō'văh build the house,
They labor in vain that build it:
Except Jĕ-hō'văh keep the city,
The watchman waketh but in vain.
2 It is vain for you to rise up early,
To take rest late,
To eat the bread of toil;
For so he giveth unto his beloved [1]sleep.
3 Lo, children are a heritage of Jĕ-hō'văh;
And the fruit of the womb is *his* reward.
4 As arrows in the hand of a mighty man,
So are the children of youth.
5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:
They shall not be put to shame,
When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Blessedness of the Fear of Jehovah.

A Song of Ascents.

128 Blessed is every one that feareth Jĕ-hō'văh,
That walketh in his ways.
2 For thou shalt eat the labor of thy hands:
Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.
3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine,
In the innermost parts of thy house;
Thy children like olive plants,
Round about thy table.
4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
That feareth Jĕ-hō'văh.
5 Jĕ-hō'văh bless thee out of Zĭ'ŏn:
And see thou the good of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm all the days of thy life.
6 Yea, see thou thy children's children.
[2]Peace be upon Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

1 Or, *in sleep* 2 Or, And *peace upon Israel*

Prayer for the Overthrow of Zion's Enemies.

A Song of Ascents.

129 [3]Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth up,
Let Ĭs'rā-ĕl now say,
2 [3]Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth up:
Yet they have not prevailed against me.
3 The plowers plowed upon my back;
They made long their furrows.
4 Jĕ-hō'văh is righteous:
He hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.
5 Let them be put to shame and turned backward,
All they that hate Zĭ'ŏn.
6 Let them be as the grass upon the housetops,
Which withereth before it [4]groweth up;
7 Wherewith the reaper filleth not his hand,
Nor he that bindeth sheaves, his bosom:
8 Neither do they that go by say,
The blessing of Jĕ-hō'văh be upon you;
We bless you in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh.

Hope in the Lord's Forgiving Love.

A Song of Ascents.

130 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh.
2 Lord, hear my voice:
Let thine ears be attentive
To the voice of my supplications.
3 If thou, [5]Jĕ-hō'văh, shouldest mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
4 But there is forgiveness with thee,
That thou mayest be feared.
5 I wait for Jĕ-hō'văh, my soul doth wait,
And in his word do I hope.
6 My soul *waiteth* for the Lord
More than watchmen *wait* for the morning;

3 Or, *Much* 4 Or, *is plucked up* 5 Heb. *Jah*

Yea, more than watchmen for the morning.
7 O ĭs'rā-ĕl, hope in Jĕ-hō'văh;
For with Jĕ-hō'văh there is lovingkindness,
And with him is plenteous redemption.
8 And he will redeem ĭs'rā-ĕl
From all his iniquities.

Childlike Trust in Jehovah.

A Song of Ascents; of David.

131 Jĕ-hō'văh, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty;
Neither do I [1]exercise myself in great matters,
Or in things too wonderful for me.
2 Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul;
Like a weaned child with his mother,
Like a weaned child is my soul within me.
3 O ĭs'rā-ĕl, hope in Jĕ-hō'văh
From this time forth and for evermore.

Prayer for Jehovah's Blessing upon the Sanctuary.

A Song of Ascents.

132 Jĕ-hō'văh, remember for David
All his affliction;
2 How he sware unto Jĕ-hō'văh,
And vowed unto the Mighty One of Jacob:
3 Surely I will not come into the [2]tabernacle of my house,
Nor go up into [3]my bed;
4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes,
Or slumber to mine eyelids;
5 Until I find out a place for Jĕ-hō'văh,
[4]A tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.
6 Lo, we heard of it in [5]Ĕph'ră-thăh:
We found it in the field of [6]the wood.
7 We will go into his tabernacles;
We will worship at his footstool.
8 Arise, O Jĕ-hō'văh, into thy resting-place;
Thou, and the ark of thy strength.
9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;
And let thy saints shout for joy.
10 For thy servant David's sake
Turn not away the face of thine anointed.
11 Jĕ-hō'văh hath sworn unto David in truth;
He will not turn from it:
Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.
12 If thy children will keep my covenant
And my testimony that I shall teach them,
Their children also shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.
13 For Jĕ-hō'văh hath chosen Zī'ŏn;
He hath desired it for his habitation.
14 This is my resting-place for ever:
Here will I dwell; for I have desired it.
15 I will [7]abundantly bless her provision:
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
16 Her priests also will I clothe with salvation;
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
17 There will I make [8]the horn of David to bud:
I have [9]ordained a lamp for mine anointed.
18 His enemies will I clothe with shame;
But upon himself shall his crown flourish.

1 Heb. *walk* 2 Heb. *tent* 3 Heb. *the couch of my bed* 4 Heb. *Tabernacles* 5 Or, *Ephraim* 6 Or, *Jaar* See 1 Chr. 13. 5
7 Or, *surely* 8 Or, *a horn to spring forth unto David* 9 Or, *prepared*

The Excellency of Brotherly Unity.

A Song of Ascents; of David.

133 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity!
2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,
That ran down upon the beard,

Even Aâr'ŏn's beard;
That came down upon the [1]skirt of his garments;
3 Like the dew of Hĕr'mŏn,
That cometh down upon the mountains of Zī'ŏn:
For there Jĕ-hō'văh commanded the blessing,
Even life for evermore.

Greetings of Night-watchers.

A Song of Ascents.

134 Behold, bless ye Jĕ-hō'văh, all ye servants of Jĕ-hō'văh,
That by night stand in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh.
2 Lift up your hands [2]to the sanctuary,
And bless ye Jĕ-hō'văh.
3 Jĕ-hō'văh bless thee out of Zī'ŏn;
Even he that made heaven and earth.

Praise for Jehovah's Wonderful Works. Vanity of Idols.

135 [3]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.
Praise ye the name of Jĕ-hō'văh;
Praise *him*, O ye servants of Jĕ-hō'văh,
2 Ye that stand in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh,
In the courts of the house of our God.
3 Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh; for Jĕ-hō'văh is good:
Sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.
4 For [4]Jĕ-hō'văh hath chosen Jacob unto himself,
And ĭs'rā-ĕl for his own possession.
5 For I know that Jĕ-hō'văh is great,
And that our Lord is above all gods.
6 Whatsoever Jĕ-hō'văh pleased, that hath he done,
In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps;
7 Who causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth;
Who maketh lightnings for the rain;
Who bringeth forth the wind out of his treasuries;
8 Who smote the first-born of Ē'gўpt,
Both of man and beast;
9 Who sent signs and wonders into the midst of thee, O Ē'gўpt,
Upon Phā'raōh, and upon all his servants;
10 Who smote [5]many nations,
And slew mighty kings,
11 Sī'hŏn king of the Ăm'ôr-ītes,
And Ōg king of Bā'shăn,
And all the kingdoms of Cā'năan,
12 And gave their land for a heritage,
A heritage unto ĭs'rā-ĕl his people.
13 Thy name, O Jĕ-hō'văh, *endureth* for ever;
Thy memorial *name*, O Jĕ-hō'văh, throughout all generations.
14 For Jĕ-hō'văh will judge his people,
And repent himself concerning his servants.

15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
16 They have mouths, but they speak not;
Eyes have they, but they see not;
17 They have ears, but they hear not;
Neither is there any breath in their mouths.
18 They that make them shall be like unto them;
Yea, every one that trusteth in them.
19 O house of ĭs'rā-ĕl, bless ye Jĕ-hō'văh:
O house of Aâr'ŏn, bless ye Jĕ-hō'văh:
20 O house of Lē'vī, bless ye Jĕ-hō'văh:
Ye that fear Jĕ-hō'văh, bless ye Jĕ-hō'văh.
21 Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh out of Zī'ŏn,
Who dwelleth at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.
[6]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.

1 Or, *collar* 2 Or, *in holiness* 3 Heb. *Hallelujah* 4 Heb. *Jah* 5 Or, *great* 6 Heb. *Hallelujah*

Thanks for Jehovah's Goodness to Israel.

136 Oh give thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh; for he is good;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.
2 Oh give thanks unto the God of gods;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.
3 Oh give thanks unto the Lord of lords;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever:
4 To him who alone doeth great wonders;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever:
5 To him that by understanding made the heavens;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever:
6 To him that spread forth the earth above the waters;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever:
7 To him that made great lights;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever:
8 The sun to rule by day;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever;
9 The moon and stars to rule by night;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever:
10 To him that smote Ē'gўpt in their first-born;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever;
11 And brought out ĭs'rā-ĕl from among them;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever;
12 With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever:
13 To him that divided the Red Sea in sunder;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever;
14 And made ĭs'rā-ĕl to pass through the midst of it;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever;
15 But [1]overthrew Phā'raōh and his host in the Red Sea;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever:
16 To him that led his people through the wilderness;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever:
17 To him that smote great kings;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever;
18 And slew famous kings;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever:
19 Sī'hŏn king of the Ăm'ôr-ītes;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever;
20 And Ōg king of Bā'shăn;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever;
21 And gave their land for a heritage;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever;
22 Even a heritage unto ĭs'rā-ĕl his servant;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever:
23 Who remembered us in our low estate;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever;
24 And hath delivered us from our adversaries;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever:
25 Who giveth food to all flesh;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.
26 Oh give thanks unto the God of heaven;
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.

[1] Heb. *shook off*

Sorrows of the Exiles in Babylon.

137 By the rivers of Băb'ў-lŏn,
There we sat down, yea, we wept,
When we remembered Zī'ŏn.
2 Upon the willows in the midst thereof
We hanged up our harps.
3 For there they that led us captive required of us [2]songs,
And [3]they that wasted us *required of us* mirth, *saying,*
Sing us one of the songs of Zī'ŏn.

[2] Heb. *words of song* [3] Or, *our tormentors*

4 How shall we sing Jĕ-hō′văh's song
In a foreign land?
5 If I forget thee, O Jĕ-ru′să-lĕm,
Let my right hand forget *her skill.*
6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
If I remember thee not;
If I prefer not Jĕ-ru′să-lĕm
Above my chief joy.
7 Remember, O Jĕ-hō′văh, against the children of Ē′dŏm
The day of Jĕ-ru′să-lĕm;
Who said, Rase it, rase it,
Even to the foundation thereof.
8 O daughter of Băb′ў-lŏn, [1]that art to be destroyed,
Happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee
As thou hast served us.
9 Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones
Against the rock.

Thanksgiving for Jehovah's Favor.

A Psalm of David.

138 I will give thee thanks with my whole heart:
Before the gods will I sing praises unto thee.
2 I will worship toward thy holy temple,
And give thanks unto thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth:
For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
3 In the day that I called thou answeredst me,
Thou didst encourage me with strength in my soul.
4 All the kings of the earth shall give thee thanks, O Jĕ-hō′văh,
For they have heard the words of thy mouth.
5 Yea, they shall sing of the ways of Jĕ-hō′văh;
For great is the glory of Jĕ-hō′văh.
6 For though Jĕ-hō′văh is high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly;
But the haughty he knoweth from afar.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me;
Thou wilt stretch forth thy hand against the wrath of mine enemies,
And thy right hand will save me.
8 Jĕ-hō′văh will perfect that which concerneth me:
Thy lovingkindness, O Jĕ-hō′văh, *endureth* for ever;
Forsake not the works of thine own hands.

God's Omnipresence and Omniscience.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

139 O Jĕ-hō′văh, thou hast searched me, and known *me.*
2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising;
Thou understandest my thought afar off.
3 Thou [2]searchest out my path and my lying down,
And art acquainted with all my ways.
4 For there is not a word in my tongue,
But, lo, O Jĕ-hō′văh, thou knowest it altogether.
5 Thou hast beset me behind and before,
And laid thy hand upon me.
6 *Such* knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot attain unto it.
7 Whither shall I go from thy Spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there:
If I make my bed in Shĕ′ōl, behold, thou art there.
9 If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
10 Even there shall thy hand lead me,
And thy right hand shall hold me.

[1] Or, *that art laid waste*

[2] Or, *winnowest*

11 If I say, Surely the darkness
shall [1]overwhelm me,
[2]And the light about me shall
be night;
12 Even the darkness hideth not
from thee,
But the night shineth as the
day:
The darkness and the light are
both alike *to thee.*
13 For thou didst form my [3]in-
ward parts:
Thou didst [4]cover me in my
mother's womb.
14 I will give thanks unto thee;
for I am fearfully and won-
derfully made:
Wonderful are thy works;
And that my soul knoweth right
well.
15 My frame was not hidden from
thee,
When I was made in secret,
And curiously wrought in the
lowest parts of the earth.
16 Thine eyes did see mine un-
formed substance;
And in thy book they were all
written,
Even the days that were or-
dained *for me,*
When as yet there was none of
them.
17 How precious also are thy
thoughts unto me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
18 If I should count them, they
are more in number than
the sand:
When I awake, I am still with
thee.
19 [5]Surely thou wilt slay the
wicked, O God:
Depart from me therefore, ye
bloodthirsty men.
20 For they [6]speak against thee
wickedly,
And thine enemies [7]take *thy*
name in vain.
21 Do not I hate them, O Jĕ-hō'-
văh, that hate thee?
And [8]am not I grieved with
those that rise up against thee?
22 I hate them with perfect hatred:
They are become mine enemies.
23 Search me, O God, and know
my heart:
Try me, and know my thoughts;
24 And see if there be any [9]wicked
way in me,
And lead me in the way ever-
lasting.

1 Or, *cover* 2 Or, *Then the night shall be light about me* 3 Heb. *reins* 4 Or, *knit me together* 5 Or, *Oh that thou wouldest slay* 6 Or, *utter thy name* (Heb. *thee*) Or, as otherwise read, *rebel against thee* 7 Or, *lift themselves up* against thee *for vanity* 8 Or, *do not I loathe*

Prayer for Protection against the Wicked.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

140 Deliver me, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
from the evil man;
Preserve me from the violent
man:
2 Who devise mischiefs in their
heart;
Continually do they [10]gather
themselves together for war.
3 They have sharpened their
tongue like a serpent;
Adders' poison is under their
lips. [Sē'lăh
4 Keep me, O Jĕ-hō'văh, from
the hands of the wicked;
Preserve me from the violent
man:
Who have purposed to thrust
aside my steps.
5 The proud have hid a snare for
me, and cords;
They have spread a net by the
wayside;
They have set gins for me.
[Sē'lăh
6 I said unto Jĕ-hō'văh, Thou
art my God:
Give ear unto the voice of my
supplications, O Jĕ-hō'văh.
7 O Jĕ-hō'văh the Lord, the
strength of my salvation,
Thou hast covered my head in
the day of battle.
8 Grant not, O Jĕ-hō'văh, the
desires of the wicked;
Further not his evil device,
lest they exalt themselves.
[Sē'lăh
9 As for the head of those that
compass me about,
Let the mischief of their own
lips cover them.
10 Let burning coals fall upon
them:
Let them be cast into the fire,

9 Or, *way of pain* 10 Or, *stir up wars*

Into [1]deep pits, whence they shall not rise.
11 [2]An evil speaker shall not be established in the earth:
Evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.
12 I know that Jĕ-hō'văh will maintain the cause of the afflicted,
And justice for the needy.
13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name:
The upright shall dwell in thy presence.

An Evening Prayer for Sanctification and Protection.

A Psalm of David.

141 Jĕ-hō'văh, I have called upon thee; make haste unto me:
Give ear unto my voice, when I call unto thee.
2 Let my prayer be set forth as incense before thee;
The lifting up of my hands as the evening [3]sacrifice.
3 Set a watch, O Jĕ-hō'văh, before my mouth;
Keep the door of my lips.
4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing,
To practise deeds of wickedness
With men that work iniquity:
And let me not eat of their dainties.
5 Let the righteous smite me, *it shall be* a kindness;
And let him reprove me, *it shall be as* oil upon the head;
Let not my head refuse it:
For [4]even in their [5]wickedness shall my prayer continue.
6 Their judges are thrown down by the sides of the rock;
And they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.
7 As when one ploweth and cleaveth the earth,
Our bones are scattered at the mouth of Shĕ'ōl.
8 For mine eyes are unto thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh the Lord:
In thee do I take refuge; [6]leave not my soul destitute.
9 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me,
And from the gins of the workers of iniquity.
10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
Whilst that I withal [7]escape.

Prayer for Help in Trouble.

Maschil of David, when he was in the cave; a Prayer.

142 I cry with my voice unto Jĕ-hō'văh;
With my voice unto Jĕ-hō'văh do I make supplication.
2 I pour out my complaint before him;
I show before him my trouble.
3 When my spirit [8]was overwhelmed within me,
Thou knewest my path.
In the way wherein I walk
Have they hidden a snare for me.
4 Look on *my* right hand, and see;
For there is no man that knoweth me:
Refuge hath failed me;
No man careth for my soul.
5 I cried unto thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh;
I said, Thou art my refuge,
My portion in the land of the living.
6 Attend unto my cry;
For I am brought very low:
Deliver me from my persecutors;
For they are stronger than I.
7 Bring my soul out of prison,
That I may give thanks unto thy name:
The righteous shall [9]compass me about;
For thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

Prayer for Deliverance and Guidance.

A Psalm of David.

143 Hear my prayer, O Jĕ-hō'văh; give ear to my supplications:
In thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness.

[1] Or, *floods* [2] Heb. *A man of tongue* [3] Or, *oblation* [4] Or, *still is my prayer against their wickedness* [5] Or, *calamities*
[6] Or, *pour thou not out my life* [7] Heb. *pass over* [8] Or, *fainted* [9] Or, *crown themselves because of me*

2 And enter not into judgment
with thy servant;
For in thy sight no man living
is righteous.
3 For the enemy hath persecuted
my soul;
He hath smitten my life down
to the ground:
He hath made me to dwell in
dark places, as those that
have been long dead.
4 Therefore [1]is my spirit over-
whelmed within me;
My heart within me is deso-
late.
5 I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all thy doings;
I muse on the work of thy hands.
6 I spread forth my hands unto
thee:
My soul *thirsteth* after thee, as
a weary land. [Sē'lăh
7 Make haste to answer me, O
Jĕ-hō'văh; my spirit faileth:
Hide not thy face from me,
Lest I become like them that go
down into the pit.
8 Cause me to hear thy loving-
kindness in the morning;
For in thee do I trust:
Cause me to know the way
wherein I should walk;
For I lift up my soul unto thee.
9 Deliver me, O Jĕ-hō'văh, from
mine enemies:
[2]I flee unto thee to hide me.
10 Teach me to do thy will;
For thou art my God:
[3]Thy Spirit is good;
Lead me in [4]the land of up-
rightness.
11 Quicken me, O Jĕ-hō'văh, for
thy name's sake:
In thy righteousness bring my
soul out of trouble.
12 And in thy lovingkindness cut
off mine enemies,
And destroy all them that
afflict my soul;
For I am thy servant.

Prayer for Rescue and Prosperity.

A Psalm of David.

144 Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh my
rock,
Who teacheth my hands to war,
And my fingers to fight:
2 My lovingkindness, and my
fortress,
My high tower, and my de-
liverer;
My shield, and he in whom I
take refuge;
Who subdueth my people under
me.
3 Jĕ-hō'văh, what is man, that
thou takest knowledge of him?
Or the son of man, that thou
makest account of him?
4 Man is like to [5]vanity:
His days are as a shadow that
passeth away.
5 Bow thy heavens, O Jĕ-hō'văh,
and come down:
Touch the mountains, and they
shall smoke.
6 Cast forth lightning, and scat-
ter them;
Send out thine arrows, and
discomfit them.
7 Stretch forth thy hand from
above;
Rescue me, and deliver me out
of great waters,
Out of the hand of aliens;
8 Whose mouth speaketh deceit,
And whose right hand is a right
hand of falsehood.
9 I will sing a new song unto thee,
O God:
Upon a psaltery of ten strings
will I sing praises unto thee.
10 Thou art he that giveth salva-
tion unto kings;
Who rescueth David his ser-
vant from the hurtful sword.
11 Rescue me, and deliver me out
of the hand of aliens,
Whose mouth speaketh deceit,
And whose right hand is a right
hand of falsehood.

12 When our sons shall be as plants
grown up in their youth,
And our daughters as corner-
stones hewn after the fashion
of a palace;
13 *When* our garners are full,
affording all manner of store,
And our sheep bring forth thou-
sands and ten thousands in
our fields;

[1] Or, *my spirit fainteth* [2] Heb. *Unto thee have I hidden* [3] Or, *Let thy good Spirit lead me* [4] Or, *a plain country*

[5] Heb. *a breath.*

14 *When* our oxen are well laden;
When there is no breaking in,
and no [1]going forth,
And no outcry in our streets:
15 Happy is the people that is in such a case;
Yea, happy is the people whose God is Jĕ-hō'văh.

Jehovah extolled for his Goodness.

A Psalm of praise; of David.

145 I will extol thee, my God, O King;
And I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
2 Every day will I bless thee;
And I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
3 Great is Jĕ-hō'văh, and greatly to be praised;
And his greatness is unsearchable.
4 One generation shall laud thy works to another,
And shall declare thy mighty acts.
5 Of the glorious majesty of thine honor,
And of thy wondrous works, will I meditate.
6 And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts;
And I will declare thy greatness.
7 They shall utter the memory of thy great goodness,
And shall sing of thy righteousness.
8 Jĕ-hō'văh is gracious, and merciful;
Slow to anger, and of great lovingkindness.
9 Jĕ-hō'văh is good to all;
And his tender mercies are over all his works.
10 All thy works shall give thanks unto thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh;
And thy saints shall bless thee.
11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom,
And talk of thy power;
12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts,
And the glory of the majesty of his kingdom.
13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations.
14 Jĕ-hō'văh upholdeth all that fall,
And raiseth up all those that are bowed down.
15 The eyes of all wait for thee;
And thou givest them their food in due season.
16 Thou openest thy hand,
And [2]satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
17 Jĕ-hō'văh is righteous in all his ways,
And gracious in all his works.
18 Jĕ-hō'văh is nigh unto all them that call upon him,
To all that call upon him in truth.
19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him;
He also will hear their cry, and will save them.
20 Jĕ-hō'văh preserveth all them that love him;
But all the wicked will he destroy.
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of Jĕ-hō'văh;
And let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

[1] Or, *sallying*

Jehovah an abundant Helper.

146 [3]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.
Praise Jĕ-hō'văh, O my soul.
2 While I live will I praise Jĕ-hō'văh:
I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
3 Put not your trust in princes,
Nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.
4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth;
In that very day his [4]thoughts perish.
5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,
Whose hope is in Jĕ-hō'văh his God:
6 Who made heaven and earth,
The sea, and all that in them is;
Who keepeth truth for ever;
7 Who executeth justice for the oppressed;

[2] Or, *satisfiest every living thing with favor*
[3] Heb. *Hallelujah* [4] Or, *purposes*

Who giveth food to the hungry.
Jĕ-hō'văh looseth the prisoners;
8 Jĕ-hō'văh openeth *the eyes of* the blind;
Jĕ-hō'văh raiseth up them that are bowed down;
Jĕ-hō'văh loveth the righteous;
9 Jĕ-hō'văh preserveth the sojourners;
He upholdeth the fatherless and widow;
But the way of the wicked he [1]turneth upside down.
10 Jĕ-hō'văh will reign for ever,
Thy God, O Zī'ŏn, unto all generations.
[2]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.

Praise for Jerusalem's Restoration and Prosperity.

147 [2]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh;
[3]For it is good to sing praises unto our God;
For it is pleasant, *and* praise is comely.
2 Jĕ-hō'văh doth build up Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm;
He gathereth together the outcasts of ĭs'rā-ĕl.
3 He healeth the broken in heart,
And bindeth up their [4]wounds.
4 He counteth the number of the stars;
He calleth them all by *their* names.
5 Great is our Lord, and mighty in power;
His understanding is infinite.
6 Jĕ-hō'văh upholdeth the meek:
He bringeth the wicked down to the ground.
7 Sing unto Jĕ-hō'văh with thanksgiving;
Sing praises upon the harp unto our God,
8 Who covereth the heavens with clouds,
Who prepareth rain for the earth,
Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.
9 He giveth to the beast his food,
And to the young ravens which cry.
10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse:
He taketh no pleasure in the legs of a man.
11 Jĕ-hō'văh taketh pleasure in them that fear him,
In those that hope in his lovingkindness.
12 Praise Jĕ-hō'văh, O Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm;
Praise thy God, O Zī'ŏn.
13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates;
He hath blessed thy children within thee.
14 He maketh [5]peace in thy borders;
He filleth thee with the [6]finest of the wheat.
15 He sendeth out his commandment upon earth;
His word runneth very swiftly.
16 He giveth snow like wool;
He scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.
17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels:
Who can stand before his cold?
18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them:
He causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.
19 He showeth his word unto Jacob,
His statutes and his ordinances unto ĭs'rā-ĕl.
20 He hath not dealt so with any nation;
And as for his ordinances, they have not known them.
[2]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.

The Whole Creation Invoked to praise Jehovah.

148 [2]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.
Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh from the heavens:
Praise him in the heights.
2 Praise ye him, all his angels:
Praise ye him, all his host.
3 Praise ye him, sun and moon:
Praise him, all ye stars of light.
4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens,
And ye waters that are above the heavens.

[1] Or, *maketh crooked* [2] Heb. *Hallelujah* [3] Or, *For he is good: sing praises unto our God; For he is gracious* [4] Heb. *sorrows* [5] Heb. *thy border peace* [6] Heb. *fat of wheat*

5 Let them praise the name of Jĕ-hō'văh;
For he commanded, and they were created.
6 He hath also established them for ever and ever:
He hath made a decree [1]which shall not pass away.
7 Praise Jĕ-hō'văh from the earth,
Ye sea-monsters, and all deeps;
8 Fire and hail, snow and vapor;
Stormy wind, fulfilling his word;
9 Mountains and all hills;
Fruitful trees and all cedars;
10 Beasts and all cattle;
Creeping things and flying birds;
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples;
Princes and all judges of the earth;
12 Both young men and virgins;
Old men and children:
13 Let them praise the name of Jĕ-hō'văh;
For his name alone is exalted;
His glory is above the earth and the heavens.
14 And he hath lifted up [2]the horn of his people,
The praise of all his saints;
Even of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, a people near unto him.
[3]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.

Israel Invoked to praise Jehovah.

149 [3]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.
Sing unto Jĕ-hō'văh a new song,
And his praise in the assembly of the saints.
2 Let Ĭs'rā-ĕl rejoice in him that made him:
Let the children of Zī'ŏn be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise his name in the dance:
Let them sing praises unto him with timbrel and harp.
4 For Jĕ-hō'văh taketh pleasure in his people:
He will beautify the meek with [4]salvation.
5 Let the saints exult in glory:
Let them sing for joy upon their beds.
6 *Let* the high praises of God *be* in their [5]mouth,
And a two-edged sword in their hand;
7 To execute vengeance upon the nations,
And punishments upon the peoples;
8 To bind their kings with chains,
And their nobles with fetters of iron;
9 To execute upon them the judgment written:
[6]This honor have all his saints.
[3]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.

A Psalm of Praise.

150 [3]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.
Praise God in his sanctuary:
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
2 Praise him for his mighty acts:
Praise him according to his excellent greatness.
3 Praise him with trumpet sound:
Praise him with psaltery and harp.
4 Praise him with timbrel and dance:
Praise him with stringed instruments and pipe.
5 Praise him with loud cymbals:
Praise him with high sounding cymbals.
6 Let everything that hath breath praise [7]Jĕ-hō'văh.
[3]Praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh.

[1] Or, *which none shall transgress* [2] Or, *a horn for his people, A praise for all his saints; Even for &c.* [3] Heb. *Hallelujah* [4] Or, *victory* [5] Heb. *throat* [6] Or, *He is the honor of all his saints* [7] Heb. *Jah*

THE PROVERBS

Use of the Proverbs. Wisdom's Warning to those who despise her

1 The proverbs of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn the
son of David, king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl:
2 To know wisdom and instruc-
tion;
To discern the words of under-
standing;
3 To receive instruction in wise
dealing,
In righteousness and justice
and equity;
4 To give prudence to the simple,
To the young man knowledge
and discretion:
5 That the wise man may hear,
and increase in learning;
And that the man of under-
standing may attain unto
sound counsels:
6 To understand a proverb, and
[1]a figure,
The words of the wise, and
their [2]dark sayings.
7 The fear of Jĕ-hō'văh is the
[3]beginning of knowledge;
But the foolish despise wisdom
and instruction.
8 My son, hear the instruction of
thy father,
And forsake not the [4]law of thy
mother:
9 For they shall be a chaplet of
grace unto thy head,
And chains about thy neck.
10 My son, if sinners entice thee,
Consent thou not.
11 If they say, Come with us,
Let us lay wait for blood;
Let us lurk privily for the inno-
cent without cause;
12 Let us swallow them up alive as
Shē'ōl,
[5]And whole, as those that go
down into the pit;
13 We shall find all precious sub-
stance;
We shall fill our houses with
spoil;
14 [6]Thou shalt cast thy lot among
us;
We will all have one purse:
15 My son, walk not thou in the
way with them;
Refrain thy foot from their path:
16 For their feet run to evil,
And they make haste to shed
blood.
17 For in vain is the net spread
In the sight of any bird:
18 And these lay wait for their own
blood;
They lurk privily for their own
lives.
19 So are the ways of every one
that is greedy of gain;
It taketh away the life of the
owners thereof.
20 Wisdom crieth aloud in the
street;
She uttereth her voice in the
broad places;
21 She crieth [7]in the chief place of
concourse;
At the entrance of the gates,
In the city, she uttereth her
words:
22 How long, ye simple ones, will
ye love simplicity?
And scoffers delight them in
scoffing,
And fools hate knowledge?
23 Turn you at my reproof:
Behold, I will pour out my spirit
upon you;
I will make known my words
unto you.
24 Because I have called, and ye
have refused;
I have stretched out my hand,
and no man hath regarded;
25 But ye have set at nought all
my counsel,
And would none of my reproof:
26 I also will laugh in *the day of*
your calamity;
I will mock when your fear
cometh;
27 When your fear cometh as [8]a
storm,
And your calamity cometh on
as a whirlwind;
When distress and anguish
come upon you.
28 Then will they call upon me,
but I will not answer;

[1] Or, *an interpretation* [2] Or, *riddles* [3] Or, *chief part* [4] Or, *teaching* [5] Or, *Even the perfect* [6] Or, *Cast in thy lot*
[7] Heb. *at the head of the noisy* streets [8] Or, *desolation*

They will seek me [1]diligently,
but they shall not find me:
29 For that they hated knowledge,
And did not choose the fear of Jĕ-hō'văh:
30 They would none of my counsel;
They despised all my reproof.
31 Therefore shall they eat of the
fruit of their own way,
And be filled with their own
devices.
32 For the backsliding of the
simple shall slay them,
And the careless ease of fools
shall destroy them.
33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me
shall dwell securely,
And shall be quiet without fear
of evil.

2 My son, if thou wilt receive my
words,
And lay up my commandments
with thee;
2 So as to incline thine ear unto
wisdom,
And apply thy heart to understanding;
3 Yea, if thou cry after discernment,
And lift up thy voice for understanding;
4 If thou seek her as silver,
And search for her as for hid
treasures:
5 Then shalt thou understand the
fear of Jĕ-hō'văh,
And find the knowledge of God.
6 For Jĕ-hō'văh giveth wisdom;
Out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding:
7 He layeth up sound wisdom for
the upright;
[2]*He is* a shield to them that
walk in integrity;
8 [3]That he may guard the paths
of justice,
[4]And preserve the way of his
saints.
9 Then shalt thou understand
righteousness and justice,
And equity, *yea*, every good
path.

10 For wisdom shall enter into thy
heart,
And knowledge shall be pleasant unto thy soul;
11 Discretion shall watch over
thee;
Understanding shall keep thee:
12 To deliver thee from the way of
[5]evil,
From the men that speak perverse things;
13 Who forsake the paths of uprightness,
To walk in the ways of darkness;
14 Who rejoice to do evil,
And delight in the perverseness
of [5]evil;
15 Who are crooked in their ways,
And wayward in their paths:
16 To deliver thee from the strange
woman,
Even from the foreigner that
[6]flattereth with her words;
17 That forsaketh the [7]friend of
her youth,
And forgetteth the covenant of
her God:
18 For [8]her house inclineth unto
death,
And her paths unto [9]the dead;
19 None that go unto her return
again,
Neither do they attain unto the
paths of life:
20 That thou mayest walk in the
way of good men,
And keep the paths of the righteous.
21 For the upright shall dwell in
the [10]land,
And the perfect shall remain in
it.
22 But the wicked shall be cut off
from the [10]land,
And the treacherous shall be
rooted out of it.

3 My son, forget not my [11]law;
But let thy heart keep my commandments:
2 For length of days, and years of
life,
And peace, will they add to thee.

[1] Or, *early* [2] Or, And *a shield for &c.* [3] Or, *That they may keep* [4] Or, *Yea, he preserveth*
[5] Or, *the evil* man [6] Heb. *maketh smooth her words* [7] Or, *guide* [8] Or, *she sinketh down unto death*, which is *her house* [9] Or, *the shades* Heb. *Rephaim* [10] Or, *earth* [11] Or, *teaching*

3 Let not kindness and truth forsake thee:
Bind them about thy neck;
Write them upon the tablet of thy heart:
4 So shalt thou find favor and [1]good understanding
In the sight of God and man.
5 Trust in Jĕ-hō'văh with all thy heart,
And lean not upon thine own understanding:
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him,
And he will [2]direct thy paths.
7 Be not wise in thine own eyes;
Fear Jĕ-hō'văh, and depart from evil:
8 It will be health to thy navel,
And [3]marrow to thy bones.
9 Honor Jĕ-hō'văh with thy substance,
And with the first-fruits of all thine increase:
10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty,
And thy vats shall overflow with new wine.
11 My son, despise not the [4]chastening of Jĕ-hō'văh;
Neither be weary of his reproof:
12 For whom Jĕ-hō'văh loveth he reproveth;
Even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,
And the man that [5]getteth understanding.
14 For the gaining of it is better than the gaining of silver,
And the profit thereof than fine gold.
15 She is more precious than rubies:
And none of the things thou canst desire are to be compared unto her.
16 Length of days is in her right hand;
In her left hand are riches and honor.
17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.
18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her:
And happy is every one that retaineth her.
19 Jĕ-hō'văh by wisdom founded the earth;
By understanding he established the heavens.
20 By his knowledge the depths were broken up,
And the skies drop down the dew.
21 My son, let them not depart from thine eyes;
Keep sound wisdom and discretion:
22 So shall they be life unto thy soul,
And grace to thy neck.
23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way securely,
And [6]thy foot shall not stumble.
24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid:
Yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.
25 Be not afraid of sudden fear,
Neither of the [7]desolation of the wicked, when it cometh:
26 For Jĕ-hō'văh will be thy confidence,
And will keep thy foot from being taken.

27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due,
When it is in the power of thy hand to do it.
28 Say not unto thy neighbor, Go, and come again,
And to-morrow I will give;
When thou hast it by thee.
29 Devise not evil against thy neighbor,
Seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.
30 Strive not with a man without cause,
If he have done thee no harm.
31 Envy thou not the man of violence,
And choose none of his ways.

[1] Or, *good repute* [2] Or, *make straight* (or, *plain*) [3] Or, *refreshing* Heb. *moistening* [4] Or, *instruction* [5] Heb. *draweth forth*
[6] Heb. *thou shalt not dash thy foot* [7] Or, *storm*

A Paternal Exhortation to walk in the Life-giving Ways of Wisdom

32 For the perverse is an abomination to Jĕ-hō'văh;
But his [1]friendship is with the upright.
33 The curse of Jĕ-hō'văh is in the house of the wicked;
But he blesseth the habitation of the righteous.
34 [2]Surely he scoffeth at the scoffers;
[3]But he giveth grace unto the lowly.
35 The wise shall inherit glory;
But [4]shame shall be the promotion of fools.

4 Hear, *my* sons, the instruction of a father,
And attend to know understanding:
2 For I give you good doctrine;
Forsake ye not my [5]law.
3 For I was a son unto my father,
Tender and [6]only beloved in the sight of my mother.
4 And he taught me, and said unto me:
Let thy heart retain my words;
Keep my commandments, and live;
5 Get wisdom, get understanding;
Forget not, neither decline from the words of my mouth;
6 Forsake her not, and she will preserve thee;
Love her, and she will keep thee.
7 [7]Wisdom *is* the principal thing;
therefore get wisdom;
Yea, with all [8]thy getting get understanding.
8 Exalt her, and she will promote thee;
She will bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her.
9 She will give to thy head a chaplet of grace;
A crown of [9]beauty will she deliver to thee.
10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings;
And the years of thy life shall be many.
11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom;
I have led thee in paths of uprightness.
12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened;
And if thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.
13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go:
Keep her; for she is thy life.
14 Enter not into the path of the wicked,
And walk not in the way of evil men.
15 Avoid it, pass not by it;
Turn from it, and pass on.
16 For they sleep not, except they do evil;
And their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.
17 For they eat the bread of wickedness,
And drink the wine of violence.
18 But the path of the righteous is as the dawning light,
That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.
19 The way of the wicked is as darkness:
They know not at what they stumble.
20 My son, attend to my words;
Incline thine ear unto my sayings.
21 Let them not depart from thine eyes;
Keep them in the midst of thy heart.
22 For they are life unto those that find them,
And health to all their flesh.
23 Keep thy heart [10]with all diligence;
For out of it are the issues of life.
24 Put away from thee a wayward mouth,
And perverse lips put far from thee.
25 Let thine eyes look right on,
And let thine eyelids look straight before thee.
26 [11]Make level the path of thy feet,
And let all thy ways be [12]established.

1 Or, *counsel* 2 Or, *Though* 3 Or, *Yet* 4 Or, *Fools carry away shame* 5 Or, *teaching* 6 Heb. *an only one* 7 Or, *The beginning of wisdom is, Get wisdom* 8 Or, *thou hast gotten* 9 Or, *glory*

10 Or, *above all that thou guardest* 11 Or, *Weigh carefully* 12 Or, *ordered aright*

27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left:
Remove thy foot from evil.

5 My son, attend unto my wisdom;
Incline thine ear to my understanding:
2 That thou mayest preserve discretion,
And that thy lips may keep knowledge.
3 For the lips of a strange woman drop honey,
And her mouth is smoother than oil:
4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood,
Sharp as a two-edged sword.
5 Her feet go down to death;
Her steps take hold on Shĕ'ōl;
6 [1]So that she findeth not the level path of life:
Her ways are unstable, *and* [2]she knoweth *it* not.

7 Now therefore, *my* sons, hearken unto me,
And depart not from the words of my mouth.
8 Remove thy way far from her,
And come not nigh the door of her house;
9 Lest thou give thine honor unto others,
And thy years unto the cruel;
10 Lest strangers be filled with thy [3]strength,
And thy labors *be* in the house of an alien,
11 And thou [4]mourn at thy latter end,
When thy flesh and thy body are consumed,
12 And say, How have I hated instruction,
And my heart despised reproof;
13 Neither have I obeyed the voice of my teachers,
Nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!
14 I was well-nigh in all evil
In the midst of the assembly and congregation.

15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern,
And running waters out of thine own well.
16 [5]Should thy springs be dispersed abroad,
And streams of water in the streets?
17 Let them be for thyself alone,
And not for strangers with thee.
18 Let thy fountain be blessed;
And rejoice in the wife of thy youth.
19 *As* a loving hind and a pleasant doe,
Let her breasts satisfy thee at all times;
And [6]be thou ravished always with her love.
20 For why shouldest thou, my son, [6]be ravished with a strange woman,
And embrace the bosom of a foreigner?
21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of Jĕ-hō'vāh;
And he [7]maketh level all his paths.
22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked,
And he shall be holden with the cords of his sin.
23 He shall die for lack of instruction;
And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

6 My son, if thou art become surety for thy neighbor,
If thou hast stricken [8]thy hands for a stranger;
2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth,
Thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.
3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself,
Seeing thou art come into the hand of thy neighbor:
Go, [9]humble thyself, and importune thy neighbor;
4 Give not sleep to thine eyes,
Nor slumber to thine eyelids;
5 Deliver thyself as a [10]roe from the hand *of the hunter*,
And as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

1 Or, *Lest thou find the level &c.* Or, *Lest thou weigh carefully the path of life* 2 Or, *thou canst not know them* 3 Or, *wealth* 4 Or, *groan*
5 Or, *Let* 6 Heb. *go astray* 7 Or, *weigheth carefully* 8 Or, *thy hand with a stranger* 9 Or, *bestir* 10 Or, *gazelle*

Mischievousness and Adultery

6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard;
Consider her ways, and be wise:
7 Which having no [1]chief,
Overseer, or ruler,
8 Provideth her bread in the summer,
And gathereth her food in the harvest.
9 How long wilt thou [2]sleep, O sluggard?
When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?
10 *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to [2]sleep:
11 So shall thy poverty come as a [3]robber,
And thy want as [4]an armed man.
12 A worthless person, a man of iniquity,
Is he that walketh with a perverse mouth;
13 That winketh with his eyes, that [5]speaketh with his feet,
That [6]maketh signs with his fingers;
14 In whose heart is perverseness,
Who deviseth evil continually,
Who [7]soweth discord.
15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly;
On a sudden shall he be broken, and that without remedy.
16 There are six things which Jĕhō'văh hateth;
Yea, seven which are an abomination [8]unto him:
17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
And hands that shed innocent blood;
18 A heart that deviseth wicked purposes,
Feet that are swift in running to mischief,
19 A false witness that [9]uttereth lies,
And he that [7]soweth discord among brethren.

20 My son, keep the commandment of thy father,
And forsake not the [10]law of thy mother:
21 Bind them continually upon thy heart;
Tie them about thy neck.
22 When thou walkest, it shall lead thee;
When thou [11]sleepest, it shall watch over thee;
And when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.
23 For [12]the commandment is a lamp; and [13]the law is light;
And reproofs of instruction are the way of life:
24 To keep thee from the evil woman,
From the flattery of the foreigner's tongue.
25 Lust not after her beauty in thy heart;
Neither let her take thee with her eyelids.
26 For on account of a harlot *a man is brought* to a piece of bread;
And [14]the adulteress hunteth for the precious life.
27 Can a man take fire in his bosom,
And his clothes not be burned?
28 Or can one walk upon hot coals,
And his feet not be scorched?
29 So he that goeth in to his neighbor's wife;
Whosoever toucheth her shall not be [15]unpunished.
30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal
To satisfy [16]himself when he is hungry:
31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold;
He shall give all the substance of his house.
32 He that committeth adultery with a woman is void of [17]understanding:
He doeth it who would destroy his own soul.
33 Wounds and dishonor shall he get;
And his reproach shall not be wiped away.

[1] Or, *judge* [2] Heb. *lie down* [3] Or, *rover* [4] Heb. *a man with a shield* [5] Or, *shuffleth* [6] Or, *teacheth with* [7] Heb. *letteth loose.* [8] Heb. *of his soul* [9] Heb. *breatheth out* [10] Or, *teaching* [11] Heb. *liest down* [12] Or, their *commandment* [13] Or, their *teaching* [14] Heb. *a man's wife* [15] Heb. *held innocent* [16] Or, *his appetite* [17] Heb. *heart*

34 For jealousy is the rage of a man;
And he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
35 He will not regard any ransom;
Neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

7 My son, keep my words,
And lay up my commandments with thee.
2 Keep my commandments and live;
And my [1]law as the apple of thine eye.
3 Bind them upon thy fingers;
Write them upon the tablet of thy heart.
4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister;
And call understanding *thy* [2]kinswoman:
5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman,
From the foreigner that [3]flattereth with her words.
6 For at the window of my house
I looked forth through my lattice;
7 And I beheld among the simple ones,
I discerned among the youths,
A young man void of understanding,
8 Passing through the street near her corner;
And he went the way to her house,
9 In the twilight, in the evening of the day,
In the [4]middle of the night and in the darkness.
10 And, behold, there met him a woman
With the attire of a harlot, and [5]wily of heart.
11 She is [6]clamorous and wilful;
Her feet abide not in her house:
12 Now she is in the streets, now in the broad places,
And lieth in wait at every corner.
13 So she caught him, and kissed him,
[7]*And* with an impudent face she said unto him:
14 Sacrifices of peace-offerings [8]are with me;
This day have I paid my vows.
15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee,
Diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.
16 I have spread my couch with [9]carpets of tapestry,
With striped cloths of the yarn of E'gy'pt.
17 I have [10]perfumed my bed
With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning;
Let us solace ourselves with loves.
19 For the man is not at home;
He is gone a long journey:
20 He hath taken a bag of money with him;
He will come home at the full moon.
21 With her much fair speech she causeth him to yield;
With the flattering of her lips she forceth him along.
22 He goeth after her [11]straightway,
As an ox goeth to the slaughter,
Or as *one in* [12]fetters to the correction of the fool;
23 Till an arrow strike through his liver;
As a bird hasteth to the snare,
And knoweth not that it is for his life.

24 Now therefore, *my* sons, hearken unto me,
And attend to the words of my mouth.
25 Let not thy heart decline to her ways;
Go not astray in her paths.
26 For she hath cast down many wounded:
Yea, all her slain are a mighty host.
27 Her house is the way to She'ol,
Going down to the chambers of death.

[1] Or, *teaching* [2] Or, *familiar friend* [3] Heb. *maketh smooth her words* [4] Heb. *pupil* (of the eye) [5] Or, *close* Heb. *guarded* [6] Or, *turbulent*
[7] Heb. *She hardened her face, and said* [8] Or, *were due from me* [9] Or, *cushions* [10] Or, *sprinkled* [11] Heb. *suddenly* [12] The Hebrew is obscure

Wisdom's Self-commendation. Eternity of Wisdom

8 Doth not wisdom cry,
And understanding put forth her voice?
2 On the top of high places by the way,
Where the paths meet, she standeth;
3 Beside the gates, at the entry of the city,
At the coming in at the doors, she crieth aloud:
4 Unto you, O men, I call;
And my voice is to the sons of men.
5 O ye simple, understand prudence;
And, ye fools, be of an understanding heart.
6 Hear, for I will speak excellent things;
And the opening of my lips shall be right things.
7 For my mouth shall utter truth;
And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
8 All the words of my mouth [1]are in righteousness;
There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.
9 They are all plain to him that understandeth,
And right to them that find knowledge.
10 Receive my instruction, and not silver;
And knowledge rather than choice gold.
11 For wisdom is better than rubies;
And all the things that may be desired are not to be compared unto it.

12 I wisdom have made prudence my dwelling,
And find out [2]knowledge *and* discretion.
13 The fear of Jĕ-hō'văh is to hate evil:
Pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way,
And the perverse mouth, do I hate.
14 Counsel is mine, and [3]sound knowledge:
I am understanding; I have might.
15 By me kings reign,
And princes decree justice.
16 By me [4]princes rule,
And nobles, *even* all the judges of the earth.
17 I love them that love me;
And those that seek me [5]diligently shall find me.
18 Riches and honor are with me;
Yea, [6]durable wealth and righteousness.
19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold;
And my [7]revenue than choice silver.
20 I walk in the way of righteousness,
In the midst of the paths of justice;
21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance,
And that I may fill their treasuries.

22 Jĕ-hō'văh [8]possessed me [9]in the beginning of his way,
[10]Before his works of old.
23 I was set up from everlasting,
from the beginning,
Before the earth was.
24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth,
When there were no fountains abounding with water.
25 Before the mountains were settled,
Before the hills was I brought forth;
26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields,
Nor the [11]beginning of the dust of the world.
27 When he [12]established the heavens, I was there:
When he set a circle upon the face of the deep,
28 When he made firm the skies above,
When the fountains of the deep became strong,
29 When he gave to the sea [13]its bound,

1 Or, *are righteousness* 2 Or, *knowledge of witty inventions* 3 Or, *effectual working* 4 Or, *rulers* 5 Or, *early* 6 Or, *ancient* 7 Or, *increase* 8 Or, *formed* 9 Or, *as* 10 Or, *The first of* 11 Or, *sum* 12 Or, *prepared* 13 Or, *his decree*

That the waters should not transgress his commandment,
When he [1]marked out the foundations of the earth;
30 Then I was by him, *as* a master workman;
And I [2]was daily *his* delight,
[3]Rejoicing always before him,
31 [3]Rejoicing in his habitable earth;
And my delight was with the sons of men.

32 Now therefore, *my* sons, hearken unto me;
For blessed are they that keep my ways.
33 Hear instruction, and be wise,
And refuse it not.
34 Blessed is the man that heareth me,
Watching daily at my gates,
Waiting at the posts of my doors.
35 For whoso findeth me findeth life,
And shall [4]obtain favor of Jĕhō'vāh.
36 But he that [5]sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul:
All they that hate me love death.

9 Wisdom hath builded her house;
She hath hewn out her seven pillars:
2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine;
She hath also furnished her table:
3 She hath sent forth her maidens;
She crieth upon the highest places of the city:
4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither:
As for him that is void of understanding, she saith to him,
5 Come, eat ye of my bread,
And drink of the wine which I have mingled.
6 [6]Leave off, ye simple ones, and live;
And walk in the way of understanding.

7 He that correcteth a scoffer getteth to himself reviling;
And he that reproveth a wicked man *getteth* himself a blot.
8 Reprove not a scoffer, lest he hate thee:
Reprove a wise man, and he will love thee.
9 Give *instruction* to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser:
Teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
10 The fear of Jĕ-hō'vāh is the beginning of wisdom;
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied,
And the years of thy life shall be increased.
12 If thou art wise, thou art wise for thyself;
And if thou scoffest, thou alone shalt bear it.

13 [7]The foolish woman is clamorous;
She is [8]simple, and knoweth nothing.
14 And she sitteth at the door of her house,
On a seat in the high places of the city,
15 To call to them that pass by,
Who go right on their ways:
16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither;
And as for him that is void of understanding, she saith to him,
17 Stolen waters are sweet,
And bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.
18 But he knoweth not that [9]the dead are there;
That her guests are in the depths of Shē'ōl.

10 The proverbs of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn.
A wise son maketh a glad father;
But a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.
2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing;

[1] Or, *appointed* [2] Or, *had delight continually* [3] Or, *Sporting* [4] Heb. *draw forth* [5] Or, *misseth me* [6] Or, *Forsake the simple* [7] Or, *Folly* [8] Heb. *simplicity* [9] Or, *the shades* Heb. *Rephaim*

Sundry Proverbs contrasting the Upright and the Wicked

But righteousness delivereth from death.
3 Jĕ-hō'văh will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish;
But he thrusteth away the desire of the wicked.
4 He becometh poor that worketh with a slack hand;
But the hand of the diligent maketh rich.
5 He that gathereth in summer is [1]a wise son;
But he that sleepeth in harvest is a son [2]that causeth shame.
6 Blessings are upon the head of the righteous;
But [3]violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
7 The memory of the righteous is blessed;
But the name of the wicked shall rot.
8 The wise in heart will receive commandments;
But [4]a prating fool [5]shall fall.
9 He that walketh uprightly walketh surely;
But he that perverteth his ways shall be known.
10 He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow;
But [4]a prating fool [5]shall fall.
11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life;
But [3]violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
12 Hatred stirreth up strifes;
But love covereth all transgressions.
13 In the lips of him that hath discernment wisdom is found;
But a rod is for the back of him that is void of [6]understanding.
14 Wise men lay up knowledge;
But the mouth of the foolish is a present destruction.
15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city:
The destruction of the poor is their poverty.
16 The labor of the righteous *tendeth* to life;
The increase of the wicked, to sin.
17 He [7]is in the way of life that heedeth [8]correction;
But he that forsaketh reproof [9]erreth.
18 He that hideth hatred is of lying lips;
And he that uttereth a slander is a fool.
19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression;
But he that refraineth his lips [10]doeth wisely.
20 The tongue of the righteous is *as* choice silver:
The heart of the wicked is little worth.
21 The lips of the righteous feed many;
But the foolish die for lack of [6]understanding.
22 The blessing of Jĕ-hō'văh, it maketh rich;
And [11]he addeth no sorrow therewith.
23 It is as sport to a fool to do wickedness;
[12]And *so is* wisdom to a man of understanding.
24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him;
And the desire of the righteous shall be granted.
25 [13]When the whirlwind passeth, the wicked is no more;
But the righteous is an everlasting foundation.
26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes,
So is the sluggard to them that send him.
27 The fear of Jĕ-hō'văh [14]prolongeth days;
But the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
28 The hope of the righteous *shall be* gladness;
But the expectation of the wicked shall perish.
29 The way of Jĕ-hō'văh is a stronghold to the upright;
But [15]it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.

[1] Or, *a son that doeth wisely* [2] Or, *that doeth shamefully* [3] Or, *the mouth of the wicked covereth violence* [4] Heb. *the foolish of lips* [5] Or, *shall be overthrown* (or, *laid low*) [6] Heb. *heart*
[7] Or, *is a way* [8] Or, *instruction* [9] Or, *causeth to err* [10] Or, *is wise* [11] Or, *toil addeth nothing thereto* [12] Or, *But a man of understanding hath wisdom* [13] Or, *As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more* [14] Heb. *addeth* [15] Or, *destruction shall be to &c.*

30 The righteous shall never be removed;
But the wicked shall not dwell in the [1]land.
31 The mouth of the righteous [2]bringeth forth wisdom;
But the perverse tongue shall be cut off.
32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable;
But the mouth of the wicked [3]*speaketh* perverseness.

11 [4]A false balance is an abomination to Jĕ-hō'vāh;
But a just weight is his delight.
2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame;
But with the lowly is wisdom.
3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them;
But the perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy them.
4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath;
But righteousness delivereth from death.
5 The righteousness of the perfect shall [5]direct his way;
But the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them;
But the treacherous shall be taken in their own iniquity.
7 When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation shall perish;
And the hope of [6]iniquity perisheth.
8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble;
And the wicked cometh in his stead.
9 With his mouth the godless man destroyeth his neighbor;
But through knowledge shall the righteous be delivered.
10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth;
And when the wicked perish, there is shouting.
11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted;
But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
12 He that despiseth his neighbor is void of [7]wisdom;
But a man of understanding holdeth his peace.
13 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets;
But he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth a matter.
14 Where no wise guidance is, the people falleth;
But in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.
15 He that is surety for a stranger [8]shall smart for it;
But he that hateth [9]suretyship is secure.
16 A gracious woman obtaineth honor;
And violent men obtain riches.
17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul;
But he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.
18 The wicked earneth deceitful wages;
But he that soweth righteousness *hath* a sure reward.
19 [10]He that is stedfast in righteousness *shall obtain* unto life;
And he that pursueth evil *doeth it* to his own death.
20 They that are perverse in heart are an abomination to Jĕ-hō'vāh;
But such as are perfect in *their* way are his delight.
21 [11]*Though* hand *join* in hand, the evil man shall not be unpunished;
But the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.
22 *As* a ring of gold in a swine's snout,
So is a fair woman that [12]is without discretion.
23 The desire of the righteous is only good;
But the expectation of the wicked is [13]wrath.

[1] Or, *earth* [2] Or, *buddeth with* [3] Or, *is* [4] Heb. *A balance of deceit* [5] Or, *make straight* (or, *plain*) [6] Or, *strong men* [7] Heb. *heart* [8] Heb. *shall be sore broken* [9] Heb. *those that strike hands* [10] Or, *So righteousness* tendeth *to life, and he &c.* [11] Or, *My hand upon it!* Heb. *Hand to hand* [12] Heb. *turneth aside from* [13] Or, *arrogance*

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24 There is that scattereth, and
increaseth yet more;
And there is that withholdeth
[1]more than is meet, but *it*
tendeth only to want.
25 The liberal soul shall be made
fat;
And he that watereth shall be
watered also himself.
26 He that withholdeth grain, the
people shall curse him;
But blessing shall be upon the
head of him that selleth it.
27 He that diligently seeketh good
seeketh favor;
But he that searcheth after evil,
it shall come unto him.
28 He that trusteth in his riches
shall fall;
But the righteous shall flourish
as the green leaf.
29 He that troubleth his own house
shall inherit the wind;
And the foolish shall be servant
to the wise of heart.
30 The fruit of the righteous is a
tree of life;
And he that is wise winneth
souls.
31 Behold, the righteous shall be
recompensed in the earth;
How much more the wicked
and the sinner!

12 Whoso loveth [2]correction loveth knowledge;
But he that hateth reproof is
brutish.
2 A good man shall obtain favor
of Jĕ-hō'văh;
But a man of wicked devices
will he condemn.
3 A man shall not be established
by wickedness;
But the root of the righteous
shall not be moved.
4 A worthy woman is the crown
of her husband;
But she that maketh ashamed
is as rottenness in his bones.
5 The thoughts of the righteous
are just;
But the counsels of the wicked
are deceit.
6 The words of the wicked [3]are
of lying in wait for blood;
But the mouth of the upright
shall deliver them.
7 [4]The wicked are overthrown,
and are not;
But the house of the righteous
shall stand.
8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom;
But he that is of a perverse
heart shall be despised.
9 Better is he that is lightly esteemed, and hath a servant,
Than he that honoreth himself,
and lacketh bread.
10 A righteous man regardeth the
life of his beast;
But the tender mercies of the
wicked are cruel.
11 He that tilleth his land shall
have plenty of bread;
But he that followeth after
[5]vain *persons* is void of understanding.
12 The wicked desireth [6]the net of
evil men;
But the root of the righteous
yieldeth *fruit*.
13 In the transgression of the lips
is [7]a snare to the evil man;
But the righteous shall come
out of trouble.
14 A man shall be satisfied with
good by the fruit of his
mouth;
And the doings of a man's
hands shall be rendered unto
him.
15 The way of a fool is right in his
own eyes;
But he that is wise hearkeneth
unto counsel.
16 A fool's vexation is [8]presently known;
But a prudent man concealeth
shame.
17 He that [9]uttereth truth showeth forth righteousness;
But a false witness, deceit.
18 There is that speaketh rashly
like the piercings of a sword;
But the tongue of the wise is
health.
19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever;

1 Or, *what is justly due* 2 Or, *instruction* 3 Or, *are a lying in wait*
4 Or, *Overthrow the wicked, and they are not* 5 Or, *vain things* 6 Or, *the prey* 7 Or, *an evil snare* 8 Or, *openly* Heb. *in the day* 9 Heb. *breatheth out*

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But a lying tongue is but for a moment.
20 Deceit is in the heart of them that devise evil;
But to the counsellors of peace is joy.
21 There shall no mischief happen to the righteous;
But the wicked shall be filled with evil.
22 Lying lips are an abomination to Jĕ-hō'văh;
But they that deal truly are his delight.
23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge;
But the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.
24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule;
But [1]the slothful shall be put under taskwork.
25 [2]Heaviness in the heart of a man maketh it stoop;
But a good word maketh it glad.
26 The righteous is a guide to his neighbor;
But the way of the wicked causeth them to err.
27 [1]The slothful man [3]roasteth not that which he took in hunting;
But the precious substance of men [4]*is to* the diligent.
28 In the way of righteousness is life;
And in the pathway thereof there is no death.

13 A wise son *heareth* his father's [5]instruction;
But a scoffer heareth not rebuke.
2 A man shall eat good [6]by the fruit of his mouth;
But [7]the soul of the treacherous *shall eat* violence.
3 He that guardeth his mouth keepeth his life;
But he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.
4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing;
But the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.
5 A righteous man hateth lying;
But a wicked man [8]is loathsome, and cometh to shame.
6 Righteousness guardeth [9]him that is upright in the way;
But wickedness overthroweth [10]the sinner.
7 There is that [11]maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing:
There is that [11]maketh himself poor, yet hath great wealth.
8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches;
But the poor heareth no [12]threatening.
9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth;
But the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
10 By pride cometh only contention;
But with the well-advised is wisdom.
11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished;
But he that gathereth [13]by labor shall have increase.
12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick;
But when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.
13 Whoso despiseth the word [14]bringeth destruction on himself;
But he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.
14 The [15]law of the wise is a fountain of life,
That one may depart from the snares of death.
15 Good understanding [16]giveth favor;
But the way of the transgressor is hard.
16 Every prudent man worketh with knowledge;
But a fool flaunteth *his* folly.
17 A wicked messenger falleth into evil;
But a faithful ambassador is health.

[1] Heb. *slothfulness* [2] Or, *Care* [3] Or, *catcheth not his prey* [4] Or, is to be *diligent* [5] Or, *correction* [6] Or, *from* [7] Or, *the desire of the treacherous* is for *violence* [8] Or, *causeth shame and bringeth reproach* [9] Heb. *uprightness of way* [10] Heb. *sin* [11] Or, *feigneth* [12] Or, *rebuke* [13] Heb. *with the hand* [14] Or, *maketh himself a debtor thereto* [15] Or, *teaching* [16] Or, *getteth*

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18 Poverty and shame *shall be to*
him that refuseth [1]correction;
But he that regardeth reproof
shall be honored.
19 The desire accomplished is
sweet to the soul;
But it is an abomination to fools
to depart from evil.
20 [2]Walk with wise men, and thou
shalt be wise;
But the companion of fools
shall [3]smart for it.
21 Evil pursueth sinners;
But the righteous shall be rec-
ompensed with good.
22 A good man leaveth an in-
heritance to his children's
children;
And the wealth of the sinner is
laid up for the righteous.
23 Much food *is in* the [4]tillage of
the poor;
But there is that is destroyed
by reason of injustice.
24 He that spareth his rod hateth
his son;
But he that loveth him chasten-
eth him [5]betimes.
25 The righteous eateth to the
satisfying of his soul;
But the belly of the wicked
shall want.

14 Every wise woman buildeth
her house;
But [6]the foolish plucketh it
down with her own hands.
2 He that walketh in his upright-
ness feareth Jĕ-hō'văh;
But he that is perverse in his
ways despiseth him.
3 In the mouth of the foolish is a
rod for *his* pride;
But the lips of the wise shall
preserve them.
4 Where no oxen are, the crib is
clean;
But much increase is by the
strength of the ox.
5 A faithful witness will not lie;
But a false witness [7]uttereth lies.
6 A scoffer seeketh wisdom, and
findeth it not;
But knowledge is easy unto him
that hath understanding.
7 [8]Go into the presence of a fool-
ish man,
And thou shalt not perceive *in*
him the lips of knowledge.
8 The wisdom of the prudent is
to understand his way;
But the folly of fools is deceit.
9 [9]A trespass-offering mocketh
fools;
But among the upright there is
[10]good will.
10 The heart knoweth its own bit-
terness;
And a stranger doth not inter-
meddle with its joy.
11 The house of the wicked shall
be overthrown;
But the tent of the upright shall
flourish.
12 There is a way which [11]seemeth
right unto a man;
But the end thereof are the
ways of death.
13 Even in laughter the heart is
sorrowful;
And the end of mirth is heav-
iness.
14 The backslider in heart shall be
filled with his own ways;
And a good man *shall be satis-*
fied from himself.
15 The simple believeth every
word;
But the prudent man looketh
well to his going.
16 A wise man feareth, and de-
parteth from evil;
But the fool beareth himself in-
solently, and is confident.
17 He that is soon angry will deal
foolishly;
And a man of wicked devices is
hated.
18 The simple inherit folly;
But the prudent are crowned
with knowledge.
19 The evil bow down before the
good;
And the wicked, at the gates of
the righteous.
20 The poor is hated even of his
own neighbor;

[1] Or, *instruction* [2] According to another reading, *He that walketh with wise men shall be wise* [3] Heb. *be broken* [4] Or, *tilled land* [5] Or, *diligently* [6] Heb. *folly* [7] Heb. *breatheth out*

[8] Or, *Go from . . . For thou wilt not &c.* [9] Or, *Fools make a mock at sin* [10] Or, *the favor of God* [11] Or, *is straight before*

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But the rich hath many friends.
21 He that despiseth his neighbor sinneth;
But he that hath pity on the poor, happy is he.
22 [1]Do they not err that devise evil?
But mercy and truth *shall be to* them that devise good.
23 In all labor there is profit;
But the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.
24 [2]The crown of the wise is their riches;
But the folly of fools is *only* folly.
25 A true witness delivereth souls;
But he that [3]uttereth lies *causeth* deceit.
26 In the fear of Jĕ-hō'văh is strong confidence;
And [4]his children shall have a place of refuge.
27 The fear of Jĕ-hō'văh is a fountain of life,
That one may depart from the snares of death.
28 In the multitude of people is the king's glory;
But in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.
29 He that is slow to anger is of great understanding;
But he that is hasty of spirit [5]exalteth folly.
30 A tranquil heart is the life of the flesh;
But [6]envy is the rottenness of the bones.
31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker;
But he that hath mercy on the needy honoreth him.
32 The wicked is thrust down in his [7]evil-doing;
But the righteous hath a refuge in his death.
33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding;
[8]But *that which is* in the inward part of fools is made known.
34 Righteousness exalteth a nation;
But sin is a reproach to [9]any people.
35 The king's favor is toward a servant that dealeth wisely;
But his wrath will be *against* him that [10]causeth shame.

15 A soft answer turneth away wrath;
But a grievous word stirreth up anger.
2 The tongue of the wise uttereth knowledge aright;
But the mouth of fools poureth out folly.
3 The eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh are in every place,
Keeping watch upon the evil and the good.
4 [11]A gentle tongue is a tree of life;
But perverseness therein is a breaking of the spirit.
5 A fool despiseth his father's [12]correction;
But he that regardeth reproof [13]getteth prudence.
6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure;
But in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.
7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge;
But the heart of the foolish [14]*doeth* not so.
8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to Jĕ-hō'văh;
But the prayer of the upright is his delight.
9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to Jĕ-hō'văh;
But he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.
10 There is grievous correction for him that forsaketh the way;
And he that hateth reproof shall die.
11 Shĕ'ōl and [15]Ā-băd'dŏn are before Jĕ-hō'văh;
How much more then the hearts of the children of men!

[1] Or, *Shall they not go astray* [2] Or, *Their riches is a crown unto the wise* [3] Heb. *breatheth out* [4] Or, *the children of him* that hath it [5] Or, *carrieth away* [6] Or, *jealousy* [7] Or, *calamity* [8] Or, *And in the midst of fools it maketh itself known* [9] Heb. *peoples* [10] Or, *doeth shamefully* [11] Heb. *The healing of the tongue* [12] Or, *instruction* [13] Or, *dealeth prudently* [14] Or, is *not stedfast* (or, *right*) [15] Or, *Destruction*

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12 A scoffer loveth not to be reproved;
He will not go unto the wise.
13 A glad heart maketh a cheerful countenance;
But by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.
14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge;
But the mouth of fools feedeth on folly.
15 All the days of the afflicted are evil;
But he that is of a cheerful heart *hath* a continual feast.
16 Better is little, with the fear of Jĕ-hō'văh,
Than great treasure and trouble therewith.
17 Better is a [1]dinner of herbs, where love is,
Than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.
18 A wrathful man stirreth up contention;
But he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.
19 The way of the sluggard is as a hedge of thorns;
But the path of the upright is made a highway.
20 A wise son maketh a glad father;
But a foolish man despiseth his mother.
21 Folly is joy to him that is void of [2]wisdom;
But a man of understanding maketh straight his going.
22 Where there is no counsel, purposes are disappointed;
But in the multitude of counsellors they are established.
23 A man hath joy in the answer of his mouth;
And a word in due season, how good is it!
24 To the wise the way of life *goeth* upward,
That he may depart from Shē'ōl beneath.
25 Jĕ-hō'văh will root up the house of the proud;
But he will establish the border of the widow.
26 Evil devices are an abomination to Jĕ-hō'văh;
But [3]pleasant words *are* pure.
27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house;
But he that hateth bribes shall live.
28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer;
But the mouth of the wicked poured out evil things.
29 Jĕ-hō'văh is far from the wicked;
But he heareth the prayer of the righteous.
30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart;
And good tidings make the bones fat.
31 The ear that hearkeneth to the reproof of life
Shall abide among the wise.
32 He that refuseth [4]correction despiseth his own soul;
But he that hearkeneth to reproof getteth [2]understanding.
33 The fear of Jĕ-hō'văh is the instruction of wisdom;
And before honor *goeth* humility.

16 The plans of the heart belong to man;
But the answer of the tongue is from Jĕ-hō'văh.
2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes;
But Jĕ-hō'văh weigheth the spirits.
3 [5]Commit thy works unto Jĕ-hō'văh,
And thy purposes shall be established.
4 Jĕ-hō'văh hath made everything for [6]its own end;
Yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.
5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to Jĕ-hō'văh:
Though hand *join* in hand, he shall not be unpunished.
6 By mercy and truth iniquity is atoned for;

1 Or, *portion* 2 Heb. *heart*
3 Or, *the pure* speak *pleasant words* 4 Or, *instruction* 5 Heb. *Roll* 6 Or, *his own purpose*

And by the fear of Jĕ-hō'văh
men depart from evil.
7 When a man's ways please Jĕ-hō'văh,
He maketh even his enemies
to be at peace with him.
8 Better is a little, with right-
eousness,
Than great revenues with in-
justice.
9 A man's heart deviseth his
way;
But Jĕ-hō'văh directeth his
steps.
10 [1]A divine sentence is in the lips
of the king;
His mouth shall not transgress
in judgment.
11 A just balance and scales are
Jĕ-hō'văh's;
All the weights of the bag are
his work.
12 It is an abomination to kings to
commit wickedness;
For the throne is established by
righteousness.
13 Righteous lips are the delight of
kings;
And they love him that speak-
eth right.
14 The wrath of a king is *as* mes-
sengers of death;
But a wise man will pacify it.
15 In the light of the king's
countenance is life;
And his favor is as a cloud of
the latter rain.
16 How much better is it to get
wisdom than gold!
Yea, to get understanding is
rather to be chosen than
silver.
17 The highway of the upright is
to depart from evil:
He that keepeth his way pre-
serveth his soul.
18 Pride *goeth* before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a
fall.
19 Better it is to be of a lowly
spirit with the [2]poor,
Than to divide the spoil with
the proud.
20 He that [3]giveth heed unto the
word shall find good;
And whoso trusteth in Jĕ-
hō'văh, happy is he.
21 The wise in heart shall be
called prudent;
And the sweetness of the lips
increaseth learning.
22 Understanding is a wellspring
of life unto him that hath it;
But the correction of fools is
their folly.
23 The heart of the wise instruct-
eth his mouth,
And addeth learning to his
lips.
24 Pleasant words are *as* a honey-
comb,
Sweet to the soul, and health
to the bones.
25 There is a way which [4]seemeth
right unto a man,
But the end thereof are the
ways of death.
26 The appetite of the laboring
man laboreth for him;
For his mouth urgeth him
thereto.
27 A worthless man [5]deviseth mis-
chief;
And in his lips there is as a
scorching fire.
28 A perverse man scattereth
abroad strife;
And a whisperer [6]separateth
chief friends.
29 A man of violence enticeth his
neighbor,
And leadeth him in a way that
is not good.
30 [7]He that shutteth his eyes, *it is*
to devise perverse things:
He that compresseth his lips
bringeth evil to pass.
31 The hoary head is a crown of
[8]glory;
[9]It shall be found in the way of
righteousness.
32 He that is slow to anger is bet-
ter than the mighty;
And he that ruleth his spirit,
than he that taketh a city.
33 The lot is cast into the lap;
But the whole disposing thereof
is of Jĕ-hō'văh.

[1] Heb. *Divination* [2] Or, *meek* [3] Or, *handleth a matter wisely*
[4] Or, *is straight before* [5] Heb. *diggeth* [6] Or, *alienateth his friend* [7] Or, *He that shutteth his eyes to devise perverse things, That compresseth his lips, bringeth &c.* [8] Or, *beauty*
[9] Or, *It it be found*

Sundry Observations concerning Life and Conduct

7 Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith,
Than a house full of [1]feasting with strife.
A servant that dealeth wisely shall have rule over a son that [2]causeth shame,
And shall have part in the inheritance among the brethren.
The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold;
But Jĕ-hō'văh trieth the hearts.
An evil-doer giveth heed to wicked lips;
And [3]a liar giveth ear to a mischievous tongue.
Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker;
And he that is glad at calamity shall not be unpunished.
Children's children are the crown of old men;
And the glory of children are their fathers.
[4]Excellent speech becometh not a fool;
Much less do lying lips a prince.
A bribe is *as* a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it;
Whithersoever [5]it turneth, [5]it [6]prospereth.
He that covereth a transgression seeketh love;
But he that harpeth on a matter separateth chief friends.
A rebuke entereth deeper into one that hath understanding
Than a hundred stripes into a fool.
[7]An evil man seeketh only rebellion;
Therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.
Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man,
Rather than a fool in his folly.
Whoso rewardeth evil for good,
Evil shall not depart from his house.
The beginning of strife is *as* when one letteth out water:
Therefore leave off contention, before there is quarrelling.
15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the righteous,
Both of them alike are an abomination to Jĕ-hō'văh.
16 Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom,
Seeing he hath no [8]understanding?
17 A friend loveth at all times;
And [9]a brother is born for adversity.
18 A man void of [8]understanding striketh hands,
And becometh surety in the presence of his neighbor.
19 [10]He loveth transgression that loveth strife:
He that raiseth high his gate seeketh destruction.
20 He that hath a wayward heart findeth no good;
And he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into [11]mischief.
21 He that begetteth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow;
And the father of a fool hath no joy.
22 A cheerful heart [12]is a good medicine;
But a broken spirit drieth up the bones.
23 A wicked man receiveth a bribe out of the bosom,
To pervert the ways of justice.
24 Wisdom is before the face of him that hath understanding;
But the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.
25 A foolish son is a grief to his father,
And bitterness to her that bare him.
26 Also to [13]punish the righteous is not good,
Nor to smite the noble for *their* uprightness.
27 He [14]that spareth his words hath knowledge;

Heb. *the sacrifices of strife* 2 Or, *doeth unfaithfully* 3 Heb. *falsehood* 4 Or, *Arrogant lips, he* 5 Or, *he* 6 Or, *dealeth wisely* 7 Or, *A wilful man* (Heb. *Rebellion*) *seeketh only*
8 Heb. *heart* 9 Or, *is born as a brother* 10 Or, *He that loveth transgression loveth strife* 11 Or, *calamity* 12 Heb. *causeth good healing* 13 Or, *fine* 14 Or, *that hath knowledge spareth his words; And a man of understanding is of a cool spirit*

And he that is of a cool spirit is
a man of understanding.
28 Even a fool, when he hold-
eth his peace, is counted
wise;
[1]When he shutteth his lips, he
is *esteemed as* prudent.

18 He that separateth himself
seeketh *his own* desire,
And [2]rageth against all sound
wisdom.
2 A fool hath no delight in under-
standing,
But only that his heart may re-
veal itself.
3 When the wicked cometh, there
cometh also contempt,
And with ignominy *cometh* re-
proach.
4 The words of a man's mouth
are *as* deep waters;
[3]The wellspring of wisdom is *as*
a flowing brook.
5 To respect the person of the
wicked is not good,
[4]*Nor* to turn aside the right-
eous in judgment.
6 A fool's lips [5]enter into conten-
tion,
And his mouth calleth for
stripes.
7 A fool's mouth is his destruc-
tion,
And his lips are the snare of his
soul.
8 The words of a whisper are as
dainty morsels,
And they go down into the in-
nermost parts.
9 He also that is slack in his
work
Is brother to him that is a de-
stroyer.
10 The name of Jĕ-hō'văh is a
strong tower;
The righteous runneth into it,
and [6]is safe.
11 The rich man's wealth is his
strong city,
And as a high wall in his own
imagination.
12 Before destruction the heart of
man is haughty;
And before honor *goeth* humility.
13 He that giveth answer before
he heareth,
It is folly and shame unto him.
14 The spirit of a man will sustain
his infirmity;
But a broken spirit who can
[7]bear?
15 The heart of the prudent get-
teth knowledge;
And the ear of the wise seeketh
knowledge.
16 A man's gift maketh room for
him,
And bringeth him before great
men.
17 He that pleadeth his cause first
seemeth just;
But his neighbor cometh and
searcheth him out.
18 The lot causeth contentions to
cease,
And parteth between the
mighty.
19 A brother [8]offended *is harder*
to be won than a strong city;
And *such* contentions are like
the bars of a castle.
20 A man's belly shall be filled
with the fruit of his mouth;
With the increase of his lips
shall he be satisfied.
21 Death and life are in the power
of the tongue;
And they that love it shall eat
the fruit thereof.
22 Whoso findeth a wife findeth a
good thing,
And obtaineth favor of Jĕ-
hō'văh.
23 The poor useth entreaties;
But the rich answereth rough-
ly.
24 [9]He that maketh many friends
doeth it to his own destruc-
tion;
But there is a [10]friend that stick-
eth closer than a brother.

19 Better is the poor that walk-
eth in his integrity
Than he that is perverse in his
lips and is a fool.
2 Also, [11]that the soul be without
knowledge is not good;

1 Or, *He that shutteth his lips is &c.* 2 Or, *quarreleth with* 3 Or, *A flowing brook, a wellspring of wisdom* 4 Or, *So as to turn aside* 5 Or, *bring contention* 6 Heb. *is set on high*
7 Or, *raise up* 8 Or, *injured* 9 Heb. *A man of friends* 10 Heb. *lover* 11 Or, *desire without knowledge is not good*

And he that hasteth with his feet [1]sinneth.
3 The foolishness of man subverteth his way;
And his heart fretteth against Jĕ-hō'văh.
4 Wealth addeth many friends;
But [2]the poor is separated from his friend.
5 A false witness shall not be unpunished;
And he that [3]uttereth lies shall not escape.
6 Many will entreat the favor of [4]the liberal man;
And every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.
7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him:
How much more do his friends go far from him!
[5]He pursueth *them with* words, *but* they are gone.
8 He that getteth [6]wisdom loveth his own soul:
He that keepeth understanding shall find good.
9 A false witness shall not be unpunished;
And he that [3]uttereth lies shall perish.
10 Delicate living is not seemly for a fool;
Much less for a servant to have rule over princes.
11 The discretion of a man maketh him slow to anger;
And it is his glory to pass over a transgression.
12 The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion;
But his favor is as dew upon the grass.
13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father;
And the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.
14 House and riches are an inheritance from fathers;
But a prudent wife is from Jĕ-hō'văh.
15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep;
And the idle soul shall suffer hunger.
16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his soul;
But he that [7]is careless of his ways shall die.
17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto Jĕ-hō'văh,
And his good deed will he pay him again.
18 Chasten thy son, seeing there is hope;
And set not thy heart on [8]his destruction.
19 A man of great wrath shall bear the penalty;
For if thou deliver *him*, thou must do it yet again.
20 Hear counsel, and receive [9]instruction,
That thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.
21 There are many devices in a man's heart;
But the counsel of Jĕ-hō'văh, that shall stand.
22 That which maketh a man to be desired is his kindness;
And a poor man is better than a liar.
23 The fear of Jĕ-hō'văh *tendeth* to life;
And he *that hath it* shall abide satisfied;
He shall not be visited with evil.
24 The sluggard burieth his hand in the dish,
And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
25 Smite a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence;
And reprove one that hath understanding, *and* he will understand knowledge.
26 He that doeth violence to his father, and chaseth away his mother,
Is a son that causeth shame and bringeth reproach.
27 Cease, my son, to hear instruction
Only to err from the words of knowledge.

[1] Or, *misseth* his way [2] Or, *the friend of the poor separateth himself from him* [3] Heb. *breatheth out* [4] Or, *a prince* [5] Or, *He pursueth after words*, which *are nought* [6] Heb. *heart*
[7] Heb. *despiseth* [8] Heb. *causing him to die* [9] Or, *correction*

28 A worthless witness mocketh at justice;
And the mouth of the wicked swalloweth iniquity.
29 Judgments are prepared for scoffers,
And stripes for the back of fools.
20 Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler;
And whosoever [1]erreth thereby is not wise.
2 The terror of a king is as the roaring of a lion:
He that [2]provoketh him to anger sinneth *against* his own [3]life.
3 It is an honor for a man to [4]keep aloof from strife;
But every fool will be quarrelling.
4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the winter;
[5]Therefore he shall beg in harvest, and have nothing.
5 Counsel in the heart of man is *like* deep water;
But a man of understanding will draw it out.
6 [6]Most men will proclaim every one his own kindness;
But a faithful man who can find?
7 A righteous man that walketh in his integrity,
Blessed are his children after him.
8 A king that sitteth on the throne of judgment
[7]Scattereth away all evil with his eyes.
9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean,
I am pure from my sin?
10 [8]Diverse weights, and diverse measures,
Both of them alike are an abomination to Jĕ-hō'văh.
11 Even a child maketh himself known by his doings,
Whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.
12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye,
Jĕ-hō'văh hath made even both of them.
13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty;
Open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread.
14 It is bad, it is bad, saith the buyer;
But when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.
15 There is gold, and abundance of rubies;
But the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.
16 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger;
And [9]hold him in pledge *that is surety* for [10]foreigners.
17 Bread of falsehood is sweet to a man;
But afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.
18 Every purpose is established by counsel;
And by wise guidance make thou war.
19 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets;
Therefore company not with him that openeth wide his lips.
20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother,
His lamp shall be put out in blackness of darkness.
21 An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the beginning;
But the end thereof shall not be blessed.
22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil:
Wait for Jĕ-hō'văh, and he will save thee.
23 Diverse weights are an abomination to Jĕ-hō'văh;
And [11]a false balance is not good.
24 A man's goings are of Jĕ-hō'văh;
How then can man understand his way?
25 It is a snare to a man [12]rashly to say, *It is* holy,

[1] Or, *reeleth* [2] Or, *angereth himself against him* [3] Heb. *soul* [4] Or, *cease* [5] Or, *Therefore when he seeketh in harvest, there shall be nothing* [6] Or, *Many a man will meet one that is kind to him* [7] Or, *Winnoweth* [8] Heb. *A stone and a stone, an ephah and an ephah*
[9] Or, *take a pledge of him* [10] Another reading is, *a foreign woman* [11] Heb. *a balance of deceit* [12] Or, *rashly to utter holy* words Or, *to devour* that which is *holy*

And after vows to make inquiry.
26 A wise king winnoweth the wicked,
And bringeth the *threshing*-wheel over them.
27 The spirit of man is the lamp of Jĕ-hō'văh,
Searching all his innermost parts.
28 Kindness and truth preserve the king;
And [1]his throne is upholden by kindness.
29 The glory of young men is their strength;
And the beauty of old men is the hoary head.
30 Stripes that wound cleanse away evil;
And strokes *reach* the innermost parts.

21 The king's heart is in the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh as the watercourses:
He turneth it whithersoever he will.
2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes;
But Jĕ-hō'văh weigheth the hearts.
3 To do righteousness and justice
Is more acceptable to Jĕ-hō'văh than sacrifice.
4 A high look, and a proud heart,
[2]*Even* the lamp of the wicked, is sin.
5 The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness;
But every one that is hasty *hasteth* only to want.
6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue
Is a vapor driven to and fro by them that seek death.
7 The violence of the wicked shall sweep them away,
Because they refuse to do justice.
8 The way of him that is laden with guilt is exceeding crooked;
But as for the pure, his work is [3]right.
9 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop,
Than with a contentious woman in [4]a wide house.
10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil:
His neighbor findeth no favor in his eyes.
11 When the scoffer is punished, the simple is made wise;
And [5]when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.
12 [6]The righteous man considereth the house of the wicked,
How the wicked are overthrown to *their* ruin.
13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor,
He also shall cry, but shall not be heard.
14 A gift in secret [7]pacifieth anger;
And a present in the bosom, strong wrath.
15 It is joy to the righteous to do justice;
[8]But it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.
16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding
Shall rest in the assembly of [9]the dead.
17 He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man:
He that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.
18 The wicked is a ransom for the righteous;
And the treacherous *cometh* in the stead of the upright.
19 It is better to dwell in a desert land,
Than with [10]a contentious and fretful woman.
20 There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise;
But a foolish man swalloweth it up.
21 He that followeth after righteousness and kindness

[1] Or, *he upholdeth his throne* [2] Or, And *the tillage* [3] Or, *straight*
[4] Or, *a house in common* Heb. *a house of society* [5] Or, *when one considereth the wise* [6] Or, *One that is righteous . . . he overthroweth the wicked &c.* [7] Heb. *bendeth* [8] Or, *But destruction* shall be *to &c.* [9] Or, *the shades* Heb. *Rephaim* [10] Or, *a contentious woman and vexation*

Findeth life, righteousness, and honor.
22 A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty,
And bringeth down the strength of the confidence thereof.
23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue
Keepeth his soul from troubles.
24 The proud and haughty man, scoffer is his name;
He worketh in the arrogance of pride.
25 The desire of the sluggard killeth him;
For his hands refuse to labor.
26 There is that coveteth greedily all the day long;
But the righteous giveth and withholdeth not.
27 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination:
How much more, when he bringeth it [1]with a wicked mind!
28 A false witness shall perish;
But the man that heareth shall speak so as to endure.
29 A wicked man hardeneth his face;
But as for the upright, [2]he establisheth his ways.
30 There is no wisdom nor understanding
Nor counsel against Jĕ-hō'văh.
31 The horse is prepared against the day of battle;
But [3]victory is of Jĕ-hō'văh.

22 A *good* name is rather to be chosen than great riches,
And [4]loving favor rather than silver and gold.
2 The rich and the poor meet together:
Jĕ-hō'văh is the maker of them all.
3 A prudent man seeth the evil, and hideth himself;
But the simple pass on, and [5]suffer for it.
4 The reward of humility *and* the fear of Jĕ-hō'văh
Is riches, and honor, and life.
5 Thorns *and* snares are in the way of the perverse:
He that keepeth his soul shall be far from them.
6 Train up a child [6]in the way he should go,
And even when he is old he will not depart from it.
7 The rich ruleth over the poor;
And the borrower is servant to the lender.
8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap [7]calamity;
And the rod of his wrath shall fail.
9 He that hath a [8]bountiful eye shall be blessed;
For he giveth of his bread to the poor.
10 Cast out the scoffer, and contention will go out;
Yea, strife and ignominy will cease.
11 He that loveth [9]pureness of heart,
[10]*For* the grace of his lips the king will be his friend.
12 The eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh preserve *him that hath* knowledge;
But he overthroweth the words of the treacherous man.
13 The sluggard saith, There is a lion without;
I shall be slain in the streets.
14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit;
He [11]that is abhorred of Jĕ-hō'văh shall fall therein.
15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;
But the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.
16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *gain*,
And he that giveth to the rich, *shall come* only to want.

17 Incline thine ear, and hear the words of the wise,
And apply thy heart unto my knowledge.
18 For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee,

1 Or, to atone *for wickedness* 2 Another reading is, *he considereth his way* 3 Or, *deliverance* 4 Or, *favor is better than &c.* 5 Heb. *are mulcted*
6 Heb. *according to his way* 7 Or, *vanity* 8 Heb. *good* 9 Another reading is, *the pure of heart* 10 Or, *Hath grace in his lips* Or, That *hath grace in his lips* 11 Or, *against whom Jehovah hath indignation*

Sundry Precepts and Warnings

If they be established together
upon thy lips.
19 That thy trust may be in Jĕ-
hō'vāh,
I have made *them* known to
thee this day, even to thee.
20 Have not I written unto thee
[1]excellent things
[2]Of counsels and knowledge,
21 To make thee know [3]the cer-
tainty of the words of truth,
That thou mayest carry back
words of truth to them that
send thee?

22 Rob not the poor, [4]because he
is poor;
Neither [5]oppress the afflicted
in the gate:
23 For Jĕ-hō'vāh will plead their
cause,
And despoil of life those that
despoil them.
24 Make no friendship with a man
that is given to anger;
And with a wrathful man thou
shalt not go:
25 Lest thou learn his ways,
And get a snare to thy soul.
26 Be thou not one of them that
strike hands,
Or of them that are sureties for
debts.
27 If thou hast not wherewith to pay,
Why should he take away thy
bed from under thee?
28 Remove not the ancient land-
mark,
Which thy fathers have set.
29 Seest thou a man [6]diligent in
his business? he shall stand
before kings;
He shall not stand before
[7]mean men.

23 When thou sittest to eat with
a ruler,
Consider diligently [8]him that is
before thee;
2 [9]And put a knife to thy throat,
If thou be a man given to ap-
petite.
3 Be not desirous of his dainties;
Seeing they are deceitful food.
4 Weary not thyself to be rich;
Cease [10]from thine own wisdom.
5 [11]Wilt thou set thine eyes upon
that which is not?
For *riches* certainly make them-
selves wings,
Like an eagle that flieth toward
heaven.
6 Eat thou not the bread of him
that hath an evil eye,
Neither desire thou his dainties:
7 For [12]as he thinketh within him-
self, so is he:
Eat and drink, saith he to thee;
But his heart is not with thee.
8 The morsel which thou hast
eaten shalt thou vomit up,
And lose thy sweet words.
9 Speak not in the hearing of a
fool;
For he will despise the wisdom
of thy words.
10 Remove not the ancient land-
mark;
And enter not into the fields of
the fatherless:
11 For their Redeemer is strong;
He will plead their cause
against thee.
12 Apply thy heart unto [13]instruc-
tion,
And thine ears to the words of
knowledge.
13 Withhold not correction from
the child;
For [14]if thou beat him with the
rod, he will not die.
14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod,
And shalt deliver his soul from
Shĕ'ōl.
15 My son, if thy heart be wise,
My heart will be glad, even
mine:
16 Yea, my [15]heart will rejoice,
When thy lips speak right
things.
17 Let not thy heart envy sinners;
But *be thou* in the fear of Jĕ-
hō'vāh all the day long:
18 For surely there is a [16]reward;
And thy hope shall not be cut
off.

[1] The word is doubtful. Another reading is, *heretofore* [2] Or, *in the words &c.* [3] Or, *of a certainty* [4] Or, *for* [5] Or, *crush* [6] Or, *skilful* [7] Heb. *obscure* [8] Or, *what* [9] Or, *For thou wilt put* [10] Or, *by reason of thine own understanding* [11] Or, *Wilt thou set thine eyes upon it? it is gone:* Heb. *Shall thine eyes fly upon it, and it is not?* [12] Or, *as one that reckoneth* [13] Or, *correction* [14] Or, *though* [15] Heb. *reins* [16] Or, *sequel* Or, *future* Heb. *latter end*

19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise,
And guide thy heart in the way.
20 Be not among winebibbers,
Among gluttonous eaters of flesh:
21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty;
And drowsiness will clothe *a man* with rags.
22 Hearken unto thy father that begat thee,
And despise not thy mother when she is old.
23 Buy the truth, and sell it not;
Yea, wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.
24 The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice;
And he that begetteth a wise child will have joy of him.
25 Let thy father and thy mother be glad,
And let her that bare thee rejoice.
26 My son, give me thy heart;
And let thine eyes [1]delight in my ways.
27 For a harlot is a deep ditch;
And a foreign woman is a narrow pit.
28 Yea, she lieth in wait [2]as a robber,
And increaseth the treacherous among men.
29 Who hath [3]woe? who hath [4]sorrow? who hath contentions?
Who hath complaining? who hath wounds without cause?
Who hath [5]redness of eyes?
30 They that tarry long at the wine;
They that go to [6]seek out mixed wine.
31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red,
When it sparkleth in the cup,
When it [7]goeth down smoothly:
32 At the last it biteth like a serpent,
And stingeth like an adder.
33 Thine eyes shall behold [8]strange things,
And thy heart shall utter perverse things.
34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea,
Or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.
35 They have stricken me, *shalt thou say,* and I was not hurt;
They have beaten me, and I felt it not:
When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

24 Be not thou envious against evil men;
Neither desire to be with them:
2 For their heart studieth oppression,
And their lips talk of mischief.
3 Through wisdom is a house builded;
And by understanding it is established;
4 And by knowledge are the chambers filled
With all precious and pleasant riches.
5 A wise man [9]is strong;
Yea, a man of knowledge [10]increaseth might.
6 For by wise guidance thou shalt make thy war;
And in the multitude of counsellors there is [11]safety.
7 Wisdom is too high for a fool:
He openeth not his mouth in the gate.
8 He that deviseth to do evil,
Men shall call him a mischief-maker.
9 The thought of foolishness is sin;
And the scoffer is an abomination to men.
10 If thou faint in the day of adversity,
Thy strength is small.
11 Deliver them that are carried away unto death,
And those that are [12]ready to be slain [13]see that thou hold back.
12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew not [14]this;

[1] Another reading is, *observe* [2] Or, *as for a prey* [3] Heb. *Oh!* [4] Heb. *Alas!* [5] Or, *darkness* [6] Or, *try* [7] Or, *moveth itself aright* [8] Or, *strange women*
[9] Heb. *is in strength* [10] Heb. *strengtheneth might* [11] Or, *victory* [12] Heb. *tottering to the slaughter* [13] Or, *forbear thou not to deliver* [14] Or, *this man*

Doth not he that weigheth the hearts consider it?
And he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it?
And shall not he render to every man according to his work?
13 My son, eat thou honey, for it is good;
And the droppings of the honeycomb, which are sweet to thy taste:
14 So shalt thou know wisdom to be unto thy soul;
If thou hast found it, then shall there be a reward,
And thy hope shall not be cut off.
15 Lay not wait, [1]O wicked man, against the [2]habitation of the righteous;
Destroy not his [3]resting-place:
16 For a righteous man falleth seven times, and riseth up again;
But the wicked are overthrown by calamity.
17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth,
And let not thy heart be glad when he is overthrown;
18 Lest Jĕ-hō'văh see it, and it displease him,
And he turn away his wrath from him.
19 Fret not thyself because of evil-doers;
Neither be thou envious at the wicked:
20 For there shall be no reward to the evil man;
The lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
21 My son, fear thou Jĕ-hō'văh and the king;
And company not with them that are given to change:
22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly;
And the destruction [4]from them both, who knoweth it?

23 These also are *sayings* of the wise.

To have respect of persons in judgment is not good.

24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous,
Peoples shall curse him, nations shall abhor him;
25 But to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight,
And a good blessing shall come upon them.
26 He [5]kisseth the lips
Who giveth a right answer.
27 Prepare thy work without,
And make it ready for thee in the field;
And afterwards build thy house.
28 Be not a witness against thy neighbor without cause;
[6]And deceive not with thy lips.
29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me;
I will render to the man according to his work.
30 I went by the field of the sluggard,
And by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;
31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns,
The face thereof was covered with [7]nettles,
And the stone wall thereof was broken down.
32 Then I beheld, and considered well;
I saw, and received instruction:
33 *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to sleep;
34 So shall thy poverty come as a robber,
And thy want as an armed man.

25 These also are proverbs of Sŏl'ō-mŏn, which the men of Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh copied out.

2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing;
But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.
3 As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
So the heart of kings is unsearchable.

1 Or, *as a wicked man* 2 Or, *pasture* 3 Or, *fold* 4 Or, *of their years*
5 Or, *kisseth with the lips* 6 Heb. *And wouldest thou deceive with thy lips?* 7 Or, *wild vetches*

4 Take away the dross from the silver,
And there cometh forth a vessel for the refiner:
5 Take away the wicked *from* before the king,
And his throne shall be established in righteousness.
6 [1]Put not thyself forward in the presence of the king,
And stand not in the place of great men:
7 For better is it that it be said unto thee, Come up hither,
Than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince,
Whom thine eyes have seen.
8 Go not forth hastily to strive,
[2]Lest *thou know not* what to do in the end thereof,
When thy neighbor hath put thee to shame.
9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbor *himself*,
[3]And disclose not the secret of another;
10 Lest he that heareth it revile thee,
And thine infamy turn not away.
11 A word [4]fitly spoken
Is *like* apples of gold in network of silver.
12 *As* [5]an ear-ring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold,
So is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.
13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest,
So is a faithful messenger to them that send him;
For he refresheth the soul of his masters.
14 *As* clouds and wind without rain,
So is he that boasteth himself [6]of his gifts falsely.
15 By long forbearing is a [7]ruler persuaded,
And a soft tongue breaketh the bone.
16 Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee,
Lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.
17 Let thy foot be seldom in thy neighbor's house,
Lest he be [8]weary of thee, and hate thee.
18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbor
Is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.
19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble
Is *like* a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.
20 *As* one that taketh off a garment in cold weather, *and as* vinegar upon soda,
So is he that singeth songs to a heavy heart.
21 If [9]thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat;
And if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:
22 For thou wilt heap coals of fire upon his head,
And Jĕ-hō'vāh will reward thee.
23 The north wind bringeth forth rain;
So doth a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.
24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop,
Than with a contentious woman in a wide house.
25 *As* cold waters to a [10]thirsty soul,
So is good news from a far country.
26 *As* a [11]troubled fountain, and a corrupted spring,
So is a righteous man that [12]giveth way before the wicked.
27 It is not good to eat much honey;
[13]So *for men* to search out their own glory is grievous.
28 [14]He whose spirit is without restraint
Is *like* a city that is broken down and without walls.

[1] Heb. *Glorify not thyself* [2] Or, *Lest* it be said *in the end thereof, What will thou do? when &c.* [3] Or, *But* [4] Or, *in due season* [5] Or, *a nose-ring* [6] Heb. *in a gift of falsehood* [7] Or, *judge* [8] Heb. *full of thee* [9] Heb. *he that hateth thee* [10] Or, *weary* [11] Heb. *trampled* [12] Or, *is moved* [13] Or, *But* for men *to search out their own glory is glory* The Hebrew text is obscure [14] Or, *He that hath no rule over his spirit*

26 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest,
So honor is not seemly for a fool.
2 As the sparrow in her wandering, as the swallow in her flying,
So the curse that is causeless [1]alighteth not.
3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass,
And a rod for the back of fools.
4 Answer not a fool according to his folly,
Lest thou also be like unto him.
5 Answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest he be wise in [2]his own conceit.
6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool
Cutteth off *his own* feet, *and* drinketh in damage.
7 The legs of the lame hang loose;
So is a parable in the mouth of fools.
8 As one that bindeth a stone in a sling,
So is he that giveth honor to a fool.
9 *As* a thorn that goeth up into the hand of a drunkard,
So is a parable in the mouth of fools.
10 [3]*As* an archer that woundeth all,
So is he that hireth a fool and he that hireth them that pass by.
11 As a dog that returneth to his vomit,
So is a fool that repeateth his folly.
12 Seest thou a man wise in [2]his own conceit?
There is more hope of a fool than of him.
13 The sluggard saith, There is a lion in the way;
A lion is in the streets.
14 *As* the door turneth upon its hinges,
So doth the sluggard upon his bed.
15 The sluggard burieth his hand in the dish;
It wearieth him to bring it again to his mouth.
16 The sluggard is wiser in [2]his own conceit
Than seven men that can [4]render a reason.
17 [5]He that passeth by, *and* vexeth himself with strife belonging not to him,
Is *like* one that taketh a dog by the ears.
18 As a madman who casteth firebrands,
Arrows, and death,
19 So is the man that deceiveth his neighbor,
And saith, Am not I in sport?
20 For lack of wood the fire goeth out;
And where there is no whisperer, contention ceaseth.
21 *As* coals are to hot embers, and wood to fire,
So is a contentious man to inflame strife.
22 The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels,
And they go down into the innermost parts.
23 Fervent lips and a wicked heart
Are *like* an earthen vessel overlaid with silver dross.
24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips;
But he layeth up deceit within him:
25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not;
For there are seven abominations in his heart:
26 Though *his* hatred cover itself with guile,
His wickedness shall be openly showed before the assembly.
27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein;

[1] Heb *cometh not* [2] Heb. *his own eyes*
[3] Or, *a master worker formeth all things; But he that hireth the fool is as one that hireth them that pass by* The Hebrew text is obscure
[4] Or, *answer discreetly* [5] Or, *He that vexeth himself . . . Is* like *one that taketh a passing dog &c.*

And he that rolleth a stone, it
shall return upon him.
28 A lying tongue hateth those
whom it hath [1]wounded;
And a flattering mouth work-
eth ruin.
27 Boast not thyself of to-
morrow;
For thou knowest not what a
day may bring forth.
2 Let another man praise thee,
and not thine own mouth;
A stranger, and not thine own
lips.
3 A stone is heavy, and the sand
weighty;
But a fool's vexation is heavier
than they both.
4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is
[2]overwhelming;
But who is able to stand before
jealousy?
5 Better is open rebuke
Than love that is hidden.
6 Faithful are the wounds of a
friend;
But the kisses of an enemy are
profuse.
7 The full soul [3]loatheth a honey-
comb;
But to the hungry soul every
bitter thing is sweet.
8 As a bird that wandereth from
her nest,
So is a man that wandereth
from his place.
9 Oil and perfume rejoice the
heart;
So doth the sweetness of a
man's friend *that cometh* of
hearty counsel.
10 Thine own friend, and thy
father's friend, forsake not;
And go not to thy brother's
house in the day of thy ca-
lamity:
Better is a neighbor that is
near than a brother far
off.
11 My son, be wise, and make my
heart glad,
That I may answer him that re-
proacheth me.
12 A prudent man seeth the evil,
and hideth himself;
But the simple pass on, *and*
suffer for it.
13 Take his garment that is surety
for a stranger;
And hold him in pledge *that is*
surety for a foreign woman.
14 He that blesseth his friend with
a loud voice, rising early in
the morning,
It shall be counted a curse to
him.
15 A continual dropping in a very
rainy day
And a contentious woman are
alike:
16 He that would [4]restrain her [5]re-
straineth the wind;
And [6]his right hand encoun-
tereth oil.
17 Iron sharpeneth iron;
So a man sharpeneth the coun-
tenance of his friend.
18 Whoso keepeth the fig-tree
shall eat the fruit thereof;
And he that regardeth his mas-
ter shall be honored.
19 [7]As in water face *answereth* to
face,
So the heart of man to man.
20 Shĕ'ōl and Ă-băd'dŏn are
never satisfied;
And the eyes of man are never
satisfied.
21 The refining pot is for silver,
and the furnace for gold;
And a man is *tried* by [8]his
praise.
22 Though thou shouldest bray a
fool in a mortar with a pestle
along with bruised grain,
Yet will not his foolishness de-
part from him.

23 Be thou diligent to know the
state of thy flocks,
And look well to thy herds:
24 For riches are not for ever;
And doth the crown endure
unto all generations?
25 The [9]hay is carried, and the
tender grass showeth itself,
And the herbs of the moun-
tains are gathered in.

[1] Heb. *crushed* [2] Heb. *a flood* [3] Heb. *trampleth upon*
[4] Heb. *hide* [5] Heb. *hideth* [6] Or, *the oil of his right hand betrayeth itself* [7] Or, *As water* showeth *face to face, so the heart* showeth *man to man* [8] Or, *that which he praiseth* Or, *that whereof he boasteth* [9] Heb. *grass*

Sundry Antithetic Proverbs

26 The lambs are for thy clothing,
And the goats are the price of the field;
27 And *there will be* goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household,
And maintenance for thy maidens.

28 The wicked flee when no man pursueth;
But the righteous are bold as a lion.
2 For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof;
But by [1]men of understanding *and* knowledge the state *thereof* shall be prolonged.
3 A needy man that oppresseth the poor
Is *like* a sweeping rain [2]which leaveth no food.
4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked;
But such as keep the law contend with them.
5 Evil men understand not justice;
But they that seek Jĕ-hō'văh understand all things.
6 Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity,
Than he that is [3]perverse in *his* ways, though he be rich.
7 Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son;
But he that is a companion of gluttons shameth his father.
8 He that augmenteth his substance by interest and increase,
Gathereth it for him that hath pity on the poor.
9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law,
Even his prayer is an abomination.
10 Whoso causeth the upright to go astray in an evil way,
He shall fall himself into his own pit;
But the perfect shall inherit good.
11 The rich man is wise in [4]his own conceit;
But the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.
12 When the righteous triumph, there is great glory;
But when the wicked rise, men [5]hide themselves.
13 He that covereth his transgressions shall not prosper;
But whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall obtain mercy.
14 Happy is the man that feareth alway;
But he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into [6]mischief.
15 *As* a roaring lion, and a ranging bear,
So is a wicked ruler over a poor people.
16 [7]The prince that lacketh understanding is also a great oppressor;
But he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.
17 A man that is laden with the blood of any person
Shall flee unto the pit; let no man stay him.
18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be delivered;
But [8]he that is perverse in *his* ways shall fall at once.
19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread;
But he that followeth after vain *persons* shall have poverty enough.
20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings;
But he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be unpunished.
21 To have respect of persons is not good;
[9]Neither that a man should transgress for a piece of bread.
22 He that hath an evil eye hasteth after riches,
And knoweth not that want shall come upon him.

[1] Or, *a man* [2] Heb. *without food* [3] Heb. *perverse of two ways* [4] Heb. *his own eyes* [5] Heb. *must be searched for* [6] Or, *calamity* [7] Or, *O prince that lackest understanding and art a great oppressor, He &c.* [8] Or, *he that walketh perversely in two ways* [9] Or, *For for a piece of bread a man will transgress*

Sundry Antithetic Proverbs

23 He that rebuketh a man shall
afterward find more favor
Than he that flattereth with
the tongue.
24 Whoso robbeth his father or
his mother, and saith, It is
no transgression,
The same is the companion of
a destroyer.
25 He that is of a greedy spirit
stirreth up strife;
But he that putteth his trust in
Jĕ-hō'văh shall be made fat.
26 He that trusteth in his own
heart is a fool;
But whoso walketh wisely, he
shall be delivered.
27 He that giveth unto the poor
shall not lack;
But he that hideth his eyes
shall have many a curse.
28 When the wicked rise, men
hide themselves;
But when they perish, the
righteous increase.
29 He that being often reproved
hardeneth his neck
Shall suddenly be destroyed,
and that without remedy.
2 When the righteous [1]are in-
creased, the people rejoice;
But when a wicked man bear-
eth rule, the people sigh.
3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth
his father;
But he that keepeth company
with harlots wasteth *his* sub-
stance.
4 The king by justice establish-
eth the land;
But [2]he that exacteth gifts over-
throweth it.
5 A man that flattereth his neigh-
bor
Spreadeth a net for his steps.
6 In the transgression of an evil
man there is a snare;
But the righteous doth sing and
rejoice.
7 The righteous taketh knowl-
edge of the cause of the
poor;
The wicked [3]hath not under-
standing to know *it*.
8 Scoffers set a city in a flame;
But wise men turn away
wrath.
9 If a wise man hath a contro-
versy with a foolish man,
[4]Whether he be angry or laugh,
there will be no rest.
10 The bloodthirsty hate him that
is perfect;
[5]And as for the upright, they
seek his life.
11 A fool uttereth all his [6]anger;
But a wise man keepeth it back
and stilleth it.
12 If a ruler hearkeneth to false-
hood,
All his servants are wicked.
13 The poor man and the oppres-
sor meet together;
Jĕ-hō'văh lighteneth the eyes
of them both.
14 The king that faithfully judg-
eth the poor,
His throne shall be established
for ever.
15 The rod and reproof give wis-
dom;
But a child left to himself
causeth shame to his mother.
16 When the wicked [1]are in-
creased, transgression in-
creaseth;
But the righteous shall look
upon their fall.
17 Correct thy son, and he will
give thee rest;
Yea, he will give delight unto
thy soul.
18 Where there is no vision, the
people cast off restraint;
But he that keepeth the law,
happy is he.
19 A servant will not be corrected
by words;
For though he understand, he
will not [7]give heed.
20 Seest thou a man that is hasty
in his [8]words?
There is more hope of a fool
than of him.
21 He that delicately bringeth up
his servant from a child
Shall have him become [9]a son
at the last.

[1] Or, *are in authority* [2] Or, *he that imposeth tribute* Heb. *a man of offerings* [3] Or, *understandeth not knowledge*
[4] Or, *He rageth and laugheth, and there is no rest* [5] Or, *But the upright care for his soul* [6] Heb. *spirit* [7] Heb. *answer* [8] Or, *business* [9] The meaning of the word is doubtful

22 An angry man stirreth up strife,
And a wrathful man aboundeth in transgression.
23 A man's pride shall bring him low;
But he that is of a lowly spirit shall obtain honor.
24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul;
He heareth the adjuration and uttereth nothing.
25 The fear of man bringeth a snare;
But whoso putteth his trust in Jĕ-hō'văh [1]shall be safe.
26 Many seek the ruler's favor;
But a man's judgment *cometh* from Jĕ-hō'văh.
27 An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous;
And he that is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked.

30 The words of Ā'gŭr the son of [2]Jā'kĕh; the [3]oracle.

The man saith [4]unto ĭth'ĭ-ĕl,
unto ĭth'ĭ-ĕl and ŭ'căl:
2 Surely I am more brutish than any man,
And have not the understanding of a man;
3 And I have not learned wisdom,
[5]Neither have I the knowledge of the Holy One.
4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, and descended?
Who hath gathered the wind in his fists?
Who hath bound the waters in his garment?
Who hath established all the ends of the earth?
What is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou knowest?

5 Every word of God is [6]tried:
He is a shield unto them that take refuge in him.
6 Add thou not unto his words,
Lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

7 Two things have I asked of thee;
Deny me *them* not before I die:
8 Remove far from me falsehood and lies;
Give me neither poverty nor riches;
Feed me with [7]the food that is needful for me:
9 Lest I be full, and deny *thee*, and say, Who is Jĕ-hō'văh?
Or lest I be poor, and steal,
And [8]use profanely the name of my God.

10 Slander not a servant unto his master,
Lest he curse thee, and thou be held guilty.

11 There is a generation that curse their father,
And bless not their mother.
12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes,
And *yet* are not washed from their filthiness.
13 There is a generation, oh how lofty are their eyes!
And their eyelids are lifted up.
14 There is a generation whose teeth are *as* swords, and their jaw teeth *as* knives,
To devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.

15 The [9]horseleach hath two daughters, [10]*crying*, Give, give.
There are three things that are never satisfied,
Yea, four that say not, Enough:
16 Shĕ'ōl; and the barren womb;
The earth that is not satisfied with water;
And the fire that saith not, Enough.
17 The eye that mocketh at his father,
And despiseth to obey his mother,

[1] Heb. *shall be set on high* [2] Or, *Jakeh, of Massa* See Gen. 25.14 [3] Or, *burden* [4] Or, as otherwise read, *I have wearied myself, O God, I have wearied myself, O God, and am consumed: For I am &c.* [5] Or, *That I should have the knowledge &c.* [6] Heb. *purified*
[7] Heb. *the bread of my portion* [8] Heb. *handle the name* [9] Or, *vampire* [10] Or, called

The ravens of [1]the valley shall
pick it out,
And the [2]young eagles shall eat
it.

18 There are three things which
are too wonderful for me,
Yea, four which I know not:
19 The way of an eagle in the air;
The way of a serpent upon a
rock;
The way of a ship in the midst
of the sea;
And the way of a man with a
maiden.
20 So is the way of an adulterous
woman;
She eateth, and wipeth her
mouth,
And saith, I have done no wick-
edness.

21 [3]For three things the earth
doth tremble,
And for four, *which* it cannot
bear:
22 For a servant when he is king;
And a fool when he is filled with
food;
23 For an odious woman when she
is married;
And a handmaid that is heir to
her mistress.

24 There are four things which are
little upon the earth,
But they are exceeding wise:
25 The ants are a people not
[4]strong,
Yet they provide their food in
the summer;
26 The conies are but a feeble
folk,
Yet make they their houses in
the rocks;
27 The locusts have no king,
Yet go they forth all of them by
bands;
28 The lizard [4]taketh hold with her
hands,
Yet is she in kings' palaces.

29 There are three things which
are stately in their march,
Yea, four which are stately in
going:
30 The lion, which is mightiest
among beasts,
And turneth not away for any;
31 The [5]greyhound; the he-goat
also;
And the king [6]against whom
there is no rising up.

32 If thou hast done foolishly in
lifting up thyself,
Or if thou hast thought evil,
Lay thy hand upon thy mouth.
33 For the [7]churning of milk bring-
eth forth butter,
And the [7]wringing of the nose
bringeth forth blood;
So the [7]forcing of wrath bring-
eth forth strife.

31 [8]The words of king Lĕm'-
ū-ĕl; the [9]oracle which his
mother taught him.

2 What, my son? and what, O
son of my womb?
And what, O son of my vows?
3 Give not thy strength unto
women,
Nor thy ways to [10]that which
destroyeth kings.
4 It is not for kings, O Lĕm'-
ū-ĕl, it is not for kings to
drink wine;
Nor for princes [11]*to say*, Where
is strong drink?
5 Lest they drink, and forget
[12]the law,
And pervert the justice *due* to
[13]any that is afflicted.
6 Give strong drink unto him
that is ready to perish,
And wine unto the bitter in soul:
7 Let him drink, and forget his
poverty,
And remember his misery no
more.
8 Open thy mouth for the dumb,
In the cause of all such as are
[14]left desolate.

[1] Or, *the brook* [2] Or, *vultures* [3] Heb. *Under* [4] Or, *thou canst seize with thy hands* [5] Or, *war-horse* Heb. *well girt* (or, *well knit*) *in the loins* [6] Or, *when his army is with him* [7] Heb. *pressing* [8] Or, *The words of Lemuel king of Massa, which &c.* See ch. 30.1, margin [9] Or, *burden* [10] Or, as otherwise read, *them that destroy* [11] Another reading is, *to desire strong drink* [12] Heb. *that which is decreed* [13] Heb. *all the sons of affliction* [14] Or, *ready to pass away* Heb. *the sons of passing away*

Description of a Worthy Woman

9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously,
And minister justice to the poor and needy.

10 A worthy woman who can find?
For her price is far above rubies.
11 The heart of her husband trusteth in her,
And he shall have no lack of [1]gain.
12 She doeth him good and not evil
All the days of her life.
13 She seeketh wool and flax,
And worketh [2]willingly with her hands.
14 She is like the merchant-ships;
She bringeth her bread from afar.
15 She riseth also while it is yet night,
And giveth food to her household,
And their [3]task to her maidens.
16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it;
With the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
17 She girdeth her loins with strength,
And maketh strong her arms.
18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is profitable;
Her lamp goeth not out by night.
19 She layeth her hands to the distaff,
And her [4]hands hold the spindle.
20 She stretcheth out her [5]hand to the poor;
Yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household;
For all her household are clothed with scarlet.
22 She maketh for herself [6]carpets of tapestry;
Her clothing is fine linen and purple.
23 Her husband is known in the gates,
When he sitteth among the elders of the land.
24 She maketh linen garments and selleth them,
And delivereth girdles unto the [7]merchant.
25 Strength and dignity are her clothing;
And she laugheth at the time to come.
26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom;
And the [8]law of kindness is on her tongue.
27 She looketh well to the ways of her household,
And eateth not the bread of idleness.
28 Her children rise up, and call her blessed;
Her husband *also*, and he praiseth her, *saying:*
29 Many daughters have done worthily,
But thou excellest them all.
30 Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain;
But a woman that feareth Jĕhō'vāh, she shall be praised.
31 Give her of the fruit of her hands;
And let her works praise her in the gates.

1 Heb. *spoil* 2 Or, *at the business of* 3 Or, *portion* 4 Heb. *palms* 5 Heb. *palm*
6 Or, *cushions* 7 Heb. *Canaanite* 8 Or, *teaching*

ECCLESIASTES

OR, THE PREACHER

The Preacher declares all things to be vain. His own Experience

1 The words of [1]the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher; vanity of vanities, all is vanity. 3 What profit hath man of all his labor wherein he laboreth under the sun? 4 One generation goeth, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever. 5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to its place where it ariseth. 6 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it turneth about continually in its course, and the wind returneth again to its circuits. 7 All the [2]rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full; unto the place whither the rivers go, thither they go again. 8 [3]All things are full of weariness; man cannot utter *it*: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. 9 That which hath been is that which shall be; and that which hath been done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. 10 Is there a thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been long ago, in the ages which were before us. 11 There is no remembrance of the former *generations*; neither shall there be any remembrance of the latter *generations* that are to come, among those that shall come after.

12 I the Preacher was king over Ĭs'rā-ĕl in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 13 And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven: it is a sore travail that God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised therewith. 14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and [4]a striving after wind. 15 That which is crooked cannot be made straight; and [5]that which is wanting cannot be numbered. 16 I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I have gotten me great wisdom [6]above all that were before me [7]in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; yea, my heart [8]hath had great experience of wisdom and knowledge. 17 And I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also was a striving after wind. 18 For in much wisdom is much grief; and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

2 I said in my heart, Come now, I will prove thee with mirth; [9]therefore enjoy [10]pleasure: and, behold, this also was vanity. 2 I said of laughter, It is mad; and of mirth, What doeth it? 3 I searched in my heart how to cheer my flesh with wine, my heart yet [11]guiding *me* with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what it was good for the sons of men that they should do under heaven [12]all the days of their life. 4 I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards; 5 I made me gardens and parks, and I planted trees in them of all kinds of fruit; 6 I made me pools of water, to water therefrom the forest where trees were reared; 7 I bought men-servants and maid-servants, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of herds and flocks, above all that were before me in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; 8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the

[1] Heb. *Koheleth* [2] Or, *torrents* [3] Or, *All words are feeble* [4] Or, *a feeding on wind* (see Hos. 12.1) Or, *vexation of spirit* and so elsewhere [5] Heb. *defect* [6] Or, *yea, more than all* [7] Heb. *over* [8] Heb. *hath seen abundantly* [9] Or, *and thou shalt enjoy* [10] Or, *good* [11] Or, *holding its course* [12] Heb. *the number of days of their life*

treasure of kings and of the provinces; I gat me men-singers and women-singers, and the delights of the sons of men, [1]musical instruments, and that of all sorts. 9 So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm: also my wisdom [2]remained with me. 10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them; I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced because of all my labor; and this was my portion from all my labor. 11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored to do; and, behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was no profit under the sun.

12 And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what *can* the man *do* that cometh [3]after the king? *even* that which hath been done long ago. 13 Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness. 14 The wise man's eyes are in his head, and the fool walketh in darkness: and yet I perceived that one event happeneth to them all. 15 Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so will it happen even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then said I in my heart, that this also is vanity. 16 For of the wise man, even as of the fool, there is no remembrance for ever; seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. And how doth the wise man die even as the fool! 17 So I hated life, because the work that is wrought under the sun was grievous unto me; for all is vanity and a striving after wind.

18 And I hated all my labor wherein I labored under the sun, seeing that I must leave it unto the man that shall be after me. 19 And who knoweth whether he will be a wise man or a fool? yet will he have rule over all my labor wherein I have labored, and wherein I have showed myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity. 20 Therefore I turned about to cause my heart to despair concerning all the labor wherein I had labored under the sun. 21 For there is a man whose labor is with wisdom, and with knowledge, and with [4]skilfulness; yet to a man that hath not labored therein shall he [5]leave it for his portion. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22 For what hath a man of all his labor, and of the [6]striving of his heart, wherein he laboreth under the sun? 23 For all his days are *but* sorrows, and his travail is grief; yea, even in the night his heart taketh no rest. This also is vanity.

24 There is nothing better for a man *than* that he should eat and drink, and make his soul enjoy good in his labor. This also I saw, that it is from the hand of God. 25 For who can eat, or who can [7]have enjoyment, [8]more than I? 26 For to the man that pleaseth him *God* giveth wisdom, and knowledge, and joy; but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that pleaseth God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

3 For everything there is a season, and a time for every [9]purpose under heaven: 2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; 3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 a time to seek, and time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence,

[1] Or, *concubines very many* The meaning of the Hebrew is very uncertain [2] Or, *stood by me* [3] Or, *after the king, even him whom they made king long ago?* Or, *after the king, in those things which have been already done?*

[4] Or, *success* [5] Heb. *give* [6] Or, *vexation* [7] Or, *hasten* thereto [8] Acc. to Sept. and Syr., *apart from him* [9] Or, *matter*

and a time to speak; 8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. 9 What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboreth? 10 I have seen the travail which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised therewith. 11 He hath made everything beautiful in its time: also he hath set [1]eternity in their heart, yet so that man cannot find out the work that God hath done from the beginning even to the end. 12 I know that there is nothing better for them, than to rejoice, and [2]to do good so long as they live. 13 And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy good in all his labor, is the gift of God. 14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it; and God hath done it, that men should fear before him. 15 [3]That which is hath been long ago; and that which is to be hath long ago been: and God seeketh again that which is [4]passed away.

16 And moreover I saw under the sun, in the place of justice, that wickedness was there; and in the place of righteousness, that wickedness was there. 17 I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked; for there is a time there for every [5]purpose and for every work. 18 [6]I said in my heart, *It is* because of the sons of men, that God may prove them, and that they may see that they themselves are *but as* beasts. 19 For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one [7]breath; and man hath no preeminence above the beasts: for all is vanity. 20 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. 21 Who knoweth the spirit [8]of man, [9]whether it goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast, [9]whether it goeth downward to the earth? 22 Wherefore I saw that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his works; for that is his portion: for who shall bring him *back* to see what shall be after him?

4 Then I returned and saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and, behold, the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter. 2 Wherefore I praised the dead that have been long dead more than the living that are yet alive; 3 yea, [10]better than them both *did I esteem* him that hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun. 4 Then I saw all labor and every [11]skilful work, that [12]for this a man is envied of his neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind. 5 The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh. 6 Better is a handful, [13]with quietness, than two handfuls [13]with labor and striving after wind.

7 Then I returned and saw vanity under the sun. 8 There is one that is alone, and he hath no a second; yea, he hath neither son nor brother; yet is there no end of all his labor, neither are his eyes satisfied with riches. For whom then, *saith he,* do I labor, and deprive my soul of good? This also is vanity, yea, it is a sore travail. 9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. 10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth, and hath not another to lift him up. 11 Again, if two lie together, then they have warmth: but how can one be warm *alone*? 12 And if a man prevail against him that is alone, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

[1] Or, *the world* [2] Or, *to get good* [3] Or, *That which hath been is now* [4] Heb. *driven away* [5] Or, *matter* [6] Or, *I said in my heart concerning the sons of men,* It is *that God &c.* [7] Or, *spirit* [8] Heb. *of the sons of men* [9] Or, *that goeth* [10] Or, *better than the both is he that &c.* [11] Or, *successful* [12] Or *it cometh of a man's rivalry with his neighbo* [13] Or, *of*

13 Better is a poor and wise
youth than an old and foolish
king, who knoweth not how to re-
ceive admonition any more. 14
For out of prison he came forth to
be king; yea, even in his kingdom
he was born poor. 15 I saw all
the living that walk under the sun,
that they were with the youth, the
second, that stood up in his stead.
16 [1]There was no end of all the
people, even of all them over
whom he was: yet they that come
after shall not rejoice in him.
Surely this also is vanity and a
striving after wind.

*5 Keep thy foot when thou go-
est to the house of God; for to
draw nigh to hear is better than to
give the sacrifice of fools: for they
know not that they do evil. †2 Be
not rash with thy mouth, and let
not thy heart be hasty to utter
[3]anything before God; for God is
in heaven, and thou upon earth:
therefore let thy words be few.
3 For a dream cometh with a mul-
titude of [5]business, and a fool's
voice with a multitude of words.
4 When thou vowest a vow unto
God, defer not to pay it; for he
hath no pleasure in fools: pay
that which thou vowest. 5 Better
is it that thou shouldest not vow,
than that thou shouldest vow and
not pay. 6 Suffer not thy mouth
to cause thy flesh to sin; neither
say thou before the [4]angel, that it
was an error: wherefore should
God be angry at thy voice, and de-
stroy the work of thy hands? 7 For
in the multitude of dreams there
are vanities, and in many words:
but fear thou God.

8 If thou seest the oppression
of the poor, and the violent taking
away of justice and righteousness
in [5]a province, marvel not at the
matter: for one higher than the
high regardeth; and there are
higher than they. 9 [6]Moreover
the profit of the earth is for all: the
king *himself* is served by the field.
10 He that loveth silver shall
not be satisfied with silver; nor he
that loveth abundance, with in-
crease: this also is vanity. 11
When goods increase, they are in-
creased that eat them; and what
advantage is there to the owner
thereof, save the beholding *of
them* with his eyes? 12 The sleep
of a laboring man is sweet, whether
he eat little or much; but the ful-
ness of the rich will not suffer him
to sleep.

13 There is a grievous evil which
I have seen under the sun, *namely*,
riches kept by the owner thereof
to his hurt: 14 and those riches
perish by evil [5]adventure; and if he
hath begotten a son, there is noth-
ing in his hand. 15 As he came
forth from his mother's womb,
naked shall he go again as he
came, and shall take nothing for
his labor, which he may carry
away in his hand. 16 And this
also is a grievous evil, that in all
points as he came, so shall he go:
and what profit hath he that he
laboreth for the wind? 17 All his
days also he eateth in darkness,
and he is sore vexed, and hath
sickness and wrath.

18 Behold, [7]that which I have
seen to be good and to be comely
is for one to eat and to drink, and
to enjoy good in all his labor,
wherein he laboreth under the
sun, [8]all the days of his life which
God hath given him: for this is his
portion. 19 Every man also to
whom God hath given riches and
wealth, and hath given him power
to eat thereof, and to take his por-
tion, and to rejoice in his labor—
this is the gift of God. 20 For he
shall not much remember the days
of his life; because God answereth
him in the joy of his heart.

6 There is an evil which I have
seen under the sun, and it is
heavy upon men: 2 a man to whom
God giveth riches, wealth, and
honor, so that he lacketh nothing

[1] Or, *There is no end, in the mind of all the people, to all that hath been before them; they also &c.* [2] Or, *a word* [3] Or, *travail* [4] Or, *messenger* of God See Mal. 2.7 [5] Or, *the state* [6] Or, *But the profit of a land every way is a king that maketh himself servant to the field* (or, *is a king over the cultivated field*)

[7] Or, *that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one &c.* [8] Heb. *the number of the days*
*[Ch. 4.17 in Heb.] †[Ch. 5.1 in Heb.]

for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but an alien eateth it; this is vanity, and it is an evil disease. 3 If a man beget a hundred children, and live many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul be not filled with good, and moreover he have no burial; I say, that an untimely birth is better than he: 4 for it cometh in vanity, and departeth in darkness, and the name thereof is covered with darkness; 5 moreover it hath not seen the sun [1]nor known it; [2]this hath rest rather than the other: 6 yea, though he live a thousand years twice told, and yet enjoy no good, do not all go to one place?

7 All the labor of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled. 8 For what advantage hath the wise more than the fool? [3]*or* what hath the poor man, that knoweth how to walk before the living? 9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

10 [4]Whatsoever hath been, the name thereof was given long ago; and it is known what [5]man is; neither can he contend with him that is mightier than he. 11 Seeing there are many [6]things that increase vanity, what is man the better? 12 For who knoweth what is good for man in *his* life, [7]all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

7 A *good* name is better than precious oil; and the day of death, than the day of one's birth. 2 It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. 3 Sorrow is better than laughter; for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made [8]glad. 4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools. 6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is vanity. 7 [9]Surely extortion maketh the wise man foolish; and a bribe destroyeth the understanding.

8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof; *and* the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. 9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be [10]angry; for [11]anger resteth in the bosom of fools. 10 Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire [12]wisely concerning this.

11 Wisdom [13]is as good as an inheritance; yea, more excellent is it for them that see the sun. 12 For wisdom is a defence, even as money is a defence; but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom preserveth the life of him that hath it. 13 Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked? 14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider; yea, God hath made the one side by side with the other, to the end that man should not find out anything *that shall be* after him.

15 All this have I seen in my days of vanity: there is a righteous man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that prolongeth *his life* in his evil-doing. 16 Be not righteous overmuch; neither make thyself overwise: why shouldest thou destroy thyself? 17 Be not overmuch wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time? 18 It is good

[1] Or, *neither had any knowledge* [2] Or, *it is better with this than with the other* [3] Or, *or the poor man that hath understanding, in walking before the living* [4] Or, *Whatsoever he be, his name was given him long ago, and it is known that he is man* [5] Heb. *Adam* See Gen. 2.7 [6] Or, *words* [7] Heb. *the number of the days*

[8] Or, *better* [9] Or, *For* [10] Or, *vexed* [11] Or *vexation* [12] Heb. *out of wisdom* [13] Or, *A good together with an inheritance, and profitable unto them &c.*

that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from that withdraw not thy hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth from them all.

19 Wisdom is a strength to the wise man more than ten rulers that are in a city. 20 [1]Surely there is not a righteous man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. 21 Also [2]take not heed unto all words that are spoken, lest thou hear thy servant curse thee; 22 for oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.

23 All this have I [3]proved in wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me. 24 That which [4]is, is far off and exceeding deep; who can find it out? 25 I turned about, and my heart *was set* to know and to search out, and to seek wisdom and the reason *of things*, and to know [5]that wickedness is folly, and that foolishness is madness. 26 And I find more bitter than death the woman [6]whose heart is snares and nets, *and* whose hands are bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her. 27 Behold, this have I found, saith the Preacher, [7]*laying* one thing to another, to find out the account; 28 which my soul still seeketh, but I have not found: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found. 29 Behold, this only have I found: that God made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

8 Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the [8]hardness of his face is changed. 2 I *counsel thee*, Keep the king's command, and that in regard of the oath of God. 3 Be not hasty to go out of his presence; persist not in an evil thing: for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him. 4 For the king's word *hath* power; and who may say unto him, What doest thou? 5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall know no evil thing; and a wise man's heart discerneth time and judgment: 6 for to every [9]purpose there is a time and judgment; because the [10]misery of man is great upon him: 7 for he knoweth not that which shall be; [11]for who can tell him how it shall be? 8 There is no man that hath power over the [12] spirit to retain the [12]spirit; neither hath he power over the day of death; and there is no discharge [13]in war: neither shall wickedness deliver him that is given to it.

9 All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: [14]*there is* a time wherein one man hath power over another [15]to his hurt. 10 So I saw the wicked buried, [16]and they came *to the grave*; and they that had done right went away from the holy place, and were forgotten in the city: this also is vanity. 11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is [17]fully set in them to do evil. 12 Though a sinner do evil a hundred times, and prolong his *days*, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, that fear before him: 13 but it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong *his* days, *which are* as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.

14 There is a vanity which is done upon the earth, that there are righteous men unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there are wicked men to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous: I said that this also is vanity.

[1] Or, *For* [2] Heb. *give not thy heart* [3] Or, *tried by* [4] Or, *hath been* [5] Or, *the wickedness of folly, and foolishness* which is *madness* [6] Or, *who is a snare, and her heart is as nets* [7] Or, weighing *one thing after another, to find out the reason* [8] Heb. *strength* [9] Or, *matter* [10] Or, *evil* [11] Or, *for* even *when it cometh to pass, who shall declare it unto him?* [12] Or, *wind* [13] Or, *in battle* [14] Or, *what time one man had &c.* [15] Or, *to to his own hurt* [16] Or, *who had come and gone away from the holy place; and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done* Or, *and men came and went &c.* [17] Or, *emboldened*

15 Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be joyful: [1]for that shall abide with him in his labor *all* the days of his life which God hath given him under the sun.

16 When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the [2]business that is done upon the earth ([3]for also there is that neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes), 17 then I beheld all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because however much a man labor to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yea moreover, though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it. 9 1 For all this I laid to my heart, even to explore all this: that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God; whether it be love or hatred, man knoweth it not; all is before them.

2 All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth and to him that sacrificeth not; as is the good, so is the sinner; *and* he that sweareth, as he that feareth an oath. 3 This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea also, the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that *they go* to the dead. 4 [4]For to him that is joined with all the living there is hope; for a living dog is better than a dead lion. 5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. 6 As well their love, as their hatred and their envy, is perished long ago; neither have they any more a portion for ever in anything that is done under the sun.

7 Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God hath already accepted thy works. 8 Let thy garments be always white; and let not thy head lack oil. 9 [5]Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of thy life of vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all thy days of vanity: for that is thy portion in life, and in thy labor wherein thou laborest under the sun. 10 Whatsoever thy hand [6]findeth to do, do *it* with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in Shĕ'ōl, whither thou goest.

11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all. 12 For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; even so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

13 I have also seen wisdom under the sun on this wise, and it seemed great unto me: 14 There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it. 15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man. 16 Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard. 17 The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the cry of him that ruleth among fools. 18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war; but one sinner destroyeth much good.

[1] Or, *and that this should accompany him*
[2] Or, *travail* [3] Or, *how that neither by day nor by night do men see sleep with their eyes*
[4] Another reading is, *For who is exempted? With all &c.* or, *who can choose? With all &c.*
[5] Or, *Enjoy* (Heb. *See*) *life* [6] Or, *attaineth to do by thy strength*, that *do*

10 Dead flies cause the oil of the perfumer [1]to send forth an evil odor; *so* doth a little folly [2]outweigh wisdom and honor. 2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left. 3 Yea also, when the fool walketh by the way, his [3]understanding faileth him, and he saith [4]to every one *that* he is a fool. 4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place; for [5]gentleness allayeth great offences.

5 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as it were an error which proceedeth from the ruler: 6 folly is set in great [6]dignity, and the rich sit in a low place. 7 I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking like servants upon the earth.

8 He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh through a wall, a serpent shall bite him. 9 Whoso [7]heweth out stones shall be hurt therewith; *and* he that cleaveth wood is endangered thereby. 10 If the iron be blunt, and one do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct. 11 [8]If the serpent bite [9]before it is charmed, then is there no advantage in [10]the charmer.

12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself. 13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness; and the end of [11]his talk is mischievous madness. 14 A fool also multiplieth words: *yet* man knoweth not what shall be; and that which shall be after him, who can tell him? 15 The labor of fools wearieth every one of them; for he knoweth not how to go to the city.

16 Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a [12]child, and thy princes eat in the morning! 17 Happy art thou, O land, when thy king is [13]the son of nobles, and thy princes [14]eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness! 18 By slothfulness the [15]roof sinketh in; and through idleness of the hands the house leaketh. 19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh glad the life; and money answereth all things. 20 Revile not the king, no, not in thy thought; and revile not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the heavens shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

11 [16]Cast thy bread [17]upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days. 2 [18]Give a portion to seven, yea, even unto eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth. 3 If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth; and if a tree fall [19]toward the south, or [20]toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there shall it be. 4 He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap. 5 As thou knowest not what is the way of the [21]wind, *nor* how the bones *do grow* in the womb of her that is with child; even so thou knowest not the work of God who doeth all. 6 In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not which shall prosper, whether this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good. 7 Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun. 8 [22]Yea, if a man live many years, let him rejoice in them all; [23]but let him remember the days of darkness, for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity.

9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the

[1] Or, *to stink and putrefy* [2] Or, *him that is valued for wisdom* [3] Heb. *heart* [4] Or, *of* [5] Or, *calmness leaveth great sins undone* [6] Heb. *heights* [7] Or, *moveth stones* [8] Or, *Surely the serpent will bite where there is no enchantment; and the slanderer is no better* [9] Heb. *without enchantment* [10] Heb. *the master of the tongue* [11] Heb. *his mouth* [12] Or, *servant*

[13] Or, *a free man* [14] Or, *rafters sink* [15] Or, *Send forth* [16] Heb. *upon the face of the waters* [17] Or, *Divide a portion into seven, yea, even into eight* [18] Or, *in* [19] Or, *spirit* [20] Or, *For* [21] Or, *and remember*

sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. 10 Therefore remove [1]sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh; for youth and the dawn of life are vanity. 12 1 Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth, before the evil days come, and the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; 2 before the sun, and the light, and the moon, and the stars, are darkened, and the clouds return after the rain; 3 in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the [2]grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows shall be darkened, 4 and the doors shall be shut in the street; when the sound of the grinding is low, and one shall rise up at the voice of a bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low; 5 yea, they shall be afraid [3]of *that which is* high, and terrors *shall be* in the way; and the almond-tree shall blossom, and the grasshopper [4]shall be a burden, and [5]desire shall [6]fail; because man goeth to his everlasting home, and the mourners go about the streets: 6 before the silver cord is [7]loosed,

[1] Or, *vexation* Or, *provocation* [2] Or, *grinding women* [3] Or, *of danger from on high* [4] Or, *shall drag itself along* [5] Or, *the caperberry* [6] Or, *burst* [7] Or, *snapped asunder*

or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, 7 and the dust returneth to the earth as it was, and the spirit returneth unto God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher; all is vanity.

9 And further, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he [8]pondered, and sought out, *and* set in order many proverbs. 10 The Preacher sought to find out [9]acceptable words, and that which was written uprightly, *even* words of truth.

11 The words of the wise are as goads; and as nails well fastened are *the words of* the [10]masters of assemblies, *which* are given from one shepherd. 12 [11]And furthermore, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

13 [12]*This is* the end of the matter; all hath been heard: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for [13]this is the whole *duty* of man. 14 For God will bring every work into judgment, [14]with every hidden thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

[8] Or, *gave ear* [9] Heb. *words of delight* [10] Or, *collectors of sentences* [11] Or, *And as for more than these, my son, be warned* [12] Or, *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter* [13] Or, *this is* the duty of *all men* [14] Or, *concerning*

THE SONG OF SOLOMON

The Bride speaks with the Daughters of Jerusalem

1 The Song of songs, which is Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn's.

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth;
For thy love is better than wine.
3 Thine oils have a goodly fragrance;
Thy name is *as* oil poured forth;
Therefore do the [1]virgins love thee.
4 Draw me; we will run after thee:
The king hath brought me into his chambers;
We will be glad and rejoice in thee;

[1] Or, *maidens*

The Loving Converse of the Bride with the Bridegroom

We will make mention of thy
love more than of wine:
[1]Rightly do they love thee

5 I am black, but comely,
O ye daughters of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm,
As the tents of Kē'dăr,
As the curtains of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn.
6 Look not upon me, because I
am swarthy,
Because the sun hath [2]scorched
me.
My mother's sons were in-
censed against me;
They made me keeper of the
vineyards;
But mine own vineyard have I
not kept.
7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul
loveth,
Where thou feedest *thy flock*,
Where thou makest *it* to rest
at noon:
For why should I be as one
that is veiled
Beside the flocks of thy com-
panions?

8 If thou know not, O thou fairest
among women,
Go thy way forth by the foot-
steps of the flock,
And feed thy kids beside the
shepherds' tents.

9 I have compared thee, O [3]my
love,
[4]To a steed in Phā'raōh's char-
iots.
10 Thy cheeks are comely with
plaits *of hair*,
Thy neck with strings of jewels.
11 We will make thee plaits of gold
With studs of silver.

12 While the king sat at his table,
My spikenard sent forth its
fragrance.
13 My beloved is unto me *as* a
[5]bundle of myrrh,
That lieth betwixt my breasts.
14 My beloved is unto me *as* a
cluster of [6]henna-flowers
In the vineyards of Ēn-gĕ'dī.

15 Behold, thou art fair, my love;
Behold, thou art fair;
[7]Thine eyes are *as* doves.

16 Behold, thou art fair, my be-
loved, yea, pleasant:
Also our couch is green.
17 The beams of our [8]house are
[9]cedars,
And our rafters are [10]firs.

2 I am a [11]rose of [12]Shăr'ŏn,
A lily of the valleys.

2 As a lily among thorns,
So is my love among the
daughters.

3 As the apple-tree among the
trees of the wood,
So is my beloved among the
sons.
I [13]sat down under his shadow
with great delight,
And his fruit was sweet to my
taste.
4 He brought me to the [14]ban-
queting-house,
And his banner over me was
love.
5 Stay ye me with [15]raisins, re-
fresh me with apples;
For I am sick from love.
6 [16]His left hand *is* under my
head,
And his right hand doth em-
brace me.

7 I adjure you, O daughters of
Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm,
By the [17]roes, or by the hinds of
the field,
That ye stir not up, nor awake
my love,
Until [18]he please.

8 The voice of my beloved! be-
hold, he cometh,
Leaping upon the mountains,
Skipping upon the hills.
9 My beloved is like a [19]roe or a
young hart:
Behold, he standeth behind
our wall;

[1] Or, *In uprightness* [2] Or, *looked upon* [3] Or, *my friend* (and so throughout) [4] Or, *To the steeds* Or, *To my steed* [5] Or, *bag* [6] Heb. *copher*
[7] Or, *Thou hast doves' eyes* [8] Or, *houses* [9] Or, *of cedar . . . of fir* [10] Or, *cypresses* [11] Heb. *habazzeleth*, the autumn crocus [12] Or, *the plain* [13] Heb. *delighted and sat down &c.* [14] Heb. *house of wine* [15] Heb. *cakes of raisins* [16] Or, Let *his left hand* be &c. [17] Or, *gazelles* [18] Or, *it* Or, *she* [19] Or, *gazelle*

He looketh in at the windows;
He glanceth through the lattice.

10 My beloved spake, and said unto me,
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
11 For, lo, the winter is past;
The rain is over and gone;
12 The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of the [1]singing *of birds* is come,
And the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land;
13 The fig-tree ripeneth her green figs,
And the vines are in blossom;
They give forth their fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
14 O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock,
In the covert of the steep place,
Let me see thy countenance,
Let me hear thy voice;
For sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

15 Take us the foxes, the little foxes,
That spoil the vineyards;
For our vineyards are in blossom.
16 My beloved is mine, and I am his:
He feedeth *his flock* among the lilies.
17 [2]Until the day [3]be cool, and the shadows flee away,
Turn, my beloved, and be thou like a [4]roe or a young hart
Upon the [5]mountains of [6]Bē'-thēr.

3 By night on my bed
I sought him whom my soul loveth:
I sought him, but I found him not.
2 *I said,* I will rise now, and go about the city;
In the streets and in the broad ways
I will seek him whom my soul loveth:
I sought him, but I found him not.
3 The watchmen that go about the city found me;
To whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?
4 It was but a little that I passed from them,
When I found him whom my soul loveth:
I held him, and would not let him go,
Until I had brought him into my mother's house,
And into the chamber of her that conceived me.

5 I adjure you, O daughters of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm,
By the roes, or by the hinds of the field,
That ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love,
Until [7]he please.

6 Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness
Like pillars of smoke,
Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense,
With all powders of the merchant?
7 Behold, it is the litter of Sŏl'-ŏ-mŏn;
Threescore mighty men are about it,
Of the mighty men of ĭs'rā-ĕl.
8 They all handle the sword, *and* are expert in war:
Every man hath his sword upon his thigh,
Because of fear in the night.
9 King Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn made himself a [8]palanquin
Of the wood of Lĕb'ă-nŏn.
10 He made the pillars thereof of silver,
The bottom thereof of gold, the seat of it of purple,
The midst thereof being [9]paved with love,
From the daughters of Jĕ-ru'-sā-lĕm.
11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zī'ŏn, and behold king Sŏl'-ŏ-mŏn,

[1] Or, *pruning* of vines [2] Or, *When the day is cool* [3] Or, *breathe* Heb. *breathe* [4] Or, *gazelle* [5] Or, *mountains of separation* [6] Perhaps, the spice *malobathron*
[7] Or, *it* Or, *she* [8] Or, *car of state* [9] Or, *inlaid*

With the crown wherewith his
mother hath crowned him
In the day of his espousals,
And in the day of the gladness
of his heart.

4 Behold, thou art fair, my love;
behold, thou art fair;
[1]Thine eyes are *as* doves be-
hind thy [2]veil.
Thy hair is as a flock of goats,
That [3]lie along the side of
mount Gĭl'ĕ-ăd.
2 Thy teeth are like a flock *of*
ewes that are *newly* shorn,
Which are come up from the
washing,
[4]Whereof every one hath twins,
And none is bereaved among
them.
3 Thy lips are like a thread of
scarlet,
And thy [5]mouth is comely.
Thy temples are like a piece of
a pomegranate
Behind thy [2]veil.
4 Thy neck is like the tower of
David
Builded [6]for an armory,
Whereon there hang a thou-
sand bucklers,
All the shields of the mighty
men.
5 Thy two breasts are like two
fawns
That are twins of a [7]roe,
Which feed among the lilies.

6 Until the day be cool, and the
shadows flee away,
I will get me to the mountain
of myrrh,
And to the hill of frankincense.

7 Thou art all fair, my love;
And there is no spot in thee.
8 Come with me from Lĕb'ă-nŏn,
my bride,
With me from Lĕb'ă-nŏn:
[8]Look from the top of Ăm'ă-nà,
From the top of Sē'nĭr and
Hēr'mŏn,
From the lions' dens,
From the mountains of the
leopards.
9 Thou hast [9]ravished my heart,
my sister, *my* bride;
Thou hast [9]ravished my heart
with [10]one of thine eyes,
With one chain of thy neck.
10 How fair is thy love, my sister,
my bride!
How much better is thy love
than wine!
And the fragrance of thine
oils than all manner of
spices!
11 Thy lips, O *my* bride, [11]drop *as*
the honeycomb:
Honey and milk are under thy
tongue;
And the smell of thy garments
is like the smell of Lĕb'ă-nŏn.
12 A garden [12]shut up is my sister,
my bride;
A spring shut up, a fountain
sealed.
13 Thy shoots are [13]an orchard of
pomegranates, with precious
fruits;
Henna with spikenard plants,
14 Spikenard and saffron,
Calamus and cinnamon, with
all trees of frankincense;
Myrrh and aloes, with all the
chief spices.
15 *Thou art* a fountain of gardens,
A well of living waters,
And flowing streams from
Lĕb'ă-nŏn.

16 Awake, O north wind; and
come, thou south;
Blow upon my garden, that the
spices thereof may flow out.
Let my beloved come into his
garden,
And eat his precious fruits.

5 I am come into my garden,
my sister, *my* bride:
I have gathered my myrrh with
my [14]spice;
I have eaten my honeycomb
with my honey;
I have drunk my wine with my
milk.

[1] Or, *Thou hast doves' eyes* [2] Or, *locks* [3] Or, *appear on mount Gilead* [4] Or, *Which are all of them in pairs* [5] Or, *speech* [6] Or, *with turrets* [7] Or, *gazelle* [8] Or, *Go* [9] Or, *given me courage* [10] Or, *one look from thine eyes* [11] Or, *drop honey* [12] Heb. *barred* [13] Or, *a paradise* [14] Or, *balsam*

Eat, O friends;
Drink, yea, drink abundantly,
[1]O beloved.

2 I [2]was asleep, but my heart
waked:
It is the voice of my beloved
that knocketh, *saying*,
Open to me, my sister, my
love, my dove, my [3]unde-
filed;
For my head is filled with dew,
My locks with the drops of the
night.
3 I have put off my garment; how
shall I put it on?
I have washed my feet; how
shall I defile them?
4 My beloved put in his hand by
the hole *of the door*,
And my [4]heart was moved for
him.
5 I rose up to open to my be-
loved;
And my hands dropped with
myrrh,
And my fingers with liquid
myrrh,
Upon the handles of the bolt.
6 I opened to my beloved;
But my beloved had [5]withdrawn
himself, *and* was gone.
My soul [6]had failed me when
he spake:
I sought him, but I could not
find him;
I called him, but he gave me no
answer.
7 The watchmen that go about
the city found me,
They smote me, they wounded
me;
The keepers of the walls took
away my [7]mantle from me.
8 I adjure you, O daughters of
Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm,
If ye find my beloved,
[8]That ye tell him, that I am
sick from love.

9 What is thy beloved more than
another beloved,
O thou fairest among women?
What is thy beloved more than
another beloved,
That thou dost so adjure us?

10 My beloved is white and ruddy,
[9]The chiefest among ten thou-
sand.
11 His head is *as* the most fine
gold;
His locks are [10]bushy, *and*
black as a raven.
12 His eyes are like doves beside
the water-brooks,
Washed with milk, *and* [11]fitly
set.
13 His cheeks are as a bed of
[12]spices,
As [13]banks of sweet herbs:
His lips are *as* lilies, dropping
liquid myrrh.
14 His hands are *as* [14]rings of gold
set with [15]beryl:
His body is *as* [16]ivory work
[17]overlaid *with* sapphires.
15 His legs are *as* pillars of mar-
ble, set upon sockets of fine
gold:
His aspect is like Lĕb'ă-nŏn,
excellent as the cedars.
16 His [18]mouth is most sweet;
Yea, he is altogether lovely.
This is my beloved, and this is
my friend,
O daughters of Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm.

6 Whither is thy beloved gone,
O thou fairest among women?
Whither hath thy beloved
turned him,
That we may seek him with
thee?

2 My beloved is gone down to
his garden,
To the beds of [12]spices,
To feed in the gardens, and to
gather lilies.
3 I am my beloved's, and my
beloved is mine:
He feedeth *his flock* among
the lilies.

4 Thou art fair, O my love, as
Tĭr'zăh,

[1] Or, *of love* [2] Or, *sleep, but my heart wak-
eth* [3] Heb. *perfect* [4] Heb. *bowels* [5] Or,
turned away [6] Heb. *went forth* [7] Or, *veil*
[8] Heb. *What will ye tell him? That &c.*

[9] Heb. *Marked out by a banner* [10] Or,
curling [11] Or, *sitting by full streams* [12] Or,
balsam [13] Or, *towers of perfumes* [14] Or,
cylinders [15] Or, *topaz* [16] Or, *bright ivor*
[17] Or, *encrusted* [18] Or, *speech* Heb. *palate*

Comely as Jĕ-ru'să-[1]lĕm,
Terrible as [1]an army with banners.
5 Turn away thine eyes from me,
For they [2]have overcome me.
Thy hair is as a flock of goats,
That lie along the side of Gĭl'-ĕ-ăd.
6 Thy teeth are like a flock of ewes,
Which are come up from the washing;
Whereof every one hath twins,
And none is bereaved among them.
7 Thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate
Behind thy veil.
8 There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines,
And [3]virgins without number.
9 My dove, my [4]undefiled, is *but* one;
She is the only one of her mother;
She is the [5]choice one of her that bare her.
The daughters saw her, and called her blessed;
Yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

10 Who is she that looketh forth as the morning,
Fair as the moon,
[6]Clear as the sun,
Terrible as an army with banners?

11 I went down into the garden of nuts,
To see the green plants of the valley,
To see whether the vine budded,
And the pomegranates were in flower.
12 Before I was aware, my [7]soul [8]set me
Among the chariots of my [9]princely people.

*13 Return, return, O Shu'lăm-mīte;
Return, return, that we may look upon thee.

Why will ye look upon the Shu'lăm-mīte,
As upon the dance [10]of Mā-hă-nā'ĭm?

7 How beautiful are thy [11]feet in sandals, O prince's daughter!
Thy rounded thighs are like jewels,
The work of the hands of a skilful workman.
2 Thy body is *like* a round goblet,
Wherein no mingled wine is wanting:
Thy waist is *like* a heap of wheat
Set about with lilies.
3 Thy two breasts are like two fawns
That are twins of a roe.
4 Thy neck is like the tower of ivory;
Thine eyes *as* the pools in Hĕsh'bŏn,
By the gate of Băth-răb'bĭm;
Thy nose is like the tower of Lĕb'ă-nŏn
Which looketh toward Dă-măs'cŭs.
5 Thy head upon thee is like Căr'mĕl,
And the hair of thy head like purple;
The king is held captive in the tresses *thereof.*
6 How fair and how pleasant art thou,
O love, for delights!
7 This thy stature is like to a palm-tree,
And thy breasts to its clusters.
8 I said, I will climb up into the palm-tree,
I will take hold of the branches thereof:
Let thy breasts be as clusters of the vine,
And the smell of thy [12]breath like apples,
9 And thy [13]mouth like the best wine,

[1] Heb. *bannered* hosts [2] Or, *make me afraid* [3] Or, *maidens* [4] Heb. *perfect* [5] Or, *pure* [6] Or, *Pure* [7] Or, *desire* [8] Or, *made me like the chariots of Amminadib* [9] Or, *willing*
*[Ch. 7.1 in Heb.]
[10] Or, *of two companies* [11] Or, *steps* [12] Heb. *nose* [13] Heb. *palate*

That goeth down [1]smoothly for my beloved,
[2]Gliding through the lips of those that are asleep.

10 I am my beloved's;
And his desire is toward me.
11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field;
Let us lodge in the villages.
12 Let us get up early to the vineyards;
Let us see whether the vine hath budded,
And [3]its blossom is open,
And the pomegranates are in flower:
There will I give thee my love.
13 The mandrakes give forth fragrance;
And [4]at our doors are all manner of precious fruits, new and old,
Which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

8 Oh that thou wert as my brother,
That sucked the breasts of my mother!
When I should find thee without,
I would kiss thee;
Yea, and none would despise me.
2 I would lead thee, *and* bring thee into my mother's house,
[5]Who would instruct me;
I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine,
Of the [6]juice of my pomegranate.
3 His left hand *should be* under my head,
And his right hand should embrace me.

4 I adjure you, O daughters of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm,
[7]That ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love,
Until [8]he please.

5 Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness,
Leaning upon her beloved?

Under the apple-tree I awakened thee:
There thy mother was in travail with thee,
There was she in travail [9]that brought thee forth.

6 Set me as a seal upon thy heart,
As a seal upon thine arm:
For love is strong as death;
Jealousy is [10]cruel as Shĕ'ōl;
The flashes thereof are flashes of fire,
[11]A very flame of [12]Jĕ-hō'văh.
7 Many waters cannot quench love,
Neither can floods drown it:
If a man would give all the substance of his house for love,
[13]He would utterly be contemned.

8 We have a little sister,
And she hath no breasts:
What shall we do for our sister
In the day when she shall be spoken for?

9 If she be a wall,
We will build upon her [14]a turret of silver:
And if she be a door,
We will inclose her with boards of cedar.

10 I [15]am a wall, and my breasts like the towers *thereof:*
Then was I in his eyes as one that found peace.
11 Sŏl'ō-mŏn had a vineyard at Bā'ăl-hā'mŏn;
He let out the vineyard unto keepers;
Every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thousand *pieces* of silver.
12 My vineyard, which is mine, is before me:
Thou, O Sŏl'ō-mŏn, shalt have the thousand,
And those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.

[1] Heb. *aright* [2] Or, *Causing the lips of those that are asleep to move* (or, *speak*) [3] Or, *the tender grape appeareth* [4] Or, *over* [5] Or, *That thou mightest* [6] Or, *sweet wine* [7] Heb. *Why should ye stir up? or why &c.* [8] Or, *it* Or, *she*
[9] Or, *and* [10] Heb. *hard* [11] Or, *A most vehement flame* [12] Heb. *Jah* [13] Or, *It* [14] Or, *battlements* [15] Or, *was*

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13 Thou that dwellest in the gardens,
The companions hearken [1]for thy voice:
Cause me to hear it.

[1] Or, *to*

14 [2]Make haste, my beloved,
And be thou like to a [3]roe or to a young hart
Upon the mountains of spices.

[2] Heb. *Flee*
[3] Or, *gazelle*

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Perverseness of God's People. Formalism condemned. Obedience enjoined

1 The vision of Ī-sā′ĭăh the son of Ā′mŏz, which he saw concerning Jū′dăh and Jĕ-ru′să-lĕm, in the days of ŭz-zī′ăh, Jō′thăm, Ā′hăz, and Hĕz-ē-kī′ăh, kings of Jū′dăh.

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for Jĕ-hō′văh hath spoken: I have [1]nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. 3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; *but* Īs′rā-ĕl doth not know, my people doth not consider. 4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that deal corruptly! they have forsaken Jĕ-hō′văh, they have despised the Holy One of Īs′rā-ĕl, they are estranged *and gone* backward. 5 [2]Why will ye be still stricken, that ye revolt more and more? [3]the whole head is sick, and [3]the whole heart faint. 6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; *but* wounds, and bruises, and fresh stripes: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with oil. 7 Your country is desolate; your cities are burned with fire; your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, [4]as overthrown by strangers. 8 And the daughter of Zī′ŏn is left as a booth in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. 9 Except Jĕ-hō′văh of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sŏd′ŏm, we should have been like unto Gō-mŏr′răh.

10 Hear the word of Jĕ-hō′văh, ye [5]rulers of Sŏd′ŏm; give ear unto the [6]law of our God, ye people of Gō-mŏr′răh. 11 What unto me is the multitude of your sacrifices? saith Jĕ-hō′văh: I have had enough of the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats. 12 When ye come [7]to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to trample my courts? 13 Bring no more [8]vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; new moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies,—[9]I cannot away with iniquity and the solemn meeting. 14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth; they are a [10]trouble unto me; I am weary of bearing them. 15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you; yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. 16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; 17 learn to do well; seek justice, [11]relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason

[1] Or, *made great and exalted* See Ezek. 31.4 [2] Or, *Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt &c.* [3] Or, *every* [4] Or, *as the overthrow of strangers*

[5] Or, *judges* [6] Or, *teaching* [7] Or, as otherwise read, *to see my face* [8] Heb. *an oblation of vanity* [9] Or, *I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting* [10] Or, *cumbrance* [11] Or, *set right the oppressor*

together, saith Jĕ-hō'văh: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. 19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: 20 but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken it.

21 How is the faithful city become a harlot! she that was full of justice! righteousness lodged in her, but now murderers. 22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water. 23 Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves; every one loveth bribes, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24 Therefore saith the Lord, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the Mighty One of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies; 25 and I will [1]turn my hand upon thee, and [2]thoroughly purge away thy dross, and will take away all thy [3]tin; 26 and I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called The city of righteousness, a faithful town. 27 Zī'ŏn shall be redeemed with justice, and [4]her converts with righteousness. 28 But the [5]destruction of transgressors and sinners shall be together, and they that forsake Jĕ-hō'văh shall be consumed. 29 For they shall be ashamed of the [6]oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen. 30 For ye shall be as [7]an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water. 31 And the strong shall be as tow, and his work as a spark; and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

[1] Or, *bring my hand again*
[2] Heb. *as with lye* [3] Or, *alloy*
[4] Or, *they that return of her*
[5] Heb. *breaking*
[6] Or, *terebinths*
[7] Or, *a terebinth*

2 The word that Ĭ-sā'ĭăh the son of Ā'mŏz saw concerning Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm.

2 And it shall come to pass in the latter days, that the mountain of Jĕ-hō'văh's house shall be established [8]on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jĕ-hō'văh, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zī'ŏn shall go forth [9]the law, and the word of Jĕ-hō'văh from Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm. 4 And he will judge [10]between the nations, and will decide concerning many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of Jĕ-hō'văh. 6 For thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they are filled *with customs* from the east, and *are* soothsayers like the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and they strike hands with the children of foreigners. 7 And their land is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land also is full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots. 8 Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made. 9 And the mean man [11]is bowed down, and the great man [12]is brought low: therefore forgive them not. 10 Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, from before the terror of Jĕ-hō'văh, and from the glory of his majesty. 11 The lofty looks of man shall be brought low, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and Jĕ-hō'văh alone shall be exalted in that day.

[8] Or, *at the head* [9] Or, *instruction* [10] Or, *among* [11] Or, *boweth down* [12] Or, *humbleth himself*

12 For [1]there shall be a day of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts upon all that is proud and haughty, and upon all that is lifted up; and it shall be brought low: 13 and upon all the cedars of Lĕb'ă-nŏn, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bā'shăn, 14 and upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up, 15 and upon every lofty tower, and upon every fortified wall, 16 and upon all the ships of Tär'shĭsh, and upon all pleasant [2]imagery. 17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be brought low; and Jĕ-hō'văh alone shall be exalted in that day. 18 And the idols shall utterly pass away. 19 And men shall go into the caves of the rocks, and into the holes of the [3]earth, from before the terror of Jĕ-hō'văh, and from the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake mightily the earth. 20 In that day men shall cast away their idols of silver, and their idols of gold, which have been made for them to worship, to the moles and to the bats; 21 to go into the caverns of the rocks, and into the clefts of the ragged rocks, from before the terror of Jĕ-hō'văh, and from the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake mightily the earth. 22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils; for wherein is he to be accounted of?

3 For, behold, the Lord, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, doth take away from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm and from Jū'dăh stay and staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water; 2 the mighty man, and the man of war; the judge, and the prophet, and the diviner, and the elder; 3 the captain of fifty, and the honorable man, and the counsellor, and the expert [4]artificer, and the skilful enchanter. 4 And I will give children to be their princes, and [5]babes shall rule over them. 5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbor: the child shall behave himself proudly against the old man, and the base against the honorable. 6 When a man shall take hold of his brother in the house of his father, *saying*, Thou hast clothing, be thou our [6]ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand; 7 in that day shall he lift up *his voice*, saying, I will not be [7]a healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: ye shall not make me ruler of the people. 8 For Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm is ruined, and Jū'dăh is fallen; because their tongue and their doings are against Jĕ-hō'văh, to provoke the eyes of his glory. 9 [8]The show of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Söd'ŏm, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have done evil unto themselves. 10 Say ye of the righteous, that *it shall be* well *with him*; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. 11 Woe unto the wicked! *it shall be* ill *with him*; for what his hands have done shall be done unto him. 12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they that lead thee cause thee to err, and [9]destroy the way of thy paths.

13 Jĕ-hō'văh standeth up to contend, and standeth to judge the [10]peoples. 14 Jĕ-hō'văh will enter into judgment with the elders of his people, and the princes thereof: It is ye that have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses: 15 what mean ye that ye crush my people, and grind the face of the poor? saith the Lord, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts.

16 Moreover Jĕ-hō'văh said, Because the daughters of Zī'ŏn are haughty, and walk with outstretched necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet; 17 therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the

[1] Or, *Jehovah of hosts hath a day* [2] Or, *watch-towers* [3] Heb. *dust* [4] Or, *charmer* [5] Or, *with childishness shall they rule over them* [6] Or, *judge* [7] Heb. *a binder up* [8] Or, *Their respecting of persons doth &c.* [9] Heb. *swallow up* [10] Or, *people*

head of the daughters of Zī-ŏn,
and Jĕ-hō'văh will lay bare their
secret parts. 18 In that day the
Lord will take away the beauty of
their anklets, and the [1]cauls, and
the crescents; 19 the pendants,
and the [2]bracelets, and the muf-
flers; 20 the headtires, and the
ankle chains, and the sashes, and
the perfume-boxes, and the amu-
lets; 21 the rings, and the nose-
jewels; 22 the festival robes, and
the mantles, and the shawls, and
the satchels; 23 the hand-mirrors,
and the fine linen, and the turbans,
and the veils. 24 And it shall
come to pass, that instead of sweet
spices there shall be rottenness;
and instead of a girdle, a rope;
and instead of well set hair, bald-
ness; and instead of a robe, a
girding of sackcloth; branding in-
stead of beauty. 25 Thy men shall
fall by the sword, and thy [3]mighty
in the war. 26 And her gates
shall lament and mourn; and she
shall be [4]desolate and sit upon the
4 ground. 1 And seven women
shall take hold of one man in
that day, saying, We will eat our
own bread, and wear our own ap-
parel: only let us be called by thy
name; take thou away our re-
proach.

2 In that day shall the [5]branch
of Jĕ-hō'văh be beautiful and
glorious, and the fruit of the [6]land
shall be [7]excellent and comely for
them that are escaped of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.
3 And it shall come to pass, that
he that is left in Zī'ŏn, and he that
remaineth in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, shall
be called holy, even every one that
is written [8]among the living in Jĕ-
ru'să-lĕm; 4 when the Lord shall
have washed away the filth of the
daughters of Zī'ŏn, and shall have
purged the blood of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm
from the midst thereof, by the
[9]spirit of justice, and by the [9]spirit
of burning. 5 And Jĕ-hō'văh will
create over [10]the whole habitation
of mount Zī'ŏn, and over her as-
semblies, a cloud and smoke by
day, and the shining of a flaming
fire by night; for over all the glory
shall be spread a covering. 6 And
there shall be a pavilion for a shade
in the day-time from the heat, and
for a refuge and for a covert from
storm and from rain.

5 Let me sing [11]for my wellbe-
loved a song of my beloved
touching his vineyard. My well-
beloved had a vineyard in [12]a very
fruitful hill: 2 and he digged it, and
gathered out the stones thereof,
and planted it with the choicest
vine, and built a tower in the
midst of it, and also hewed out a
[13]winepress therein: and he looked
that it should bring forth grapes,
and it brought forth wild grapes.

3 And now, O inhabitants of Jĕ-
ru'să-lĕm and men of Jū'dăh,
judge, I pray you, betwixt me and
my vineyard. 4 What could have
been done more to my vineyard,
that I have not done in it? where-
fore, when I looked that it should
bring forth grapes, brought it forth
wild grapes? 5 And now I will
tell you what I will do to my vine-
yard: I will take away the hedge
thereof, and it shall be [14]eaten up;
I will break down the wall thereof,
and it shall be trodden down:
6 and I will lay it waste; it shall
not be pruned nor hoed; but there
shall come up briers and thorns:
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
7 For the vineyard of Jĕ-hō'văh
of hosts is the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl,
and the men of Jū'dăh [15]his pleas-
ant plant: and he looked for jus-
tice, but, behold, [16]oppression; for
righteousness, but, behold, a cry.

8 Woe unto them that join house
to house, that lay field to field, till
there be no room, and ye be made
to dwell alone in the midst of the
land! 9 In mine ears *saith* Jĕ-
hō'văh of hosts, Of a truth many
houses shall be desolate, even
great and fair, without inhabitant.
10 For ten acres of vineyard shall

[1] Or, *networks* [2] Or, *chains* [3] Heb. *might*
[4] Or, *emptied* [5] Or, *shoot* Or, *sprout*
[6] Or, *earth* [7] Or, *majestic* [8] Or, *unto life*
[9] Or, *blast* [10] Or, *every dwelling-place*
[11] Or, *of* [12] Heb. *a horn, the son of oil*
[13] Or, *wine-vat* [14] Or, *burnt* [15] Heb. *the plant of his delight* [16] Or, *shedding of blood*

yield one băth, and a hō'mĕr of seed shall yield *but* an ē'phäh. 11 Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that tarry late into the night, till wine inflame them! 12 And the harp and the lute, the tabret and the pipe, and wine, are *in* their feasts; but they regard not the work of Jĕ-hō'văh, neither have they considered the operation of his hands.

13 Therefore my people are gone into captivity for lack of knowledge; and [1]their honorable men are famished, and their multitude are parched with thirst. 14 Therefore Shē'ōl hath enlarged its desire, and opened its mouth without measure; and their glory, and their multitude, and their [2]pomp, and he that rejoiceth among them, descend *into it*. 15 And the mean man is bowed down, and the great man is humbled, and the eyes of the lofty are humbled: 16 but Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts is exalted in justice, and God the Holy One is sanctified in righteousness. 17 Then shall the lambs feed as in their pasture, and the waste places of the fat ones shall [3]wanderers eat.

18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, and sin as it were with a cart rope; 19 that say, Let him make speed, let him hasten his work, that we may see it; and let the counsel of the Holy One of ĭs'rā-ĕl draw nigh and come, that we may know it! 20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! 22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink; 23 that justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

24 Therefore as the tongue of fire devoureth the stubble, and as the dry grass sinketh down in the flame, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust; because they have rejected the [4]law of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 25 Therefore is the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them; and the mountains tremble, and their dead bodies are as refuse in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss for [5]them from the end of the earth; and, behold [6]they shall come with speed swiftly. 27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken: 28 whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent; their horses' hoofs shall be accounted as flint, and their wheels as a whirlwind: 29 their roaring shall be like a lioness, they shall roar like young lions; yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and carry it away safe, and there shall be none to deliver. 30 And they shall roar [7]against them in that day like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, [8]behold, darkness *and* distress; and the light is darkened in the clouds thereof.

6 In the year that king Ŭz-zī'äh died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his [9]train filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the sĕr'ā-phĭm: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried

[1] Heb. *their glory are men of famine*
[2] Or, *tumult* [3] Or, *sojourners* [4] Or, *teaching*
[5] Heb. *him* [6] Heb. *he* (and in the following verses) [7] Or, *over* [8] According to the Massoretic text, *behold, darkness; distress and light; it is dark &c.* [9] Or, *skirts*

unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: [1]the whole earth is full of his glory. 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the sĕr'ă-phĭm unto me, having a [2]live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: 7 and he touched my mouth with it, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin [3]forgiven. 8 And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I; send me. 9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye [4]indeed, but understand not; and see ye [4]indeed, but perceive not. 10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and [5]understand with their heart, and turn again, and be healed. 11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until cities be waste without inhabitant, and houses without man, and the land become utterly waste, 12 and Jĕ-hō'văh have removed men far away, and the forsaken places be many in the midst of the land. 13 [6]And if there be yet a tenth in it, it also shall in turn be [7]eaten up: as a terebinth, and as an oak, [8]whose [9]stock remaineth, when they [10]are felled; so the holy seed is the [9]stock thereof.

7 And it came to pass in the days of Ā'hăz the son of Jō'thăm, the son of Ŭz-zī'ăh, king of Jū'dăh, that Rē'zĭn the king of Sўr'ĭ-ā, and Pē'kăh the son of Rĕm-ă-lī'ăh, king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, went up to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm to war against it; but could not prevail against it. 2 And it was told the house of David, saying, Sўr'ĭ-ā [11]is confederate with Ē'phrā-ĭm. And his heart trembled, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest tremble with the wind.

3 Then said Jĕ-hō'văh unto ī-să'ĭăh, Go forth now to meet Ā'hăz, thou, and [12]Shĕ'ăr-jăsh'ŭb thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, in the highway of the fuller's field; 4 and say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither let thy heart be faint, because of these two tails of smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rē'zĭn and Sўr'ĭ-ā, and of the son of Rĕm-ă-lī'ăh. 5 Because Sўr'ĭ-ā, Ē'phrā-ĭm, and the son of Rĕm-ă-lī'ăh, have purposed evil against thee, saying, 6 Let us go up against Jū'dăh, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set up a king in the midst of it, even the son of Tā'bĕ-ĕl; 7 thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass. 8 For the head of Sўr'ĭ-ā is Dă-măs'cŭs, and the head of Dă-măs'cŭs is Rē'zĭn; and within threescore and five years shall Ē'phrā-ĭm be broken in pieces, so that it shall not be a people: 9 and the head of Ē'phrā-ĭm is Să-mā'rĭ-ā, and the head of Să-mā'rĭ-ā is Rĕm-ă-lī'ăh's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

10 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake again unto Ā'hăz, saying, 11 Ask thee a sign of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. 12 But Ā'hăz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt Jĕ-hō'văh. 13 And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David: Is it a small thing for you to weary men, that ye will weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself

[1] Heb. *the fullness of the whole earth is his glory* [2] Or, *hot stone* [3] Or, *expiated* [4] Or, *continually* [5] Or, *their heart should understand* [6] Or, *But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten up* [7] Or, *burnt* [8] Or, *whose substance is in them* [9] Or, *substance* [10] Or, *cast* their leaves

[11] Heb. *resteth on Ephraim* [12] That is, *A remnant shall return*

will give you a sign: behold, [1]a [2]virgin [3]shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name [4]Ĭm-măn′ū-ĕl. 15 [5]Butter and honey shall he eat, [6]when he knoweth to refuse the evil, and choose the good. 16 For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land whose two kings thou abhorrest shall be forsaken. 17 Jĕ-hō′văh will bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ē′phră-ĭm departed from Jū′dăh—*even* the king of Ăs-sўr′ĭ-ă.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Jĕ-hō′văh will hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Ē′gўpt, and for the bee that is in the land of Ăs-sўr′ĭ-ă. 19 And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the [7]desolate valleys, and in the clefts of the rocks, and upon all thornhedges, and upon all [8]pastures.

20 In that day will the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, in the parts beyond the River, *even* with the king of Ăs-sўr′ĭ-ă, the head and the hair of the feet; and it shall also consume the beard.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall keep alive a young cow, and two sheep; 22 and it shall come to pass, that because of the abundance of milk which they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the midst of the land.

23 And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, shall be for briers and thorns. 24 With arrows and with bow shall one come thither, because all the land shall be briers and thorns. 25 And all the hills that were digged with the mattock, [9]thou shalt not come thither for fear of briers and thorns; but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of sheep.

8 And Jĕ-hō′văh said unto me, Take thee a great tablet, and write upon it [10]with the pen of a man, For [11]Mā′hēr–shăl′ăl–hăsh′–băz; 2 and I will take unto me faithful witnesses to record, ū–rī′ăh the priest, and Zĕch–ă–rī′ăh the son of Jĕ–bĕr–ĕ–chī′ăh. 3 And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said Jĕ-hō′văh unto me, Call his name Mā′hēr–shăl′ăl–hăsh′–băz. 4 For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and, My mother, the riches of Dă-mās′cŭs and the spoil of Să-mā′rĭ-ă shall be carried away before the king of Ăs-sўr′ĭ-ă.

5 And Jĕ-hō′văh spake unto me yet again, saying, 6 Forasmuch as this people have refused the waters of Shĭ-lō′ăh that go softly, [12]and rejoice [13]in Rē′zĭn and Rĕm-ă-lī′-ăh's son; 7 now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the River, strong and many, *even* the king of Ăs-sўr′ĭ-ă and all his glory: and it shall come up over all its channels, and go over all its banks; 8 and it shall sweep onward into Jū′dăh; it shall overflow and pass through; it shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of its wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Ĭm-măn′ū-ĕl.

9 [14]Make an uproar, O ye peoples, and be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and be broken in pieces. 10 Take counsel together, and it shall be brought to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for [15]God is with us. 11 For Jĕ-hō′văh spake thus [16]to me with a strong hand, and instructed me not to walk in the way of this

[1] Or, *the* [2] Or, *maiden* [3] Or, *is with child, and beareth* [4] That is, *God is with us* [5] Or, *Curds* [6] Or, *that he may know* Or, *till he know* [7] Or, *rugged* [8] Or, *bushes* [9] Or, *where never came the fear of briers and thorns, shall be &c.* Or, *there shall not come thither the fear . . . but it shall be &c.*

[10] Or, *in common characters* [11] That is, *The spoil speedeth, the prey hasteth* [12] Or, *even they that rejoice* [13] Or, *with* [14] Or, *Break, O ye* [15] Heb. *immanu El* [16] Heb. *with strength of hand*

people, saying, 12 Say ye not, A conspiracy, concerning all whereof this people shall say, A conspiracy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be in dread *thereof*. 13 Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, him shall ye sanctify; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. 14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 15 And [1]many shall stumble thereon, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

16 Bind thou up the testimony, seal the [2]law among my disciples. 17 And I will wait for Jĕ-hō'vah, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. 18 Behold, I and the children whom Jĕ-hō'văh hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Ĭs'rā-ĕl from Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, who dwelleth in mount Zī'ŏn.

19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits and unto the wizards, that chirp and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? on behalf of the living *should they seek* unto the dead? 20 To the [2]law and to the testimony! [3]if they speak not according to this word, surely there is no morning for them. 21 And they shall pass through it, sore distressed and hungry; and it shall come to pass that, when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and [4]curse by their king and by their God, and turn their faces upward: 22 and they shall look unto the earth, and, behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; [5]and [6]into thick darkness *they shall be* driven away.

*9 [7]But there shall be no gloom to her that was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zĕb'ū-lŭn and the land of Năph'tă-lī; but in the latter time hath he made it glorious, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, [8]Gă'lĭ-lē of the nations. †2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwelt in the land of the [9]shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. 3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, [10]thou has increased their joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. 4 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as in the day of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn. 5 For [11]all the armor of the armed man in the tumult, and the garments rolled in blood, shall be for burning, for fuel of fire. 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called [12]Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, [13]Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts will perform this.

8 The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 9 And all the people shall know, *even* Ē'phrā-ĭm and the inhabitant of Să-mā'rĭ-ă, that say in pride and in stoutness of heart, 10 The bricks are fallen, but we will build with hewn stone; the sycomores are cut down, but we will put cedars in their place. 11 Therefore Jĕ-hō'văh [14]will set up on high against him the adversaries of Rē'zĭn, and [15]will [16]stir up his enemies, 12 the Syr'ĭ-ăns [17]before, and the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭ-ĭns [17]before, and they shall devour Ĭs'rā-ĕl with open mouth.

[1] Or, *many among them shall stumble, and fall &c.* [2] Or, *teaching* [3] Or, *surely according to this word shall they speak for whom there is no morning* [4] Or, *curse their king and their God* [5] Or, *and thick darkness shall be driven away. For there &c.* [6] Or, *in* [7] Or, *For*

*[Ch. 8.23 in Heb.] †[Ch. 9.1 in Heb.]

[8] Or, *the district* [9] Or, *deep darkness* [10] Another reading is, *thou didst not increase the joy* [11] Or, *every boot of the booted warrior* [12] Or, *Wonderful counsellor* [13] Heb. *Father of Eternity* [14] Or, *hath set* [15] Or, *hath stirred* [16] Or, *join together* Or, *arm* [17] Or, *on the east*

tînes [1]behind; and they [2]shall devour Ĭs'rā-ĕl with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

13 Yet the people have not turned unto him that smote them, neither have they sought Jĕ-hō'vāh of hosts. 14 Therefore Jĕ-hō'vāh [3]will cut off from Ĭs'rā-ĕl head and tail, palm-branch and rush, in one day. 15 The elder and the honorable man, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. 16 For they that lead this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are [4]destroyed. 17 Therefore the Lord will not rejoice over their young men, neither will he have compassion on their fatherless and widows; for every one is profane and an evil-doer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

18 For wickedness burneth as the fire; it devoureth the briers and thorns; yea, it kindleth in the thickets of the forest, and they roll upward in a column of smoke. 19 Through the wrath of Jĕ-hō'vāh of hosts is the land [5]burnt up; and the people are as the fuel of fire: no man spareth his brother. 20 And one shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm: 21 Mă-năs'sĕh, Ĕ'phră-ĭm; and Ĕ'phră-ĭm, Mă-năs'sĕh; and they together shall be against Jū'dăh. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

10 Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and to the writers that write perverseness; 2 to turn aside the needy from justice, and to rob the poor of my people of their right, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey! 3 And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory? 4 [6]They shall only bow down under the prisoners, and shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

5 [7]Ho Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ăn, the rod of mine anger, the staff in whose hand is mine indignation! 6 I will send him against a profane nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and [8]to tread them down like the mire of the streets. 7 Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy, and to cut off nations not a few. 8 For he saith, Are not my princes all of them kings? 9 Is not Căl'nŏ as Căr'chĕ-mĭsh? is not Hā'măth as Ăr'păd? is not Să-mā'rĭ-ā as Dă-măs'cŭs? 10 As my hand hath [9]found the kingdoms of the idols, whose graven images did excel them of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm and of Să-mā'rĭ-ā; 11 shall I not, as I have done unto Să-mā'rĭ-ā and her idols, so do to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm and her idols?

12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, that, when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zī'ŏn and on Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, I will [10]punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă, and the glory of his high looks. 13 For he hath said, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I have understanding: and I have removed the bounds of the peoples, and have robbed their treasures, and like a valiant man I have brought down [11]them that sit *on thrones*: 14 and my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the peoples; and as one gathereth eggs that are forsaken, have I

[1] Or, *on the west* [2] Or, *have devoured* [3] Or, *hath cut* [4] Heb. *swallowed up* [5] Or, *darkened* [6] Or, *Without me they shall bow down &c.* [7] Or, *Woe to Asshur* [8] Heb. *to make them a treading down* [9] Or, *reached* [10] Heb. *visit upon* [11] Or, *the inhabitants*

gathered all the earth: and there was none that moved the wing, or that opened the mouth, or chirped.

15 Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? shall the saw magnify itself against him that wieldeth it? as if a rod should wield them that lift it up, *or* as if a staff should lift up *him that is* not wood. 16 Therefore will the Lord, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and [1]under his glory there shall be kindled a burning like the burning of fire. 17 And the light of Ĭs'rā-ĕl will be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; and it will burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day. 18 And he will consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and it shall be [2]as when a standard-bearer fainteth. 19 And the remnant of the trees of his forest shall be few, so that a child may write them.

20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and they that are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again lean upon him that smote them, but shall lean upon Jĕ-hō'văh, the Holy One of Ĭs'-rā-ĕl, in truth. 21 [3]A remnant shall return, *even* the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God. 22 For though thy people, Ĭs'rā-ĕl, be as the sand of the sea, *only* a remnant [4]of them shall return: a destruction *is* determined, overflowing with righteousness. 23 For a full end, and that determined, will the Lord, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, make in the midst of all the [5]earth.

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zī'ŏn, be not afraid of [6]the Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ăn, though he smite thee with the rod, and lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Ē'gўpt. 25 For yet a very little while, and the indignation *against thee* shall be accomplished, and mine anger *shall be directed* to his destruction. 26 And Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts will stir up against him a scourge, as in the slaughter of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn at the rock of Ō'rĕb: and [7]his rod will be over the sea, and he will lift it up after the manner of Ē'gўpt. 27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall depart from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed by reason of [8]fatness.

28 He is come to Ā'ĭăth, he is passed through Mĭg'rŏn; at Mĭch'-măsh he layeth up his baggage: 29 they are gone over the pass: [9]they have taken up their lodging at Gē'bā; Rā'măh trembleth; Gĭb'-ē-ăh of Saul is fled. 30 Cry aloud with thy voice, O daughter of Găl'lĭm! hearken, O Lā'ĭsh-ăh! O thou poor Ăn'ă-thōth! 31 Măd-mē'năh is a fugitive; the inhabitants of Gē'bĭm [10]flee for safety. 32 This very day shall he halt at Nŏb: he shaketh his hand at the mount of the [11]daughter of Zī'ŏn, the hill of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

33 Behold, the Lord, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, will lop the boughs with terror: and the high of stature shall be hewn down, and the lofty shall be brought low. 34 And he will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lĕb'ă-nŏn shall fall by a mighty one.

11 And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jĕs'sĕ, and a branch out of his roots shall bear fruit. 2 And the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Jĕ-hō'văh. 3 And [12]his [13]delight shall be in the fear of Jĕ-hō'văh; and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither decide after the hearing of his ears; 4 but with

[1] Or, *instead of* [2] Or, *as when a sick man pineth away* [3] Heb. *shear jashub* See ch. 7.3 [4] Heb. *in it* [5] Or, *land* [6] Heb. *Asshur*
[7] Or, *as his rod was over the sea, so shall he &c.* [8] Heb. *oil* [9] Or, *Geba is our lodging, they cry* [10] Or, *make their households flee* [11] Another reading is, *house* [12] Or, *he shall be of quick understanding* [13] Heb. *scent*

righteousness shall he judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the [1]earth; and he shall smite the [1]earth with the rod of his mouth; and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist, and faithfulness the girdle of his loins.

6 And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jĕ-hō'văh, as the waters cover the sea.

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the root of Jĕs'sĕ, that standeth for an ensign of the peoples, unto him shall the nations seek; and his resting-place shall be [2]glorious.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord [3]will set his hand again the second time to [4]recover the remnant of his people, that shall remain, from Ăs'sȳr'ĭ-ȧ, and from Ē'gĭpt, and from Păth'-rŏs, and from Cŭsh, and from Ē'lăm, and from Shĭ'när, and from Hā'măth, and from the [5]islands of the sea. 12 And he will set up an ensign for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Ĭs'rȧ-ĕl, and gather together the dispersed of Jū'dăh from the four corners of the earth. 13 The envy also of Ē'phrȧ-ĭm shall depart, and they that vex [6]Jū'dăh shall be cut off: Ē'phrȧ-ĭm shall not envy Jū'dăh, and Jū'dăh shall not vex Ē'phrȧ-ĭm. 14 And they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Phĭ-lĭs'-tĭnes on the west; together shall they despoil the children of the east: they shall put forth their hand upon Ē'dŏm and Mō'ăb; and the children of Ăm'mŏn shall obey them. 15 And Jĕ-hō'văh will [7]utterly destroy the tongue of the Ē-gȳp'tĭan sea; and with his scorching wind will he wave his hand over the River, and will smite it into seven streams, and cause men to march over dryshod. 16 And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, that shall remain, from Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ȧ; like as there was for Ĭs'rȧ-ĕl in the day that he came up out of the land of Ē'gȳpt.

12 And in that day thou shalt say, I will give thanks unto thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh; for though thou wast angry with me, [8]thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortest me. 2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid: for [9]Jĕ-hō'văh, *even* Jĕ-hō'văh, is my strength and song; and he is become my salvation. 3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. 4 And in that day shall ye say, Give thanks unto Jĕ-hō'văh, [10]call upon his name, declare his doings among the peoples, make mention that his name is exalted. 5 Sing unto Jĕ-hō'văh; for he hath done [11]excellent things: [12]let this be known in all the earth. 6 Cry aloud and shout, thou [13]inhabitant of Zī'ŏn; for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Ĭs'rȧ-ĕl.

13 The [14]burden of Băb'ȳ-lŏn, which Ĭ-sā'ĭăh the son of Ā'mŏz did see.

2 Set ye up an ensign upon the bare mountain, lift up the voice unto them, wave the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles. 3 I have `commanded my consecrated ones, yea, I have called my mighty men for mine anger, even [15]my proudly exulting

[1] Or, *land* [2] Heb. *glory* [3] Or, *will again the second time recover with his hand* [4] Or, *purchase* See Ex. 15.16 [5] Or, *coast-lands* [6] Or, *in Judah* [7] Heb. *devote* [8] Or, *let thine anger turn away, and comfort thou me* [9] Heb. *Jah Jehovah* [10] Or, *proclaim his name* [11] Or, *gloriously* [12] Or, *this is made known* [13] Heb. *inhabitress* [14] Or, *oracle concerning* [15] Or, *them that exult in my majesty*

ones. 4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, as of a great people! the noise of a tumult of the kingdoms of the nations gathered together! Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts is mustering the host for the battle. 5 They come from a far country, from the uttermost part of heaven, even Jĕ-hō'văh, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

6 Wail ye; for the day of Jĕ-hō'văh is at hand; as destruction from [1]the Almighty shall it come. 7 Therefore shall all hands be feeble, and every heart of man shall melt: 8 and they shall be dismayed; [2]pangs and sorrows shall take hold *of them*; they shall be in pain as a woman in travail: they shall look in amazement one at another; their faces *shall be* faces of flame. 9 Behold, the day of Jĕ-hō'văh cometh, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger; to make the land a desolation, and to destroy the sinners thereof out of it. 10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light; the sun shall be darkened in its going forth, and the moon shall not cause its light to shine. 11 And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. 12 I will make a man more rare than fine gold, even a man than the pure gold of Ō'phĭr. 13 Therefore I will make the heavens to tremble, and the earth shall be shaken out of its place, in the wrath of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. 14 And it shall come to pass, that as the chased [3]roe, and as sheep that no man gathereth, they shall turn every man to his own people, and shall flee every man to his own land. 15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is [4]taken shall fall by the sword. 16 Their infants also shall be dashed in pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be rifled, and their wives ravished.

17 Behold, I will stir up the Mēdes against them, who shall not regard silver, and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. 18 And *their* bows shall dash the young men in pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children. 19 And Băb'ў-lŏn, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chăl-dē'ăns' pride, shall be as when God overthrew Sŏd'ŏm and Gŏ-mŏr'răh. 20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Ă-rā'bĭ-ăn pitch tent there; neither shall shepherds make their flocks to lie down there. 21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and ostriches shall dwell there, and wild goats shall dance there. 22 And [5]wolves shall [6]cry in their castles, and jackals in the pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

14 For Jĕ-hō'văh will have compassion on Jacob, and will yet choose ĭs'rā-ĕl, and set them in their own land: and the sojourner shall join himself with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. 2 And the peoples shall take them, and bring them to their place; and the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl shall possess them in the land of Jĕ-hō'văh for servants and for handmaids: and they shall take them captive whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

3 And it shall come to pass in the day that Jĕ-hō'văh shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy trouble, and from the hard service wherein thou wast made to serve, 4 that thou shalt take up this parable against the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the

[1] Heb. *Shaddai* See Gen. 17.1 [2] Or, *they shall take hold of pangs and sorrows* [3] Or, *gazelle* [4] Or, *joined* thereunto [5] Heb. *howling creatures* [6] Or, *answer*

[1]golden city ceased! 5 Jĕ-hō′-văh hath broken the staff of the wicked, the sceptre of the rulers; 6 [2]that smote the peoples in wrath with a continual stroke, that ruled the nations in anger, with a persecution that none restrained. 7 The whole earth is at rest, *and* is quiet: they break forth into singing. 8 Yea, the fir-trees rejoice at thee, *and* the cedars of Lĕb′ă-nŏn, *saying*, Since thou art laid low, no hewer is come up against us. 9 Shē′ōl from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming; it stirreth up [3]the dead for thee, even all the [4]chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. 10 All they shall answer and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? 11 Thy pomp is brought down to Shē′ōl, *and* the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and worms cover thee.

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O day-star, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, that didst lay low the nations! 13 And thou saidst in thy heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; and I will sit upon the mount of congregation, in the uttermost parts of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to Shē′ōl, to the uttermost parts of the pit. 16 They that see thee shall gaze at thee, they shall consider thee, *saying*, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; 17 that made the world as a wilderness, and overthrew the cities thereof; that let not loose his prisoners to their home? 18 All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep in glory, every one in his own house. 19 But thou art cast forth away from thy sepulchre like an abominable branch, [5]clothed with the slain, that are thrust through with the sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a dead body trodden under foot. 20 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, thou hast slain thy people; the seed of evil-doers shall not be named for ever.

21 Prepare ye [6]slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers, that they rise not up, and possess the earth, and fill the face of the world with cities. 22 And I will rise up against them, saith Jĕ-hō′văh of hosts, and cut off from Băb′ў-lŏn name and remnant, and son and son's son, saith Jĕ-hō′văh. 23 I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith Jĕ-hō′văh of hosts.

24 Jĕ-hō′văh of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely, as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: 25 that I will break the Ăs-sўr′ĭ-ăn in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulder. 26 This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. 27 For Jĕ-hō′văh of hosts hath purposed, and who shall annul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

28 In the year that king Ā′hăz died was this [7]burden.

29 Rejoice not, O Phĭ-lĭs′tĭ-â, all of thee, because the rod that smote thee is broken; for out of the serpent's root shall come forth an adder, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent. 30 And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety; and I will kill thy root with famine,

[1] Or, *exactress* [2] Or, *he that smote . . . is persecuted, and none hindereth* [3] Or, *the shades* Heb. *Rephaim* [4] Heb. *he-goats*
[5] Or, *as the raiment of those that are slain* [6] Or, *a place of slaughter.* [7] Or, *oracle*

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and thy remnant shall be slain.
31 Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou art melted away, O Phĭ-lĭs'tĭ-â, all of thee; for there cometh a smoke out of the north, and [1]there is no straggler in his ranks.

32 What then shall one answer the messengers of the nation? That Jĕ-hō'văh hath founded Zĭ'ŏn, and in her shall the afflicted of his people take refuge.

15 The [2]burden of Mō'ăb.
For [3]in a night Ăr of Mō'ăb is laid waste, *and* brought to nought; for [3]in a night Kĭr of Mō'ăb is laid waste, *and* brought to nought. 2 [4]They are gone up to [5]Bā'yĭth, and to Dī'bŏn, to the high places, to weep: Mō'ăb waileth [6]over Nē'bō, and [6]over Mĕd'ē-bà; on all their heads is baldness, every beard is cut off. 3 In their streets they gird themselves with sackcloth; on their housetops, and in their broad places, every one waileth, weeping abundantly. 4 And Hĕsh'bŏn crieth out, and Ē-lē-ā'lĕh; their voice is heard even unto Jā'hăz: therefore the armed men of Mō'ăb cry aloud; his soul trembleth within him. 5 My heart crieth out for Mō'ăb; her [7]nobles *flee* unto Zō'ăr, [8]to Ĕg'lăth-shĕ-lĭsh'ĭ-yăh: for by the ascent of Lū'hĭth with weeping they go up; for in the way of Hŏr-ō-nā'ĭm they raise up a cry of destruction. 6 For the waters of Nĭm'rĭm shall be [9]desolate; for the grass is withered away, the tender grass faileth, there is no green thing. 7 Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away over the brook of the willows. 8 For the cry is gone round about the borders of Mō'ăb; the wailing thereof unto Ĕg'lă-ĭm, and the wailing thereof unto Bĕ'ĕr-ē'lĭm. 9 For the waters of Dī'mŏn are full of blood; for I will bring yet more upon Dī'mŏn, a lion upon them of Mō'ăb that escape, and upon the remnant of the land.

16 Send ye the lambs for the [10]ruler of the land from [10]Sē'lăh to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zī'ŏn. 2 For it shall be that, as wandering birds, as a scattered nest, so shall the daughters of Mō'ăb be at the fords of the Ăr'nŏn. 3 Give counsel, execute justice; make thy shade as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; betray not the fugitive. 4 Let mine outcasts dwell with thee; as for Mō'ăb, be thou a covert to him from the face of the destroyer. For [11]the extortioner is brought to nought, destruction ceaseth, [12]the oppressors are consumed out of the land. 5 And a throne shall be established in lovingkindness; and one shall sit thereon in truth, in the tent of David, judging, and seeking justice, and swift to do righteousness.

6 We have heard of the pride of Mō'ăb, *that* he is very proud; even of his arrogancy, and his pride, and his wrath; his boastings are nought. 7 Therefore shall Mō'ăb wail for Mō'ăb, every one shall wail: for the [13]raisin-cakes of Kĭr-hăr'ĕ-sĕth shall ye mourn, utterly stricken. 8 For the fields of Hĕsh'bŏn languish, *and* the vine of Sĭb'măh; [14]the lords of the nations have broken down the choice branches thereof, which reached even unto Jā'zēr, which wandered into the wilderness; its shoots were spread abroad, they passed over the sea. 9 Therefore I will weep with the weeping of Jā'zēr for the vine of Sĭb'măh; I will water thee with my tears, O Hĕsh'bŏn, and Ē-lē-ā'lĕh: for upon thy summer fruits and upon thy harvest the *battle* shout is fallen. 10 And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the fruitful field; and in the vineyards there shall be

[1] Or, *none standeth aloof at his appointed times* [2] Or, *oracle concerning* [3] Or, *in the night* [4] Or, *Bayith and Dibon are gone up to the high places* [5] Or, *the temple* [6] Or, *upon* [7] Or, as otherwise read, *fugitives* [8] Or, as *a heifer three years old* [9] Heb. *desolations*

[10] Or, *Petra* [11] Or, *extortion* [12] Heb. *the treaders down* [13] Or, *foundations* [14] Or, *its choice plants did break down the lords of nations*

no singing, neither joyful noise: no treader shall tread out wine in the presses; I have made the *vintage* shout to cease. 11 Wherefore my heart soundeth like a harp for Mō'ăb, and mine inward parts for Kĭr-hĕ'rĕs. 12 And it shall come to pass, when Mō'ăb presenteth himself, when he wearieth himself upon the high place, and shall come to his sanctuary to pray, that he shall not prevail.

13 This is the word that Jĕ-hō'văh spake concerning Mō'ăb in time past. 14 But now Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of a hireling, the glory of Mō'ăb shall be brought into contempt, with all his great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and of no account.

17 The [1]burden of Dă-măs'cŭs. Behold, Dă-măs'cŭs is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap. 2 The cities of Ăr'ō-ēr are forsaken; they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid. 3 And the fortress shall cease from Ē'phrā-ĭm, and the kingdom [2]from Dă-măs'cŭs, and the remnant of Sўr'ĭ-ā; they shall be as the glory of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts.

4 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean. 5 And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the standing grain, and his arm reapeth the ears; yea, it shall be as when one gleaneth ears in the valley of Rĕph'ā-ĭm. 6 Yet there shall be left therein gleanings, as the [3]shaking of an olive-tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost branches of a fruitful tree, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 7 In that day shall men look unto their Maker, and their eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 8 And they shall not look to the altars, the work of their hands; neither shall they have respect to that which their fingers have made, either the Ā-shē'rĭm, or the sun-images. 9 In that day shall their strong cities be as the forsaken places in the wood and on the mountain top, which were forsaken from before the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl; and it shall be a desolation. 10 For thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy [4]strength; therefore thou plantest pleasant plants, and settest it with [5]strange slips. 11 In the day of thy planting thou hedgest it in, and in the morning thou makest thy seed to blossom; but the harvest [6]fleeth away in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

12 Ah, the [7]uproar of many peoples, that roar like the roaring of the seas; and the rushing of nations, that rush like the rushing of mighty waters! 13 The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but he shall rebuke [8]them, and [9]they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like the whirling dust before the storm. 14 At eventide, behold, terror; *and* before the morning [10]they are not. This is the portion of them that despoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

18 Ah, the land [11]of the rustling of wings, which is beyond the rivers of [12]Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-ā; 2 that sendeth ambassadors by the sea, [13]even in vessels of papyrus upon the waters, *saying*, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation [14]tall and smooth, to a people terrible from their beginning onward, a nation [15]that meteth out and treadeth down, whose land the rivers [16]divide! 3 All ye inhabitants of

[1] Or, *oracle concerning* [2] Or, *from Damascus; and the remnant of Syria shall &c.* [3] Heb. *beating*
[4] Or, *stronghold* [5] Or, *vine slips of a strange* god [6] Or, *shall be a heap* [7] Or, *multitude* [8] Heb. *him* [9] Heb. *he* [10] Heb. *he is* [11] Or, *shadowing with wings* [12] Heb. *Cush* [13] Or, *and* [14] Or, *dragged away and peeled* [15] Or, *meted out and trodden down* Heb. *of line, line, and of treading down* [16] Or, *have despoiled*

the world, and ye dwellers on the earth, when an ensign is lifted up on the mountains, see ye; and when the trumpet is blown, hear ye.

4 For thus hath Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, I will be still, and I will behold in my dwelling-place, [1]like clear heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. 5 For before the harvest, when the blossom is over, and the flower becometh a ripening grape, he will cut off the sprigs with pruning-hooks, and the spreading branches will he take away *and* cut down. 6 They shall be left together unto the ravenous birds of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth; and the ravenous birds shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them. 7 In that time shall a present be brought unto Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts *from* a people [2]tall and smooth, even from a people terrible from their beginning onward, a nation that meteth out and treadeth down, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the mount Zī'ŏn.

19 The [3]burden of Ē'gўpt.
Behold, Jĕ-hō'văh rideth upon a swift cloud, and cometh unto Ē'gўpt: and the idols of Ē'gўpt shall tremble at his presence; and the heart of Ē'gўpt shall melt in the midst of it. 2 And I will [4]stir up the Ē-gўp'tiăns against the Ē-gўp'tiăns: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbor; city against city, *and* kingdom against kingdom. 3 And the spirit of Ē'gўpt shall [5]fail in the midst of it; and I will [6]destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek unto the idols, and to the [7]charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards. 4 And I will [8]give over the Ē-gўp'tiăns into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts.

5 And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and become dry. 6 And the rivers shall become foul; the [9]streams of [10]Ē'gўpt shall be diminished and dried up; the reeds and flags shall wither away. 7 The meadows by the Nile, by the brink of the Nile, and all the sown fields of the Nile, shall become dry, be driven away, and be no more. 8 And the fishers shall lament, and all they that cast angle into the Nile shall mourn, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish. 9 Moreover they that work in combed flax, and they that weave [11]white cloth, shall be confounded. 10 And [12]the [13]pillars *of E'gypt* shall be broken in pieces; all they [14]that work for hire *shall be* grieved in soul.

11 The princes of Zō'ăn are utterly foolish; the counsel of the wisest counsellors of Phā'raōh is become brutish: how say ye unto Phā'raōh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings? 12 Where then are thy wise men? and let them tell thee now; and let them know what Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts hath purposed concerning Ē'gўpt. 13 The princes of Zō'ăn are become fools, the princes of Mĕm'phĭs are deceived; they have caused Ē'gўpt to go astray, that are the corner-stone of her tribes. 14 Jĕ-hō'văh hath mingled a spirit of perverseness in the midst of her; and they have caused Ē'gўpt to go astray in every work thereof, as a drunken man [15]staggereth in his vomit. 15 Neither shall there be for Ē'gўpt any work, which head or tail, palm-branch or rush, may do.

16 In that day shall the Ē-gўp'tiăns be like unto women; and they shall tremble and fear because of the shaking of the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, which he shaketh over them. 17 And the land of Jū'dăh shall become a terror unto

[1] Or, *when there is* [2] Or, *dragged away and peeled* [3] Or, *oracle concerning* [4] Or, *join together* Or, *arm* [5] Heb. *be emptied* [6] Heb. *swallow up* [7] Or, *whisperers* [8] Or, *shut up*
[9] Or, *canals* [10] Heb. *Mazor* [11] Or, *cotton* [12] Heb. *her pillars* [13] Or, *foundations* [14] Or, *that make dams* [15] Or, *goeth astray*

Ē'gĭpt; [1]every one to whom mention is made thereof shall be afraid, because of the purpose of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, which he purposeth against it.

18 In that day there shall be five cities in the land of Ē'gĭpt that speak the language of Cā'năan, and swear to Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts; one shall be called The city of [2]destruction.

19 In that day shall there be an altar to Jĕ-hō'văh in the midst of the land of Ē'gĭpt, and a pillar at the border thereof to Jĕ-hō'văh. 20 And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts in the land of Ē'gĭpt; for they shall cry unto Jĕ-hō'văh because of oppressors, and he will send them a saviour, and [3]a defender, and he will deliver them. 21 And Jĕ-hō'văh shall [4]be known to Ē'gĭpt, and the Ē-gĭp'tiăns shall know Jĕ-hō'văh in that day; yea, they shall worship with sacrifice and oblation, and shall vow a vow unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and shall perform it. 22 And Jĕ-hō'văh will smite Ē'gĭpt, smiting and healing; and they shall return unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and he will be entreated of them, and will heal them.

23 In that day shall there be a highway out of Ē'gĭpt to Ăs-sўr'ĭ-à, and the Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ăn shall come into Ē'gĭpt, and the Ē-gĭp'tiăn into Ăs-sўr'ĭ-à; and the Ē-gĭp'tiăns shall worship with the Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ăns.

24 In that day shall ĭs'rà-ĕl be the third with Ē'gĭpt and with Ăs-sўr'ĭ-à, a blessing in the midst of the earth; 25 for that Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts hath blessed them, saying, Blessed be Ē'gĭpt my people, and Ăs-sўr'ĭ-à the work of my hands, and ĭs'rà-ĕl mine inheritance.

20 In the year that [5]Tär'tăn came unto Ăsh'dŏd, when Săr'gŏn the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-à sent him, and he fought against Ăsh'dŏd and took it; 2 at that time Jĕ-hō'văh spake by Ī-sā'ĭăh the son of Ā'mŏz, saying, Go, and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put thy shoe from off thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot. 3 And Jĕ-hō'văh said, Like as my servant Ī-sā'ĭăh hath walked naked and barefoot [6]three years for a sign and a wonder concerning Ē'gĭpt and concerning [7]Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-à; 4 so shall the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-à lead away the captives of Ē'gĭpt, and the exiles of Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-à, young and old, naked and barefoot, and with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Ē'gĭpt. 5 And they shall be dismayed and confounded, because of Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-à their expectation, and of Ē'gĭpt their glory. 6 And the inhabitant of this coast-land shall say in that day, Behold, such is our expectation, whither we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-à: and we, how shall we escape?

21 The [8]burden of the wilderness of the sea.

As whirlwinds in the South sweep through, it cometh from the wilderness, from a terrible land. 2 A [9]grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous man dealeth treacherously, and the destroyer destroyeth. Go up, O Ē'lăm; besiege, O Mē'dĭ-à; all the sighing thereof [10]have I made to cease. 3 Therefore are my loins filled with anguish; pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman in travail: I am [11]pained so that I cannot hear; I am dismayed so that I cannot see. 4 My heart [12]fluttereth, horror hath affrighted me; the twilight that I desired hath been turned into trembling unto me. 5 They prepare the table, they [13]set the watch, they eat, they drink: rise up, ye princes, anoint the shield.

[1] Or, *every one that maketh mention thereof, to him shall they turn in fear* [2] Or, *Heres* Or, according to another reading, *the sun* [3] Or, *a mighty one* [4] Or, *make himself known* [5] The title of the Assyrian commander-in-chief [6] Or, *to be for three years a sign &c.* [7] Heb. *Cush* [8] Or, *oracle concerning* [9] Or, *hard* [10] Or, *will I make* [11] Heb. *bent* [12] Heb. *wandereth* [13] Or, *spread the carpets*

6 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman; let him declare what he seeth: 7 [1]and when he seeth [2]a troop, [3]horsemen in pairs, [2]a troop of asses, [2]a troop of camels, he shall hearken diligently with much heed. 8 And he cried as a lion: O Lord, I stand continually upon the watch-tower in the day-time, and am set in my ward [4]whole nights; 9 and, behold, here [5]cometh a troop of men, [3]horsemen in pairs. And he answered and said, Fallen, fallen is Bȧb'ȳ-lŏn; and all the graven images of her gods are broken unto the ground.

10 O thou my threshing, and the [6]grain of my floor! that which I have heard from Jĕ-hō'vȧh of hosts, the God of Ĭs'rȧ-ĕl, have I declared unto you.

11 The [7]burden of Dū'mȧh.

One calleth unto me out of Sē'ĭr, Watchman, [8]what of the night? Watchman, [8]what of the night? 12 The watchman said, The morning [9]cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: [10]turn ye, come.

13 The [11]burden upon Ă-rā'bĭ-ȧ.

In the [12]forest in Ă-rā'bĭ-ȧ shall ye lodge, O ye caravans of Dĕ'dȧn-ites. 14 Unto him that [13]was thirsty they brought water; [14]the inhabitants of the land of Tē'mȧ did meet the fugitives with their bread. 15 For they fled away from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. 16 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of a hireling, all the glory of Kē'dȧr shall fail; 17 and the residue of the number of the archers, the mighty men of the children of Kē'dȧr, shall be few; for Jĕ-hō'vȧh, the God of Ĭs'rȧ-ĕl, hath spoken it.

22 The [7]burden of the valley of vision.

What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the house-tops? 2 O thou that art full of shoutings, a tumultuous city, a joyous town; thy slain are not slain with the sword, neither are they dead in battle. 3 All thy rulers fled away together, they were bound [15]by the archers; all that were found of thee were bound together; [16]they fled afar off. 4 Therefore said I, Look away from me, I will weep bitterly; [17]labor not to comfort me for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

5 For it is a day of discomfiture, and of treading down, and of perplexity, from the Lord, Jĕ-hō'vȧh of hosts, in the valley of vision; a breaking down of the walls, and a crying to the [18]mountains. 6 And Ē'lȧm bare the quiver, with [19]chariots of men *and* horsemen; and Kĭr uncovered the shield. 7 And it came to pass, that thy choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen set themselves in array at the gate. 8 And he took away the covering of Jū'dȧh; and thou didst look in that day to the armor in the house of the forest. 9 And ye saw the breaches of the city of Dȧ'vid, that they were many; and ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool; 10 and ye numbered the houses of Jĕ-ru'sȧ-lĕm, and ye brake down the houses to fortify the wall; 11 ye made also a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool. But ye looked not unto [20]him that had done this, neither had ye respect unto him that purposed it long ago.

12 And in that day did the Lord, Jĕ-hō'vȧh of hosts, call to weeping, and to mourning, and to bald-

[1] Or, *and he saw . . . and he hearkened*
[2] Or, *a chariot* Or, *chariots*
[3] Or, *a pair of horsemen*
[4] Or, *every night*
[5] Or, *come chariots of men*
[6] Heb. *son*
[7] Or, *oracle concerning*
[8] Or, *what* hour
[9] Or, *is come*
[10] Or, *come ye again*
[11] Or, *oracle*
[12] Or, *thickets*
[13] Or, *is thirsty bring ye*
[14] Or, as otherwise read, *ye inhabitants of the land of Tema, meet*
[15] Or, *without the bow*
[16] Or, *that had fled from far*
[17] Or, *hasten*
[18] Or, *mountain*
[19] Or, *troops*
[20] Or, *the maker thereof*

ness, and to girding with sackcloth: 13 and, behold, joy and gladness, slaying oxen and killing sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine: Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we shall die. 14 And Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts revealed himself in mine ears, Surely this iniquity shall not be [1]forgiven you till ye die, saith the Lord, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts.

15 Thus saith the Lord, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, Go, get thee unto this [2]treasurer, even unto Shĕb'nā, who is over the house, *and say,* 16 What doest thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out here a sepulchre? hewing him out a sepulchre on high, graving a habitation for himself in the rock! 17 Behold, Jĕ-hō'văh, [3]like a *strong* man, will hurl thee away violently; yea, he will [4]wrap thee up closely. 18 He will surely wind thee round and round, *and toss thee* like a ball into a large country; there shalt thou die, and there shall be the chariots of thy glory, thou shame of thy lord's house. 19 And I will thrust thee from thine office; and from thy station shalt thou be pulled down. 20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Ē-lī'ā-kim the son of Hĭl-kī'ăh: 21 and I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and to the house of Jū'dăh. 22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; and he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. 23 And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a throne of glory to his father's house. 24 And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, every small vessel, from the cups even to all the flagons. 25 In that day, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, shall the nail that was fastened in a sure place give way; and it shall be hewn down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken it.

23 The [5]burden of Tyre.
Howl, ye ships of Tär'shĭsh; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Kĭt'tĭm it is revealed to them. 2 Be still, ye inhabitants of the coast, thou whom the merchants of Sī'dŏn, that pass over the sea, have replenished. 3 And on great waters the seed of the Shī'hôr, the harvest of the Nile, was her revenue; and she was the mart of nations. 4 Be thou ashamed, O Sī'dŏn; for the sea hath spoken, the stronghold of the sea, saying, I have not travailed, nor brought forth, neither have I nourished young men, nor brought up virgins. 5 [6]When the report cometh to Ē'gўpt, they shall be sorely pained at the report of Tyre. 6 Pass ye over to Tär'shĭsh; wail, ye inhabitants of the coast. 7 Is this your joyous *city,* whose antiquity is [7]of ancient days, whose feet carried her afar off to sojourn?

8 Who hath purposed this against Tyre, the bestower of crowns, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honorable of the earth? 9 Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts hath purposed it, to [8]stain the pride of all glory, to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth. 10 [9]Pass through thy land as the Nile, O daughter of Tär'shĭsh; there is no [10]restraint any more. 11 He hath stretched out his hand over the sea, he hath shaken the kingdoms: Jĕ-hō'văh hath given commandment concerning [11]Cā'năan, to destroy the

[1] Or, *expiated by*
[2] Or, *steward*
[3] Or, *O thou* strong *man*
[4] Or, *lay fast hold on thee*
[5] Or, *oracle concerning*
[6] Or, *As at the report concerning Egypt, so &c.*
[7] Or, *of ancient days? her own feet shall carry &c.*
[8] Heb. *profane*
[9] Or, *Overflow*
[10] Heb. *girdle*
[11] Or, *the merchant* people

strongholds thereof. 12 And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin daughter of Si'dŏn: arise, pass over to Kit'tĭm; even there shalt thou have no rest.

13 Behold, the land of the Chăl'dē'ăns: [1]this people was not; the Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ăn founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness; they set up [2]their towers; they [3]overthrew the palaces thereof; they made it a ruin. 14 Howl, ye ships of Tär'shĭsh; for your stronghold is laid waste. 15 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tўre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years [4]it shall be unto Tўre as in the song of the harlot. 16 Take a harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered. 17 And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that Jĕ-hō'văh will visit Tўre, and [5]she shall return to her hire, and shall play the harlot with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth. 18 And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to Jĕ-hō'văh: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before Jĕ-hō'văh, to eat sufficiently, and for [6]durable clothing.

24 Behold, Jĕ-hō'văh maketh the [6]earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. 2 And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the creditor, so with the debtor; as with the taker of interest, so with the giver of interest to him. 3 The earth shall be utterly emptied, and utterly laid waste; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken this word. 4 The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, [7]the lofty people of the earth do languish. 5 The earth also is polluted under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant. 6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are found guilty: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left. 7 The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merryhearted do sigh. 8 The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth. 9 They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it. 10 The waste city is broken down; every house is shut up, that no man may come in. 11 There is a crying in the streets because of the wine; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is [8]gone. 12 In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction. 13 For thus shall it be in the midst of the earth among the peoples, as the [9]shaking of an olive-tree, as the gleanings when the vintage is done.

14 These shall lift up their voice, they shall shout; for the majesty of Jĕ-hō'văh they cry aloud from the sea. 15 Wherefore glorify ye Jĕ-hō'văh in the [10]east, even the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, in the [11]isles of the sea. 16 From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs: Glory to the righteous.

But I said, [12]I pine away, I pine away, woe is me! the treacherous have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous have dealt very treacherously. 17 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth. 18 And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth

[1] *This people is no more; the Assyrian hath appointed it for the beasts of the wilderness*
[2] Or, *the towers thereof*
[3] Or, *raised up*
[4] Or, *shall Tyre sing as a harlot*
[5] Or, *stately*
[6] Or, *land* (and so in ver. 3, 4 &c.)
[7] Or, *the high ones of the people*
[8] Heb. *gone into captivity*
[9] Heb. *beating*
[10] Or *lights*
[11] Or, *fires*
[12] Or, *coast-lands*
[13] Heb. *Leanness to me*

from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows on high are opened, and the foundations of the earth tremble. 19 The earth is utterly broken, the earth is rent asunder, the earth is shaken violently. 20 The earth shall stagger like a drunken man, and shall sway to and fro like a hammock; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it, and it shall fall, and not rise again.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Jĕ-hō'văh will [1]punish the host of the [2]high ones on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. 22 And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the [3]pit, and shall be shut up in the prison; and after many days shall they be [4]visited. 23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed; for Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts will reign in mount Zī'ŏn, and in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and before his elders shall be glory.

25 O Jĕ-hō'văh, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things, *even* counsels of old, in faithfulness *and* truth. 2 For thou hast made of a city a heap, of a fortified city a ruin, a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. 3 Therefore shall a strong people glorify thee; a city of terrible nations shall fear thee. 4 For thou hast been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. 5 As the heat in a dry place wilt thou bring down the noise of strangers; as the heat by the shade of a cloud, the song of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

6 And in this mountain will Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts make unto all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. 7 And he will [5]destroy in this mountain the face of the covering that covereth all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He hath swallowed up death for ever; and the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the reproach of his people will he take away from off all the earth: for Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken it.

9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is Jĕ-hō'văh; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. 10 For in this mountain will the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh rest; and Mō'ăb shall be trodden down in his place, even as straw is trodden down [6]in the water of the dunghill. 11 And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst [7]thereof, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth *his hands* to swim; but *Je-ho'vah* will lay low [8]his pride [9]together with the craft of [8]his hands. 12 And the high fortress of thy walls [10]hath he brought down, laid low, and brought to the ground, even to the dust.

26 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Jū'dăh: We have a strong city; salvation will he appoint for walls and bulwarks. 2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth faith may enter in. 3 [11]Thou wilt keep *him* [12]in perfect peace, *whose* [13]mind *is* stayed *on thee*; because he trusteth in thee. 4 Trust ye in Jĕ-hō'văh for ever; for in [14]Jĕ-hō'văh, *even* Jĕ-hō'văh, is [15]an everlasting rock. 5 For he hath brought down them that dwell on high, the lofty city: he layeth it low, he layeth it low even

[1] Heb. *visit upon* [2] Heb. *height* [3] Or, *dungeon* [4] Or, *punished*
[5] Heb. *swallow up* [6] Another reading is, *in the dunghill* [7] Or, *of them* [8] Or, *their* [9] Or, *for all the craft* [10] Or, *will he bring down, lay low, and bring &c.* [11] Or, *A stedfast mind thou keepest in perfect peace, because it &c.* [12] Heb. *peace, peace* [13] Or, *imagination* [14] Heb. *Jah* [15] Or, *a rock of ages*

to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust. 6 The foot shall tread it down; even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy. 7 The way of the just is [1]uprightness: thou that art upright dost [2]direct the path of the just.

8 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Jĕ-hō'văh, have we waited for thee; to thy name, even to thy memorial *name*, is the desire of our soul. 9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee earnestly: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. 10 Let favor be showed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness will he deal wrongfully, and will not behold the majesty of Jĕ-hō'văh.

11 Jĕ-hō'văh, thy hand is lifted up, yet they see not: but they shall see [3]*thy* zeal for the people, and be put to shame; yea, [4]fire shall devour thine adversaries. 12 Jĕ-hō'văh, thou wilt ordain peace for us; for thou hast also wrought all our works for us. 13 O Jĕ-hō'văh our God, other lords besides thee have had dominion over us; but by thee only will we make mention of thy name. 14 [5]*They are* dead, they shall not live; *they are* [6]deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all remembrance of them to perish. 15 Thou hast increased the nation, O Jĕ-hō'văh, thou hast increased the nation; thou art glorified; [7]thou hast enlarged all the borders of the land.

16 Jĕ-hō'văh, in trouble have they [8]visited thee; they poured out a [9]prayer *when* thy chastening was upon them. 17 Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain and crieth out in her pangs; so we have been [10]before thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh. 18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; [11]neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen. 19 Thy dead shall live; my dead bodies shall arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust; for thy dew is *as* the dew of [12]herbs, and the earth shall cast forth [13]the dead.

20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. 21 For, behold, Jĕ-hō'văh cometh forth out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

27 In that day Jĕ-hō'văh with his hard and great and strong sword will punish lĕ-vī'á-thăn [14]swift serpent, and lĕ-vī'á-thăn the [15]crooked serpent; and he will slay the monster that is in the sea.

2 In that day: A vineyard of wine, sing ye [16]unto it. 3 I Jĕ-hō'văh am its keeper; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day. 4 Wrath is not in me: would that the briers and thorns were against me in battle! I would march upon them, I would burn them together. 5 Or else let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; *yea*, let him make peace with me. 6 [17]In days to come shall Jacob take root; ĭs'rā-ĕl shall blossom and bud; and they shall fill the face of the world with fruit.

7 Hath he smitten them as he smote those that smote them? or are they slain according to the slaughter [18]of them that were slain

[1] Or, *a right way; the path of the just thou directest aright* [2] Or, *level* [3] Or, *and be put to shame, in* their *envy at the people* [4] Or, *the fire of thine adversaries shall devour them* [5] Or, *The dead live not, the deceased rise not* [6] Or, *shades* Heb. *Rephaim* [7] Or, *thou hadst removed* it *far* unto *all the ends of the earth* [8] Or, *looked for* [9] Heb. *whisper*

[10] Or, *at thy presence* [11] Or, *neither has inhabitants of the world been born* [12] Or *light* [13] Or, *the shades* Heb. *Rephaim* [14] Or, *gliding* Or, *fleeing* [15] Or, *windin* [16] Or, *of* [17] Or, *In the generations that com* [18] Or, *of their slain*

by them? 8 [1]In measure, [2]when thou sendest them away, thou dost contend with them; he hath removed *them* with his rough blast in the day of the east wind. 9 Therefore by this shall the iniquity of Jacob be [3]forgiven, and this is all the fruit [4]of taking away his sin: that he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, *so that* the A-shē'rĭm and the sun-images shall rise no more. 10 For the fortified city is solitary, a habitation deserted and forsaken, like the wilderness: there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume the branches thereof. 11 When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off; the women shall come, and set them on fire; for it is a people of no understanding: therefore he that made them will not have compassion upon them, and he that formed them will show them no favor.

12 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Jĕ-hō'văh will [5]beat off *his fruit* from the flood of the River unto the brook of Ē'gўpt; and ye shall be [6]gathered [7]one by one, O ye children of Is'rā-ĕl.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great trumpet shall be blown; and they shall come that were [8]ready to perish in the land of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-a, and they that were outcasts in the land of Ē'gўpt; and they shall worship Jĕ-hō'văh in the holy mountain at Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm.

28 Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ē'phrā-ĭm, and to the fading flower of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley of them that are [9]overcome with wine! 2 Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one; as a tempest of hail, a destroying storm, as a tempest of mighty waters overflowing, will he cast down to the earth [10]with the hand. 3 The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ē'phrā-ĭm shall be trodden under foot: 4 and the fading flower of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be as the first-ripe fig before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up. 5 In that day will Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts become a crown of glory, and a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people; 6 and a spirit of justice to him that sitteth in judgment, and strength to them that turn back the battle [11]at the gate.

7 And even these reel with wine, and stagger with strong drink; the priest and the prophet reel with strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they stagger with strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. 8 For all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness, *so that there is* no place *clean*.

9 [12]Whom will he teach knowledge? and whom will he make to understand the [13]message? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts? 10 For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept; [14]line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little.

11 [15]Nay, but by *men of* strange lips and with another tongue will he speak to this people; 12 to whom he said, This is the rest, give ye rest to him that is weary; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. 13 Therefore shall the word of Jĕ-hō'văh be unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little; that they may go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

14 Wherefore hear the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, ye scoffers, that rule this people that is in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm:

[1] The meaning of the Hebrew word is uncertain [2] Or, *by sending them away* [3] Or, *expiated* [4] Or, *to take away* [5] Or, *beat out* his grain [6] Or, *gleaned* [7] Or, *one to another* [8] Or, *lost* [9] Heb. *smitten down*
[10] Or, *with violence* [11] Or, *to* [12] Or, *Whom shall he teach . . . and whom shall he make . . . breasts. For &c.* [13] Or, *report* [14] Or, *rule* [15] Or, *For with stammering lips*

15 Because ye have said, We have
made a covenant with death, and
with Shĕ'ōl are we at agreement;
when the overflowing scourge
shall pass through, it shall not
come unto us; for we have made
lies our refuge, and under false-
hood have we hid ourselves:
16 therefore thus saith the Lord
Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I [1]lay in Zī'ŏn
for a foundation a stone, a tried
stone, a precious corner-*stone* of
sure foundation: he that believeth
shall not be in haste. 17 And I
will make justice the line, and
righteousness the plummet; and
the hail shall sweep away the
refuge of lies, and the waters shall
overflow the hiding-place. 18 And
your covenant with death shall be
annulled, and your agreement
with Shĕ'ōl shall not stand; when
the overflowing scourge shall pass
through, then ye shall be trodden
down by it. 19 As often as it
passeth through, it shall take you;
for morning by morning shall it
pass through, by day and by night:
and it shall be nought but terror
to understand the [2]message. 20 For
the bed is shorter than that a man
can stretch himself on it; and the
covering narrower than that he can
wrap himself in it. 21 For Jĕ-
hō'văh will rise up as in mount
Pĕr'ă-zīm, he will be wroth as in
the valley of Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn; that he may
do his work, his strange work, and
bring to pass his act, his strange
act. 22 Now therefore be ye not
scoffers, lest your bonds be made
strong: for [2]a decree of destruc-
tion have I heard from the Lord,
Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, upon the
whole [4]earth.

23 Give ye ear, and hear my
voice; hearken, and hear my
speech. 24 Doth he that ploweth
to sow plow continually? doth he
continually open and harrow his
ground? 25 When he hath level-
led the face thereof, doth he not
cast abroad the [5]fitches, and
scatter the cummin, and put in
the wheat in rows, and the barley
in the appointed place, and the
spelt in the border thereof? 26 [6]For
his God doth instruct him aright,
and doth teach him. 27 For the
fitches are not threshed with a
sharp *threshing* instrument, neither
is a cart wheel turned about upon
the cummin; but the fitches are
beaten out with a staff, and the
cummin with a rod. 28 [7]Bread
grain is ground; for he will not be
always threshing it: and though
the wheel of his cart and his horses
scatter it, he doth not grind it.
29 This also cometh forth from
Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, who is wonder-
ful in counsel, and excellent in
[8]wisdom.

29 [9]Ho [10]Ā'rĭ-ĕl, Ā'rĭ-ĕl, the
city where David encamped!
add ye year to year; let the feasts
come round: 2 then will I distress
Ā'rĭ-ĕl, and there shall be mourn-
ing and lamentation; [11]and she
shall be unto me as Ā'rĭ-ĕl. 3 And
I will encamp against thee round
about, and will lay siege against
thee with posted troops, and I will
raise siege works against thee.
4 And thou shalt be brought
down, and shalt speak out of the
ground, and thy speech shall be
low out of the dust; and thy voice
shall be as of one that hath a
familiar spirit, out of the ground,
and thy speech shall [12]whisper out
of the dust.

5 But the multitude of thy [13]foes
shall be like small dust, and the
multitude of the terrible ones as
chaff that passeth away: yea, it
shall be in an instant suddenly.
6 [14]She shall be visited of Jĕ-hō'-
văh of hosts with thunder, and
with earthquake, and great noise,
with whirlwind and tempest, and
the flame of a devouring fire.
7 And the multitude of all the
nations that fight against Ā'rĭ-ĕl,

[1] Or, *have laid* [2] Or, *report* [3] Heb. *destruction, and that decreed* [4] Or, *land* [5] Or, *black cummin* (*Nigella sativa*)

[6] Or, *And he traineth each of them aright, his God doth teach him* [7] Or, *Is bread grain crushed? Nay, he will not ever be threshing it, and driving his cart wheels and his horses over it; he doth not crush it* [8] Or, *effectual working* [9] Or, *Woe to* [10] That is, *The lion of God* Or, *The hearth of God* [11] Or, *ye* [12] Or, *chirp* [13] Heb. *strangers* [14] Or, *There shall be a visitation from Jehovah &c.*

even all that fight against her and her stronghold, and that distress her, shall be as a dream, a vision of the night. 8 And it shall be as when a hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zĭ'ŏn.

9 [1]Tarry ye and wonder; [2]take your pleasure and be blind: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. 10 For Jĕ-hō'văh hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed [3]your eyes, the prophets; and your heads, the seers, hath he covered. 11 And all vision is become unto you as the words of a [4]book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that [5]is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee; and he saith, I cannot, for it is sealed: 12 and the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee; and he saith, I am not learned.

13 And the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw nigh *unto me*, and with their mouth and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of men which hath been [6]taught *them*; 14 therefore, behold, I will [7]proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

15 Woe unto them that hide deep their counsel from Jĕ-hō'văh, and whose works are in the dark, and that say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? 16 [8]Ye turn things upside down! Shall the potter be esteemed as clay; that the thing made should say of him that made it, He made me not; or the thing formed say of him that formed it, He hath no understanding?

17 Is it not yet a very little while, and Lĕb'ă-nŏn shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest? 18 And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of [9]the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness. 19 The meek also shall increase their joy in Jĕ-hō'văh, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scoffer ceaseth, and all they that watch for iniquity are cut off; 21 that [10]make a man an offender [11]in *his* cause, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just with a thing of nought.

22 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale. 23 [12]But when he seeth his children, the work of my hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name; yea, they shall sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall stand in awe of the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 24 They also that err in spirit [13]shall come to understanding, and they that murmur shall receive instruction.

30 Woe to the rebellious children, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that take counsel, but not of me; and that [14]make a league, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; 2 that set out to go down into E'gўpt, and have not asked at my mouth; to [15]strengthen themselves

[1] Or, *Be ye amazed* [2] Or, *blind yourselves and be blind* [3] Or, *your eyes; the prophets, and &c.* [4] Or, *writing* [5] Heb. *knoweth writing* (or, *letters*) [6] Or, *learned* by rote [7] Or, *again do* Heb. *add to do*

[8] Or, *Oh your perversity!* [9] Or, *a book* (or *writing*) [10] Or, *make men to offend by* their *words* [11] Or, *for a word* [12] Or, *But when his children see &c.* [13] Heb. *shall know understanding* [14] Or, *pour out a drink-offering* [15] Or, *flee to the stronghold of Pharaoh*

in the strength of Phā'raōh, and to take refuge in the shadow of Ē'ğўpt! 3 Therefore shall the strength of Phā'raōh be your shame, and the refuge in the shadow of Ē'ğўpt your confusion. 4 For their princes are at Zō'ăn, and their ambassadors are come to Hā'nēs. 5 They shall all be ashamed because of a people that cannot profit them, that are not a help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.

6 The [1]burden of the beasts of the South.

Through the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come the lioness and the lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the humps of camels, to a people that shall not profit *them*. 7 For Ē'ğўpt helpeth in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I [2]called her Rā'hăb that sitteth still.

8 Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come [3]for ever and ever. 9 For it is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the [4]law of Jĕ-hō'văh; 10 that say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits, 11 get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of ĭs'rā-ĕl to cease from before us. 12 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of ĭs'rā-ĕl, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and rely thereon; 13 therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly in an instant. 14 And he shall break it as a potter's vessel is broken, breaking it in pieces without sparing; so that there shall not be found among the pieces thereof a sherd wherewith to take fire from the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern.

15 For thus said the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, the Holy One of ĭs'rā-ĕl, In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. And ye would not: 16 but ye said, No, for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift. 17 One thousand *shall flee* at the threat of one; at the threat of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as [5]a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on a hill.

18 And therefore will Jĕ-hō'văh wait, that he may be gracious unto you; and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for Jĕ-hō'văh is a God of justice; blessed are all they that wait for him. 19 For [6]the people shall dwell in Zī'ŏn at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; thou shalt weep no more; he will surely be gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear, he will answer thee. 20 [7]And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy [8]teachers [9]be hidden any more, but thine eyes shall see thy [8]teachers; 21 and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it; when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. 22 And ye shall defile the overlaying of thy graven images of silver, and the plating of thy molten images of gold: thou shalt [10]cast them away as an [11]unclean thing; thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence.

23 And he will give the rain for thy seed, wherewith thou shalt sow the ground; and bread of the increase of the ground, and it shall be fat and plenteous. In that day

[1] Or, *oracle concerning* [2] Or, *cried concerning this, They are* but *arrogancy: be still* [3] Or, as otherwise read, *for a witness for ever* [4] Or, *teaching*

[5] Or, *a pole* [6] Or, *O people that dwellest in Zion at Jerusalem* [7] Or, *And then will the Lord give you bread in adversity and wate in affliction; and thy teachers shall not &c* [8] Or, *teacher* [9] Or, *hide themselves* [10] Heb. *scatter* [11] Heb. *menstruous*

shall thy cattle feed in large pastures; 24 the oxen likewise and the young asses that till the ground shall eat [1]savory provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fork. 25 And there shall be upon every lofty mountain, and upon every high hill, brooks *and* streams of waters, in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. 26 Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that Jĕ-hō'văh bindeth up the hurt of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

27 Behold, the name of Jĕ-hō'văh cometh from far, burning with his anger, and in thick rising smoke: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue is as a devouring fire; 28 and his breath is as an overflowing stream, that reacheth even unto the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction: and a bridle that causeth to err *shall be* in the jaws of the peoples. 29 Ye shall have a song as in the night [2]when a holy feast is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come unto the mountain of Jĕ-hō'văh, to the Rock of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 30 And Jĕ-hō'văh will cause his glorious voice to be heard, and will show the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of *his* anger, and the flame of a devouring fire, with [3]a blast, and tempest, and hailstones. 31 For through the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh shall the Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ăn be dismayed; with his rod will he smite *him*. 32 And every [4]stroke of the [5]appointed staff, which Jĕ-hō'văh shall lay upon him, shall be with *the sound of* tabrets and harps; and in battles with the brandishing *of his arm* will he fight with them. 33 For a Tō'-phĕth is prepared of old; yea, for the king it is made ready; he hath made it deep and large; the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of Jĕ-hō'văh, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

31 Woe to them that go down to Ĕ'gўpt for help, and rely on horses, and trust in chariots because they are many, and in horsemen because they are very strong, but they look not unto the Holy One of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, neither seek Jĕ-hō'văh! 2 Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words, but will arise against the house of the evil-doers, and against the help of them that work iniquity. 3 Now the Ĕ-gўp'-tiăns are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit: and when Jĕ-hō'văh shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall stumble, and he that is helped shall fall, and they all shall be consumed together.

4 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh unto me, As the lion and the young lion growling over his prey, if a multitude of shepherds be called forth against him, will not be dismayed at their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so will Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts come down to fight [6]upon mount Zĭ'ŏn, and [6]upon the hill thereof. 5 As birds hovering, so will Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts protect Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm; he will protect and deliver *it*, he will pass over and preserve *it*. 6 Turn ye unto him [7]from whom [8]ye have deeply revolted, O children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 7 For in that day they shall cast away every man his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin. 8 And the Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ăn shall fall by the sword, not of man; and the sword, not of men, shall devour him; and he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall become subject to taskwork. 9 And his rock shall pass away by reason of terror, and his princes shall be dismayed at the ensign, saith Jĕ-hō'-

[1] Heb. *salted* [2] Or, *when a feast is hallowed* [3] Or, *crashing* [4] Heb. *passing* [5] Or, *staff of doom* (Heb. *foundation*)

[6] Or, *against* [7] Or, *from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted* [8] Heb. *they*

văh, whose fire is in Zĭ'ŏn, and his furnace in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

32 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in justice. 2 And a man shall be as a hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest, as streams of water in a dry place, as the shade of a great rock in a weary land. 3 And the eyes of them that see shall not be [1]dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken. 4 And the heart of the [2]rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly. 5 The fool shall be no more called noble, nor the [3]churl said to be bountiful. 6 For the fool will speak folly, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise profaneness, and to utter error against Jĕ-hō'văh, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and to cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. 7 And the instruments of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the [4]meek with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right. 8 But the noble deviseth noble things; and [5]in noble things shall he continue.

9 Rise up, ye women that are at ease, *and* hear my voice; ye [6]careless daughters, give ear unto my speech. 10 [7]For days beyond a year shall ye be troubled, ye careless women; for the vintage shall fail, the ingathering shall not come. 11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones; strip you, and make you bare, and [8]gird *sackcloth* upon your loins. 12 They shall smite upon the breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. 13 Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city. 14 For the palace shall be forsaken; the populous city shall be deserted; [9]the hill and the watch-tower shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks; 15 until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be esteemed as a forest.

16 Then justice shall dwell in the wilderness; and righteousness shall abide in the fruitful field. 17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and confidence for ever. 18 And my people shall abide in a peaceable habitation, and in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting-places. 19 But it shall hail in the downfall of the forest; and the city shall be utterly laid low. 20 Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth the feet of the ox and the ass.

33 Woe to thee that destroyest, and thou wast not destroyed, and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! When thou hast ceased to destroy, thou shalt be destroyed; and when thou hast made an end of dealing treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee. 2 O Jĕ-hō'văh, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou [10]our arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble. 3 At the noise of the tumult the peoples are fled; at the lifting up of thyself the nations are scattered. 4 And your spoil shall be gathered as the caterpillar gathereth: as locusts leap shall men leap upon it. 5 Jĕ-hō'văh is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zĭ'ŏn with justice and righteousness. 6 [11]And there shall be stability in thy times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge: the fear of Jĕ-hō'văh is [12]thy treasure.

7 Behold, their valiant ones cry without; the ambassadors of peace

[1] Or, *closed* [2] Heb. *hasty* [3] Or, *crafty* [4] Or, *poor* [5] Or, *by liberal things shall he stand* [6] Heb. *confident* [7] Or, *After a year and days* Heb. *Days above a year* [8] Or, *put a girdle upon*
[9] Or, *Ophel* [10] Heb. *their* [11] Or, *And abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times* [12] Heb. *his*

weep bitterly. 8 The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth: [1]*the enemy* hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth not man. 9 The land mourneth and languisheth; Lĕb'ă-nŏn is confounded and withereth away; Shār'ŏn is like [2]a desert; and Bā'shăn and Cär'mĕl shake off *their leaves*. 10 Now will I arise, saith Jĕ-hō'-văh; now will I lift up myself; now will I be exalted. 11 Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath is a fire that shall devour you. 12 And the peoples shall be as the burnings of lime, as thorns cut down, that are burned in the fire.

13 Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and, ye that are near, acknowledge my might. 14 The sinners in Zī'ŏn are afraid; trembling hath seized the godless ones: Who among us can dwell with the devouring fire? who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings? 15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of [3]oppressions, that shaketh his hands from taking a bribe, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from looking upon evil: 16 he shall dwell on high; his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks; his bread shall be given *him*; his waters shall be sure.

17 Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold [4]a land that reacheth afar. 18 Thy heart shall muse on the terror: Where is [5]he that counted, where is he that weighed *the tribute*? where is he that counted the towers? 19 Thou shalt not see the fierce people, a people of a deep speech that thou canst not comprehend, of a [6]strange tongue that thou canst not understand. 20 Look upon Zī'ŏn, the city of our [7]solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm a quiet habitation, a tent that shall not be removed, the stakes whereof shall never be plucked up, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. 21 But there Jĕ-hō'văh will be with us in majesty, [8]a place of broad rivers and streams, wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby. 22 For Jĕ-hō'văh is our judge, Jĕ-hō'văh is our lawgiver, Jĕ-hō'văh is our king; he will save us. 23 Thy tacklings are loosed; they could not strengthen the foot of their mast, they could not spread the sail: then was the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame took the prey. 24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.

34 Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye peoples: let the earth hear, and the fulness thereof; the world, and all things that come forth from it. 2 For Jĕ-hō'văh hath indignation against all the nations, and wrath against all their host: he hath [9]utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. 3 Their slain also shall be cast out, and the stench of their dead bodies shall come up; and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. 4 And all the host of heaven shall [10]be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll; and all their host shall fade away, as the leaf fadeth from off the vine, and as a fading *leaf* from the fig-tree. 5 For my sword hath drunk its fill in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon E'dŏm, and upon the people of my [11]curse, to judgment. 6 The sword of Jĕ-hō'văh is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath a sacrifice in Bŏz'-răh, and a great slaughter in the

[1] Heb. *he* [2] Or, *the Arabah* [3] Or, *fraud*
[4] Or, *a land that is very far off* Heb. *a land of far distances* [5] Or, *the scribe* [6] Or, *stammering* [7] Or, *set feasts*
[8] Or, *but in the place . . . streams there shall go &c.* [9] Heb. *devoted*
[10] Or, *moulder away*
[11] Heb. *devoting*, or, *b*

land of E'dŏm. 7 And the wild-oxen shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be drunken with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

8 For Jĕ-hō'văh hath a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zī'ŏn. 9 And the streams [1]of *E'dom* shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. 10 It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever; from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever. 11 But the pelican and the porcupine shall possess it; and the [2]owl and the raven shall dwell therein: and he will stretch over it the line of confusion, and the [3]plummet of emptiness. 12 [4]They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none shall be there; and all its princes shall be nothing. 13 And thorns shall come up in its palaces, nettles and thistles in the fortresses thereof; and it shall be a habitation of jackals, a court for ostriches. 14 And the wild beasts of the desert shall meet with the [5]wolves, and the wild goat shall cry to his fellow; yea, [6]the night-monster shall settle there, and shall find her a place of rest. 15 There shall the dart-snake make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shade; yea, there shall the kites be gathered, every one with her mate.

16 Seek ye out of the book of Jĕ-hō'văh, and read: no one of these shall be missing, none shall want her mate; for my mouth, it hath commanded, and his Spirit, it hath gathered them. 17 And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever; from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

[1] Heb. *thereof* [2] Or, *bittern* [3] Heb. *stones* [4] Or, *As for her nobles, none shall be there to proclaim the kingdom* [5] Heb. *howling creatures* [6] Heb. *Lilith*

35 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the [7]rose. 2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lĕb'-ă-nŏn shall be given unto it, the excellency of Cär'mĕl and Shâr'ŏn: they shall see the glory of Jĕ-hō'-văh, the excellency of our God.

3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the [8]feeble knees. 4 Say to them that are of a [9]fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: [10]behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *with* the recompense of God; he will come and save you.

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. 7 And the [11]glowing sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water: in the habitation of jackals, where they lay, shall be [12]grass with reeds and rushes. 8 And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for [13]*the redeemed*: the wayfaring men, yea fools, shall not err *therein*. 9 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast go up thereon; they shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*: 10 and the ransomed of Jĕ-hō'văh shall return, and come with singing unto Zī'ŏn; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

36 Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, that [14]Sĕn-năch'ĕ-rĭb king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ă came up against all the fortified cities of Jū'dăh, and

[7] Or, *autumn crocus* See S. of S. 2.1 [8] Or, *tottering* [9] Heb. *hasty* [10] Or, *behold, your God vengeance will come, even the recompense of God* [11] Or, *mirage* [12] Or, *a court for reeds &c.* See ch. 34.13 [13] Heb. *them* [14] Heb. *Sanherib*

took them. 2 And the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ă sent [1]Răb'shă-kēh from Lā'chĭsh to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm unto king Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field. 3 Then came forth unto him Ē-lī'ă-kĭm the son of Hĭl-kī'ăh, who was over the household, and Shĕb'nà the [2]scribe, and Jō'ăh, the son of Ā'săph, the [3]recorder.

4 And Răb'shă-kēh said unto them, Say ye now to Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, Thus saith the great king, the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ă, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest? 5 I say, *thy* counsel and strength for the war are but vain words: now on whom dost thou trust, that thou hast rebelled against me? 6 Behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Ē'gȳpt, whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Phā'raōh king of Ē'gȳpt to all that trust on him. 7 But if thou say unto me, We trust in Jĕ-hō'văh our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh hath taken away, and hath said to Jū'dăh and to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, Ye shall worship before this altar? 8 Now therefore, I pray thee, [4]give pledges to my master the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ă, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. 9 How then canst thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Ē'gȳpt for chariots and for horsemen? 10 And am I now come up without Jĕ-hō'văh against this land to destroy it? Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

11 Then said Ē-lī'ă-kĭm and Shĕb'nà and Jō'ăh unto Răb'shă-kēh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the [5]Sȳr'ĭ-ăn language; for we understand it: and speak not to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that are on the wall. 12 But Răb'shă-kēh said, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? *hath he* not *sent me* to the men that sit upon the wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink their own water with you?

13 Then Răb'shă-kēh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ă. 14 Thus saith the king, Let not Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh deceive you; for he will not be able to deliver you: 15 neither let Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh make you trust in Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, Jĕ-hō'văh will surely deliver us; this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ă. 16 Hearken not to Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh: for thus saith the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ă, [6]Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern; 17 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards. 18 Beware lest Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh persuade you, saying, Jĕ-hō'văh will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ă? 19 Where are the gods of Hā'măth and Ăr'păd? where are the gods of Sĕph-ăr-vā'ĭm? and have they delivered Să-mā'rĭ-ă out of my hand? 20 Who are they among all the gods of these countries, that have delivered their country out of my hand, that Jĕ-hō'văh should deliver Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm out of my hand?

21 But they held their peace, and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not. 22 Then came Ē-lī'ă-kĭm the son of Hĭl-kī'ăh, that was over the household, and Shĕb'nà the scribe, and Jō'ăh, the son of Ā'săph, the recorder, to Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh with their clothes

[1] The title of an Assyrian officer [2] Or, *secretary* [3] Or, *chronicler* [4] Or, *make a wager with* [5] Heb. *Aramean*
[6] Heb. *Make with me a blessing*

rent, and told him the words of Răb'shă-kēh.

37 And it came to pass, when king Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 2 And he sent Ē-lī'ă-kĭm, who was over the household, and Shĕb'nă the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, unto Ī-să'ĭăh the prophet the son of Ā'mōz. 3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of contumely; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. 4 It may be Jĕ-hō'văh thy God will hear the words of Răb'shă-kēh, [1]whom the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă his master hath sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which Jĕ-hō'văh thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left.

5 So the servants of king Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh came to Ī-să'ĭăh. 6 And Ī-să'ĭăh said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă have blasphemed me. 7 Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and he shall hear tidings, and shall return unto his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 So Răb'shă-kēh returned, and found the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă warring against Lĭb'năh; for he had heard that he was departed from Lā'chĭsh. 9 And he heard say concerning Tĭr'hă-kăh king of Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-ă, He is come out to fight against thee. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, saying, 10 Thus shall ye speak to Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm shall not be given into the hand of the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă. 11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă have done to all lands, by [2]destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered? 12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have destroyed, Gō'zăn, and Hā'răn, and Rē'zĕph, and the children of Eden that were in Tĕ-lăs'săr? 13 Where is the king of Hā'măth, and the king of Ăr'păd, and the king of the city of Sĕph-ăr-vā'ĭm, of Hē'nă, and [3]Ĭv'văh?

14 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh went up unto the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and spread it before Jĕ-hō'văh. 15 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh prayed unto Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, 16 O Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that [4]sittest *above* the chĕr'ū-bĭm, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. 17 Incline thine ear, O Jĕ-hō'văh, and hear; open thine eyes, O Jĕ-hō'văh, and see; and hear all the words of Sĕn-năch'ē-rĭb, who hath sent to defy the living God. 18 Of a truth, Jĕ-hō'văh, the kings of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă have laid waste all the countries, and their land, 19 and have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them. 20 Now therefore, O Jĕ-hō'văh our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art Jĕ-hō'văh, even thou only.

21 Then Ī-să'ĭăh the son of Ā'mōz sent unto Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sĕn-năch'ē-rĭb king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă, 22 this is the word which Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken concerning him: The virgin daughter of Zĭ'ŏn hath despised thee and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jĕ-ru'să-

[1] Or, *wherewith the king of Assyria . . . hath sent him*

[2] Heb. *devoting them*
[3] In 2 K. 17.24, *Avva*
[4] Or, *art enthroned*

lĕm hath shaken her head [1]at thee.
23 Whom hast thou defied and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* against the Holy One of Is'rā-ĕl.
24 By thy servants hast thou defied the Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lĕb'ă-nŏn; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice [2]fir-trees thereof; and I will enter into its farthest height, the forest of its fruitful field: 25 I have digged and drunk water, and with the sole of my feet will I dry up all the rivers of [3]E'gўpt.

26 Hast thou not heard how I have done it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? now have I brought it to pass, that it should be thine to lay waste fortified cities into ruinous heaps. 27 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as [4]a field *of grain* before it is grown up. 28 But I know thy sitting down, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy raging against me. 29 Because of thy raging against me, and because [5]thine arrogancy is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

30 And this shall be the sign unto thee: ye shall eat this year that which groweth of itself, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof. 31 And [6]the remnant that is escaped of the house of Jū'dăh shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

[1] Heb. *after* [2] Or, *cypress-trees* [3] Or, *defence* Heb. *Mazor* [4] In 2 K. 19.26, *grain blasted* [5] Or, *thy careless ease*
[6] Heb. *the escaped of the house of Judah that remain*

32 For out of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm shall go forth a remnant, and out of mount Zī'ŏn they that shall escape. The zeal of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts will perform this.

33 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh concerning the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă, He shall not come unto this city, nor shoot an arrow there, neither shall he come before it with shield, nor cast up a mound against it. 34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and he shall not come unto this city, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 35 For I will defend this city to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

36 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh went forth, and smote in the camp of the Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ăns a hundred and fourscore and five thousand; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. 37 So Sĕn-năch'ĕ-rĭb king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nĭn'ĕ-vĕh. 38 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nĭs'rŏch his god, that Ă-drăm'mĕ-lĕch and Shă-rē'zĕr his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ăr'ă-răt. And Ē'săr-hăd'dŏn his son reigned in his stead.

38 In those days was Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh sick unto death. And Ī-să'ĭăh the prophet the son of Ā'mŏz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Set thy house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. 2 Then Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto Jĕ-hō'văh, 3 and said, Remember now, O Jĕ-hō'văh, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh wept sore. 4 Then came the word of Jĕ-hō'văh to Ī-să'ĭăh, saying, 5 Go, and say to Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years. 6 And

I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Ăs-sўr-ĭ-à; and I will defend this city.
7 And this shall be the sign unto thee from Jĕ-hō'văh, that Jĕ-hō'-văh will do this thing that he hath spoken: 8 behold, I will cause the shadow on the steps, which is gone down on the [1]dial of Ā'hăz [2]with the sun, to return backward ten steps. So the sun returned ten steps [3]on the dial whereon it was gone down.

9 The writing of Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness.

10 I said, In the [4]noontide of my days I shall go into the gates of Shĕ'ōl:
I am deprived of the residue of my years.
11 I said, I shall not see [5]Jĕ-hō'-văh, *even* [5]Jĕ-hō'văh in the land of the living:
I shall behold man no more [6]with the inhabitants of the world.
12 My dwelling is removed, and is carried away from me as a shepherd's tent:
I have rolled up, like a weaver, my life; he will cut me off from the [7]loom:
From day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.
13 [8]I quieted *myself* until morning; as a lion, so he breaketh all my bones:
From day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.
14 Like a swallow *or* a crane, so did I chatter;
I did moan as a dove; mine eyes fail *with looking* upward:
O Lord, I am oppressed, be thou my surety.
15 What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done it:
I shall go [9]softly all my years because of the bitterness of my soul.
16 O Lord, by these things men live;
And wholly therein is the life of my spirit:
[10]Wherefore recover thou me, and make me to live.
17 Behold, *it was* for *my* peace *that* I had great bitterness:
But [11]thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of [12]corruption;
For thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.
18 For Shĕ'ōl cannot praise thee, death cannot celebrate thee:
They that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.
19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day:
The father to the children shall make known thy truth.
20 Jĕ-hō'văh is *ready* to save me:
Therefore we will sing my songs with stringed instruments
All the days of our life in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh.

21 Now Ī-sā'ĭăh had said, Let them take a cake of figs, and lay it for a plaster upon the boil, and he shall recover. 22 Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of Jĕ-hō'văh?

39 At that time Mĕ-rō'dăch-băl'ă-dăn the son of Băl'ă-dăn, king of Băb'ў-lŏn, sent letters and a present to Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh; for he heard that he had been sick, and was recovered. 2 And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh was glad of them, and showed them the house of his [13]precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious oil, and all the house of his [14]armor, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh showed them not. 3 Then came Ī-sā'ĭăh the prophet unto king Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, and said unto him, What said

[1] Heb. *steps* [2] Or, *by* [3] Or, *by which steps it &c.* [4] Or, *tranquillity* [5] Heb. *Jah* [6] Or, when I am *among them that have ceased to be* [7] Heb. *thrum* [8] Or, *I thought until morning, As a lion, so will he break &c.* [9] Or, *as in solemn procession* See Ps. 42.4

[10] Or. *So wilt thou recover me* [11] Heb *thou hast loved my soul from the pit* [12] Or *nothingness* [13] Or, *spicery* [14] Or, *jewels*

these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh said, They are come from a far country unto me, even from Băb'-ў-lŏn. 4 Then said he, What have they seen in thy house? And Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh answered, All that is in my house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not showed them. 5 Then said Ī-să'ĭăh to Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, Hear the word of Jĕ-hō'-văh of hosts: 6 Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in thy house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Băb'ў-lŏn: nothing shall be left, saith Jĕ-hō'-văh. 7 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, whom thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn. 8 Then said Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh unto Ī-să'ĭăh, Good is the word of Jĕ-hō'văh which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

40 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. 2 Speak ye [1]comfortably to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and cry unto her, that her [2]warfare is accomplished, that her [3]iniquity is pardoned, that she hath received of Jĕ-hō'văh's hand double for all her sins.

3 The voice of one [4]that crieth, Prepare ye in the wilderness the way of Jĕ-hō'văh; make level in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the uneven shall be made level, and the rough places a plain: 5 and the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken it.

6 The voice of one saying, Cry. And one said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. 7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, because the breath of Jĕ-hō'văh bloweth upon it; surely the people is grass. 8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever.

9 [5]O thou that tellest good tidings to Zī'ŏn, get thee up on a high mountain; [6]O thou that tellest good tidings to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Jū'dăh, Behold, your God! 10 Behold, the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh will come as a mighty one, and his arm will rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom, *and* will gently lead those that have their young.

12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? 13 Who hath [7]directed the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'-văh, or being his counsellor hath taught him? 14 With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed to him the way of understanding? 15 Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are accounted as the small dust of the balance: behold, [8]he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. 16 And Lĕb'ă-nŏn is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt-offering. 17 All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as [9]less than nothing, and [10]vanity.

18 To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him? 19 The im-

[1] Heb. *to the heart of*
[2] Or, *time of service*
[3] Or, *punishment is accepted* See Lev. 26.43
[4] Or, *that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way &c.*
[5] Or, *O Zion, that bringest good tidings*
[6] Or, *O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings*
[7] Or, *meted out*
[8] Or, *the isles are as the fine dust that is lifted up*
[9] Or, *as a thing of nought*
[10] Or, *confusion*

age, a workman hath cast *it*, and the goldsmith overlayeth it with gold, and casteth *for it* silver chains. 20 He that is too impoverished for *such* an oblation chooseth a tree that will not rot; he seeketh unto him a skilful workman to [1]set up a graven image, that shall not be moved. 21 Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not [2]understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 *It is* he that sitteth above the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as [3]a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in; 23 that bringeth princes to nothing; that maketh the judges of the earth as [4]vanity. 24 [5]Yea, they have not been planted; yea, they have not been sown; yea, their stock hath not taken root in the earth: moreover he bloweth upon them, and they wither, and the whirlwind taketh them away as stubble. 25 To whom then will ye liken me, that I should be equal *to him*? saith the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high, [6]and see who hath created these, that bringeth out their host by number; he calleth them all by name; by the greatness of his might, and for that he is strong in power, not one is lacking.

27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Is'rā-ĕl, My way is hid from Jĕ-hō'văh, and the justice *due* to me is passed away from my God? 28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard? [7]The everlasting God, Jĕ-hō'văh, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary; there is no searching of his understanding. 29 He giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath no might he increaseth strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men sha utterly fall: 31 but they that wa for Jĕ-hō'văh shall renew the strength; they shall mount up wi wings as eagles; they shall ru and not be weary; they shall wall and not faint.

41 Keep silence before me, islands; and let the peopl renew their strength: let the come near; then let them speal let us come near together judgment. 2 Who hath raise up one from the east, [8]whom h calleth in righteousness to h foot? he giveth nations befo him, and maketh him rule ov kings; [9]he giveth them as the du to his sword, as the driven stubb to his bow. 3 He pursueth ther and passeth on safely, even by way that he had not gone with h feet. 4 Who hath wrought an done it, calling the generatio from the beginning? I, Jĕ-hō văh, the first, and with the las I am he. 5 The isles have see and fear; the ends of the ear tremble; they draw near, an come. 6 They help every one h neighbor; and *every one* saith to h brother, Be of good courage. 7 S the carpenter encourageth the gol smith, *and* he that smootheth wi the hammer him that smiteth th anvil, saying of the solderin It is good; and he fasteneth with nails, that it should not b moved.

8 But thou, Is'rā-ĕl, my se vant, Jacob whom I have chose the seed of Abraham my frien 9 thou whom I have taken hold from the ends of the earth, an called from the corners thereo and said unto thee, Thou art m servant, I have chosen thee an not cast thee away; 10 fear th not, for I am with thee; [10]be n dismayed, for I am thy God; will strengthen thee; yea, I wi help thee; yea, I will uphold the with the right hand of my righ

[1] Or, *prepare* [2] Or, *understood the foundations* [3] Or, *gauze* [4] Or, *confusion* [5] Or, *Scarce are they planted, scarce are they sown, scarce hath their stock taken root in the earth, when he bloweth upon them &c.* [6] Or, *and see: who hath created these? he that &c.* [7] Or, *Jehovah is an everlasting God, the Creator . . . he fainteth not &c.*

[8] Or, *whom righteousness calleth to its f* Or, *whom righteousness meeteth whithersoe he goeth* [9] Or, *he maketh as the dust the sword, as the driven stubble their bow* [10] O *look not around thee*

eousness. 11 Behold, all they
hat are incensed against thee
hall be put to shame and con-
ounded: they that strive with
hee shall be as nothing, and shall
erish. 12 Thou shalt seek them,
nd shalt not find them, even
hem that contend with thee: they
hat war against thee shall be as
othing, and as a thing of nought.
3 For I, Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, will
old thy right hand, saying unto
hee, Fear not; I will help thee.
4 Fear not, thou worm Jacob,
nd ye men of ĭs'rā-ĕl; I will help
hee, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, and [1]thy
Redeemer is the Holy One of
s'rā-ĕl. 15 Behold, I have made
hee *to be* a new sharp threshing
nstrument having teeth: thou
halt thresh the mountains, and
eat them small, and shalt make
he hills as chaff. 16 Thou shalt
winnow them, and the wind shall
arry them away, and the whirl-
ind shall scatter them; and thou
halt rejoice in Jĕ-hō'văh, thou
halt glory in the Holy One of
s'rā-ĕl.

17 The poor and needy seek
vater, and there is none, and their
ongue faileth for thirst; I, Jĕ-hō'-
ăh, will answer them, I, the God
f ĭs'rā-ĕl, will not forsake them.
8 I will open rivers on the bare
eights, and fountains in the midst
f the valleys; I will make the
ilderness a pool of water, and
he dry land springs of water.
9 I will put in the wilderness the
edar, the acacia, and the myrtle,
nd the [2]oil-tree; I will set in the
esert the [3]fir-tree, the [4]pine, and
he box-tree together: 20 that they
ay see, and know, and consider,
nd understand together, that the
and of Jĕ-hō'văh hath done this,
nd the Holy One of ĭs'rā-ĕl hath
reated it.

21 Produce your cause, saith
ĕ-hō'văh; bring forth your strong
easons, saith the King of Jacob.
2 Let them bring them forth,
nd declare unto us what shall
appen: declare ye the former
things, what they are, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or show us things to come. 23 Declare the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may [5]be dismayed, and behold it together. 24 Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work is of nought; an abomination is he that chooseth you.

25 I have raised up one from the north, and he is come; from the rising of the sun one that calleth upon my name: and he shall come upon [6]rulers as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay. 26 Who hath declared it from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, *He is* right? yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that showeth, yea, there is none that heareth your words. 27 *I am the* first *that saith* unto Zī'ŏn, Behold, behold them; and I will give to Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm one that bringeth good tidings. 28 And when I look, there is no man; even among them there is no counsellor, that, when I ask of them, can answer a word. 29 [7]Behold, all of them, their works are vanity *and* nought; their molten images are wind and confusion.

42 Behold, my servant, whom I uphold; my chosen, in whom my soul delighteth: I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the [8]Gĕn'-tiles. 2 He will not cry, nor lift up his voice, nor cause it to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed will he not break, and a dimly burning wick will he not quench: he will bring forth justice in truth. 4 He will not [9]fail nor be [10]discouraged, till he have set justice in the earth; and the isles shall wait for his law.

5 Thus saith God Jĕ-hō'văh, he that created the heavens, and stretched them forth; he that

[1] Or, *thy Redeemer, the Holy One &c.* [2] Or, *wild olive* [3] Or, *cypress* [4] Or, *plane* [5] Or, *look one upon another* [6] Or, *deputies* [7] Or, *Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nought* [8] Or, *nations* (and elsewhere) [9] Or, *burn dimly* [10] Or, *bruised*

spread abroad the earth and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: 6 I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thy hand, and will [1]keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Ġĕn'tīles; 7 to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison-house. 8 I am Jĕ-hō'văh, that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise unto graven images. 9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.

10 Sing unto Jĕ-hō'văh a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth; ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein, the isles, and the inhabitants thereof. 11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their voice*, the villages that Kē'dăr doth inhabit; let the inhabitants of Sē'lā sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. 12 Let them give glory unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and declare his praise in the islands. 13 Jĕ-hō'văh will go forth as a mighty man; he will stir up *his* zeal like a man of war: he will cry, yea, he will shout aloud; he will do mightily against his enemies.

14 I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: *now* will I cry out like a travailing woman; I will [2]gasp and pant together. 15 I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and will dry up the pools. 16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they know not; in paths that they know not will I lead them; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things will I do, [3]and I will not forsake them. 17 They shall be turned back, they shall be utterly put to shame, that trust in graven images, that say unto molten images, Ye are our gods.

18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see. 19 Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf as my messenger that I send? who is blind as he that is [4]at peace *with me*, and blind as Jĕ-hō'văh's servant? 20 Thou seest many things, but thou observest not; his ears are open, but he heareth not. 21 It pleased Jĕ-hō'văh, for his righteousness' sake, to [5]magnify the law, and make it honorable. 22 But this is a people robbed and plundered; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison-houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

23 Who is there among you that will give ear to this? that will hearken and hear for the time to come? 24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Ĭs'rā-ĕl to the robbers? did not Jĕ-hō'văh? he against whom we have sinned, and in whose ways they would not walk, neither were they obedient unto his [6]law. 25 Therefore he poured upon him the fierceness of his anger, and the strength of battle; and it set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

43 But now thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl: Fear not, for I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine. 2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. 3 For I am Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, the Holy One of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, thy Saviour; I have given Ē'gўpt as thy ransom, Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-ā and Sē'bā in thy stead. 4 Since thou hast

[1] Or, *form* [2] Or, *destroy and devour* [3] Or, *and will not forbear*
[4] Or, *made perfect* Or, *recompensed* [5] Or, *make the teaching great and glorious* [6] Or, *teaching*

been precious in my sight, [1]and honorable, and I have loved thee; therefore will I give men in thy stead, and peoples instead of thy life. 5 Fear not; for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; 6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back; bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the end of the earth; 7 every one that is called by my name, and whom I have created for my glory, whom I have formed, yea, whom I have made.

8 Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. 9 [2]Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the peoples be assembled: who among them can declare this, and show us former things? let them bring their witnesses, that they may be justified; [3]or let them hear, and say, It is truth. 10 Ye are my witnesses, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. 11 I, even I, am Jĕ-hō'văh; and besides me there is no saviour. 12 I have declared, and I have saved, and I have showed; and there was no strange *god* among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, and I am God. 13 Yea, [4]since the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who can hinder it?

14 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, your Redeemer, the Holy One of ĭs'-rā-ĕl: For your sake I have sent to Băb'y-lŏn, and I will bring down [5]all of them as fugitives, even the Chăl-dē'ăns, in the ships of their rejoicing. 15 I am Jĕ-hō'văh, your Holy One, the Creator of ĭs'rā-ĕl, your King. 16 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, who maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters; 17 [6]who bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the mighty man (they lie down together, they shall not rise; they are extinct, they are quenched as a wick): 18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now shall it spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. 20 The beasts of the field shall honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen, 21 the people which I formed for myself, [7]that they might set forth my praise.

22 Yet thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O ĭs'rā-ĕl. 23 Thou hast not brought me of thy sheep for burnt-offerings; neither hast thou honored me with thy sacrifices. I have not burdened thee with [8]offerings, nor wearied thee with frankincense. 24 Thou hast bought me no [9]sweet cane with money, neither hast thou [10]filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices; but thou hast burdened me with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.

25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake; and I will not remember thy sins. 26 Put me in remembrance; let us plead together: set thou forth *thy cause*, that thou mayest be justified. 27 Thy first father sinned, and thy [11]teachers have transgressed against me. 28 Therefore I [12]will profane the [13]princes of the sanctuary; and I [14]will make Jacob a [15]curse, and ĭs'rā-ĕl a reviling.

44 Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant, and ĭs'rā-ĕl, whom I have chosen: 2 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, who

[1] Or, *thou hast been honorable &c.* [2] Or, *Gather yourselves together, all ye nations* [3] Or, *and that they may hear* [4] Or, *from* this *day forth I &c.* [5] Or, as otherwise read, *all their nobles, even &c.*

[6] Or, *who . . . the power: They shall lie &c.* [7] Or, *they shall set forth* [8] Or, *a meal-offering* [9] Or, *calamus* [10] Or, *satiated* [11] Heb. *interpreters* [12] Or, *have profaned* [13] Or, *holy princes* [14] Or, *have made* [15] Or, *devoted thing*

will help thee: Fear not, O Jacob my servant; and thou, Jĕsh'ū-rūn, whom I have chosen. 3 For I will pour water upon [1]him that is thirsty, and streams upon the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: 4 and they shall spring up among the grass, as willows by the watercourses. 5 One shall say, I am Jĕ-hō'văh's; and another shall [2]call *himself* by the name of Jacob; and another shall [3]subscribe with his hand unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and [4]surname *himself* by the name of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

6 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the King of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and his Redeemer, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; and besides me there is no God. 7 [5]And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I established the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and that shall come to pass, let them [6]declare. 8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have I not declared unto thee of old, and showed it? and ye are my witnesses. Is there a God besides me? yea, there is no Rock; I know not any.

9 They that fashion a graven image are all of them [7]vanity; and the things that they delight in shall not profit; and their own witnesses see not, nor know: that they may be put to shame. 10 Who hath fashioned a god, or molten an image that is profitable for nothing? 11 Behold, [8]all his fellows shall be put to shame; and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; they shall fear, they shall be put to shame together.

12 The smith [9]*maketh* an axe, and worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with his strong arm:

[1] Or, *the thirsty* land [2] Or, *proclaim the name* [3] Or, *write on his hand, Unto Jehovah* [4] Or, *give for a title the name of Israel* [5] Or, *And who, as I, can proclaim? let him declare it &c.* [6] Or, *declare unto them* [7] Or, *confusion* [8] Or, *all that join themselves thereto* [9] Or, *sharpeneth a tool*

yea, he is hungry, and his streng faileth; he drinketh no water, a is faint. 13 The carpenter stretc eth out a line; he marketh it o with [10]a pencil; he shapeth it wi planes, and he marketh it out wi the compasses, and shapeth it aft the figure of a man, according the beauty of a man, to dwell in house. 14 He heweth him dov cedars, and taketh the holm-tr and the oak, and strengtheneth f himself one among the trees of t forest: he planteth [11]a fir-tree, a the rain doth nourish it. 15 Th shall it be for a man to burn; a he taketh thereof, and warme himself; yea, he kindleth it, a baketh bread: yea, he maketh god, and worshippeth it; he ma eth it a graven image, and falle down thereto. 16 He burne [12]part thereof in the fire; wi [12]part thereof he eateth flesh; roasteth roast, and is satisfie yea, he warmeth himself, a saith, Aha, I am warm, I have se the fire. 17 And the resid thereof he maketh a god, even h graven image; he falleth dow unto it and worshippeth, and pra eth unto it, and saith, Deliver m for thou art my god.

18 They know not, neither they consider: for he hath [13]sh their eyes, that they cannot se and their hearts, that they cann understand. 19 And none calle to mind, neither is there knowled nor understanding to say, I ha burned part of it in the fire; ye also I have baked bread upon t coals thereof; I have roasted fle and eaten it: and shall I make t residue thereof an abominatio shall I fall down to the stock of tree? 20 He feedeth on ashes; deceived heart hath turned hi aside; and he cannot deliver h soul, nor say, Is there not a lie my right hand?

21 Remember these things, Jacob, and Ĭs'rā-ĕl; for thou a my servant: I have formed the thou art my servant: O Ĭs'rā-ĕ

[10] Or, *red ochre* [11] Or, *an ash* [12] C *the half* [13] Heb. *daubed*

thou shalt not be forgotten of me. 22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. 23 Sing, O ye heavens, for Jĕ-hō'văh hath done it; shout, ye lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for Jĕ-hō'văh hath redeemed Jacob, and will glorify himself in Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

24 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, thy Redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb: I am Jĕ-hō'văh, that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth ([1]who is with me?); 25 that frustrateth the signs of the [2]liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish; 26 that confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, She shall be inhabited; and of the cities of Jū'dāh, They shall be built, and I will raise up the waste places thereof; 27 that saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers; 28 that saith of [3]Çȳ'rŭs, *He is* my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure, even saying of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, She shall be built; [4]and of the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

45 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh to his anointed, to Çȳ'rŭs, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him, and I will loose the loins of kings; to open the doors before him, and the gates shall not be shut: 2 I will go before thee, and make the rough places smooth; I will break in pieces the doors of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron; 3 and I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that it is I, Jĕ-hō'văh, who call thee by thy name, even the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Ĭs'rā-ĕl my chosen, I have called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me. 5 I am Jĕ-hō'văh, and there is none else; besides me there is no God. I will gird thee, though thou hast not known me; 6 that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none besides me: I am Jĕ-hō'văh, and there is none else. 7 I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil; I am Jĕ-hō'văh, that doeth all these things.

8 Distil, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, that [5]it may [6]bring forth salvation, and let it cause righteousness to spring up together; I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have created it.

9 Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! a potsherd among the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands? 10 Woe unto him that saith unto a father, What begettest thou? or to a woman, With what travailest thou?

11 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the Holy One of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and his Maker: Ask me of the things that are to come; concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands, command ye me. 12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens; and all their host have I commanded. 13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will make straight all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let my exiles go free, not for price nor reward, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts.

14 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, The labor of Ĕ'gўpt, and the merchandise of Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-à, and the Sā-bē'ăns, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall go after thee; in chains they shall come over; and they shall fall down unto thee,

[1] Another reading is, *by myself* [2] Or, *boasters* [3] Heb. *Coresh* [4] Or, *and the foundation of the temple shall be laid*
[5] Heb. *they* [6] Or, *be fruitful in salvation*

they shall make supplication unto thee, *saying*, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God. 15 Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Is'rā-ĕl, the Saviour. 16 They shall be put to shame, yea, confounded, all of them; they shall go into confusion together that are makers of idols. 17 *But* Is'rā-ĕl shall be saved by Jĕ-hō'văh with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be put to shame nor confounded world without end.

18 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh that created the heavens, the God that formed the earth and made it, that established it and created it not [1]a waste, that formed it to be inhabited: I am Jĕ-hō'văh; and there is none else. 19 I have not spoken in secret, in a place of the land of darkness; I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me [2]in vain: I, Jĕ-hō'văh, speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that carry the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. 21 Declare ye, and [3]bring *it* forth; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath showed this from ancient time? who hath declared it of old? have not I, Jĕ-hō'văh? and there is no God else besides me, a just God and a Saviour; there is none besides me. 22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else. 23 By myself have I sworn, [4]the word is gone forth from my mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. 24 Only in Jĕ-hō'văh, it is said of me, is righteousness and strength; even to him shall men come; and all they that were incensed against him shall be put to shame. 25 In Jĕ-hō'văh shall all the seed of Is'rā-ĕl be justified, and shall glory.

46 Bĕl boweth down, Nĕ'bō stoopeth; their idols are upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: the things that ye carried about are made a load, a burden to the weary *beast*. 2 They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity.

3 Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Is'rā-ĕl, that have been borne *by me* from their birth, that have been carried from the womb; 4 and even to old age I am he, and even to hoar hairs will I carry *you*: I have made, and I will bear; yea, I will carry, and will deliver. 5 To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like? 6 Such as lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, they hire a goldsmith, and he maketh it a god; they fall down, yea, they worship. 7 They bear it upon the shoulder, they carry it, and set it in its place, and it standeth; from its place shall it not remove: yea, one may cry unto it, yet can it not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

8 Remember this, and [5]show yourselves men; bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors. 9 Remember the former things of old: [6]for I am God, and there is none else; *I am* God, and there is none like me; 10 declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not *yet* done; saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure; 11 calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man of [7]my counsel from a far country; yea, I have spoken, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed, I will also do it.

12 Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness: 13 I bring near my

[1] Or, *in vain* [2] Or, as *in a waste* [3] Or, *bring* them *near* [4] Or, *righteousness is gone forth from my mouth, a word which shall not return* Or, *the word is gone forth from a mouth of righteousness, and shall not return*

[5] Or, *stand fast* [6] Or, *that* [7] Another reading is, *his*

righteousness, it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will [1]place salvation in Zī'ŏn for ĭs'rā-ĕl my glory.

47 Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Băb'ў-lŏn; sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chăl-dē'ăns: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate. 2 Take the millstones, and grind meal; remove thy veil, strip off the train, uncover the leg, pass through the rivers. 3 Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and will spare no man. 4 Our Redeemer, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts is his name, the Holy One of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 5 Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chăl-dē'ăns; for thou shalt no more be called The mistress of kingdoms. 6 I was wroth with my people, I profaned mine inheritance, and gave them into thy hand: thou didst show them no mercy; upon the aged hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke. 7 And thou saidst, I shall be mistress for ever; so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end thereof.

8 Now therefore hear this, thou that art given to pleasures, that [2]sittest securely, that sayest in thy heart, I am, and there is none else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children: 9 but these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood; in their full measure shall they come upon thee, in the multitude of thy sorceries, and the great abundance of thine enchantments. 10 For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness; thou hast said, None seeth me; thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thy heart, I am, and there is none else besides me. 11 Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know [3]the dawning thereof: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it away: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou knowest not.

12 Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast labored from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest [4]prevail. 13 Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels: let now the [5]astrologers, the star-gazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from the things that shall come upon thee. 14 Behold, they shall be [6]as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: it shall not be a coal to warm at, nor a fire to sit before. 15 Thus shall the things be unto thee wherein thou hast labored: they that have trafficked with thee from thy youth shall wander every one to [6]his quarter; there shall be none to save thee.

48 Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and are come forth out of the waters of Jū'dāh; who swear by the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, and make mention of the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, but not in truth, nor in righteousness 2 (for they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl; Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts is his name): 3 I have declared the former things from of old; yea, they went forth out of my mouth, and I showed them: suddenly I did them, and they came to pass. 4 Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass; 5 therefore I have declared it to thee from of old; before it came to pass I showed it thee; lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and

[1] Or, *give salvation in Zion, and my glory unto Israel* [2] Or, *dwellest*
[3] Or, *how to charm it away* [4] Or, *strike terror* [5] Heb. *dividers of the heavens* [6] Or, *his own way*

my molten image, hath commanded them. 6 Thou hast heard it; behold all this; and ye, will ye not declare it? [1]I have showed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, which thou hast not known. 7 They are created now, and not from of old; and before this day thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them. 8 Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from of old thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou didst deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb. 9 For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. 10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not as silver; I have [2]chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. 11 For mine own sake, for mine own sake, will I do it; for how should *my name* be profaned? and my glory will I not give to another.

12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob, and Ĭs'rā-ĕl my called: I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. 13 Yea, my hand hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spread out the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together. 14 Assemble yourselves, all ye, and hear; who among them hath declared these things? [3]He whom Jĕ-hō'văh loveth shall perform his pleasure on Băb'ў-lŏn, and his arm *shall be on* the Chăl-dē'ăns. 15 I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him; I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous. 16 Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; from the beginning I have not spoken in secret; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh hath sent me, and his Spirit.

17 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: I am Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, who teacheth thee to profit, who leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. 18 [4]Oh that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea: 19 thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like [5]the grains thereof: his name would not be cut off nor destroyed from before me.

20 Go ye forth from Băb'ў-lŏn, flee ye from the Chăl-dē'ăns; with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth: say ye, Jĕ-hō'văh hath redeemed his servant Jacob. 21 And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts; he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them; he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out. 22 There is no peace, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, to the wicked.

49 Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye peoples, from far: Jĕ-hō'văh hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name: 2 and he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me: and he hath made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he kept me close: 3 and he said unto me, Thou art my servant; Ĭs'rā-ĕl, in whom I will be glorified. 4 But I said, I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nought and vanity: yet surely the justice *due* to me is with Jĕ-hō'văh, and my recompense with my God.

5 And now saith Jĕ-hō'văh that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, [6]and that Ĭs'rā-ĕl be gathered unto him (for I am honorable in the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh, and my God is become my strength); 6 yea, he saith, It is too light a thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: I will also give

[1] Or, *I show* [2] Or, *tried* [3] Or, *Jehovah hath loved him: he shall &c.*

[4] Or, *Oh that thou wouldest hearken . . then would thy peace be &c.* [5] Or, *that of thy bowels thereof* [6] Another reading is, *but Israel is not gathered, yet shall I be &c.*

thee for a light to the Gĕn'tiles, [1]that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. 7 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the Redeemer of Is'rā-ĕl, *and* his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers: Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall worship; because of Jĕ-hō'văh that is faithful, *even* the Holy One of Is'rā-ĕl, who hath chosen thee.

8 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, In an acceptable time have I answered thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee; and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to [2]raise up the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritages; 9 saying to them that are bound, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Show yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and on all bare heights shall be their pasture. 10 They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the [3]heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them will lead them, even by springs of water will he guide them. 11 And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted. 12 Lo, these shall come from far; and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sī'nĭm. 13 Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for Jĕ-hō'văh hath comforted his people, and will have compassion upon his afflicted.

14 But Zī'ŏn said, Jĕ-hō'văh hath forsaken me, and the Lord hath forgotten me. 15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, these may forget, yet will not I forget thee. 16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me. 17 Thy children make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth from thee. 18 Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all as with an ornament, and gird thyself with them, like a bride. 19 For, as for thy waste and thy desolate places, and thy land that hath been destroyed, surely now shalt thou be too strait for the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away. 20 The children of thy bereavement shall yet say in thine ears, The place is too strait for me; give place to me that I may dwell. 21 Then shalt thou say in thy heart, Who hath [4]begotten me these, seeing I have been bereaved of my children, and am [5]solitary, an exile, and wandering to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where were they?

22 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and set up my ensign to the peoples; and they shall bring thy sons in their bosom, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. 23 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their faces to the earth, and lick the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh; and they that wait for me shall not be put to shame.

24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or [6]the lawful captives be delivered? 25 But thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered; for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children. 26 And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I, Jĕ-hō'văh, am thy Saviour, and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

[1] Or, *that my salvation may be* [2] Or, *establish the earth* [3] Or, *mirage*
[4] Or, *borne* [5] Or, *barren* [6] Heb. *the captives of the just*

50 Thus saith Jĕ-hō′văh, Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, wherewith I have put her away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities were ye sold, and for your transgressions was your mother put away. 2 Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stink, because there is no water, and die for thirst. 3 I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

4 The Lord Jĕ-hō′văh hath given me the tongue of [1]them that are taught, that I may know how [2]to sustain with words him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as [1]they that are taught. 5 The Lord Jĕ-hō′văh hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away backward. 6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; I hid not my face from shame and spitting. 7 For the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh will help me; therefore have I not been confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. 8 He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand up together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me. 9 Behold, the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? behold, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

10 Who is among you that feareth Jĕ-hō′văh, that obeyeth the voice of his servant? [3]he that walketh in darkness, and hath no light, let him trust in the name of Jĕ-hō′văh, and rely upon his God. 11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that gird yourselves about with firebrands; walk ye in the flame of your fire, and among the brands that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of my hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

51 Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek Jĕ-hō′văh: look unto the rock whence ye were hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye were digged. 2 Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you; for when he was but one I called him, and I blessed him and made him many. 3 For Jĕ-hō′văh hath comforted Zī′ŏn; he hath comforted all her waste places, and hath made her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of Jĕ-hō′văh; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

4 Attend unto me, O my people, and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall go forth from me, and I will establish my justice for a light of the peoples. 5 My righteousness is near, my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the peoples; the isles shall wait for me, and on mine arm shall they trust. 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die [4]in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye dismayed at their revilings. 8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool; but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation unto all generations.

9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of Jĕ-hō′văh; awake, as in the days of old, the generations of

[1] Or, *disciples* [2] Or, *to speak a word in season to him &c.* [3] Or, *though he walketh*
[4] Or, perhaps, *like gnats*

ancient times. Is it not thou that didst cut Rā'hăb in pieces, that didst pierce the monster? 10 Is it not thou that driedst up the sea, the waters of the great deep; that madest the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over? 11 And the ransomed of Jĕ-hō'-văh shall return, and come with singing unto Zī'ŏn; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy; *and* sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

12 I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou art afraid of man that shall die, and of the son of man that shall be made as grass; 13 and hast forgotten Jĕ-hō'văh thy Maker, that stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and fearest continually all the day because of the fury of the oppressor, [1]when he maketh ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor? 14 [2]The captive exile shall speedily be loosed; and he shall not die *and go down* into the pit, neither shall his bread fail. 15 For I am Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, who [3]stirreth up the sea, so that the waves thereof roar: Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts is his name. 16 And I have put my words in thy mouth, and have covered thee in the shadow of my hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zī'ŏn, Thou art my people.

17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, that hast drunk at the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh the cup of his wrath; thou hast drunken the bowl of the cup of staggering, and drained it. 18 There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth; neither is there any that taketh her by the hand among all the sons that she hath brought up. 19 These two things are befallen thee, who shall bemoan thee? desolation and destruction, and the famine and the sword; how shall I comfort thee? 20 Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as an antelope in a net; they are full of the wrath of Jĕ-hō'văh, the rebuke of thy God.

21 Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine: 22 Thus saith thy Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thy hand the cup of staggering, even the bowl of the cup of my wrath; thou shalt no more drink it again: 23 and I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee, that have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over; and thou hast laid thy back as the ground, and as the street, to them that go over.

52 Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zī'ŏn; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. 2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, sit *on thy throne,* O Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: [4]loose thyself from the bonds of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zī'ŏn.

3 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Ye were sold for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money. 4 For thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, My people went down at the first into Ē'gўpt to sojourn there: and the Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ăn hath oppressed them without cause. 5 Now therefore, what do I here, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, seeing that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them do howl, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, and my name continually all the day is blasphemed. 6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore *they shall know* in that day that I am he that doth speak; behold, [5]it is I.

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation,

[1] Or, *as though he made ready* [2] Or, *He that is bent down* [3] Or, *stilleth the sea when the waves thereof roar*

[4] Another reading is, *the bonds of thy neck are loosed* [5] Or, *here I am*

that saith unto Zĭ'ŏn, Thy God reigneth! 8 The voice of thy watchmen! they lift up the voice, together do they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, [1]when Jĕ-hō'văh returneth to Zĭ'ŏn. 9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 10 Jĕ-hō'văh hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; cleanse yourselves, ye that bear the vessels of Jĕ-hō'văh. 12 For ye shall not go out in haste, neither shall ye go by flight: for Jĕ-hō'văh will go before you; and the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl will be your rearward.

13 Behold, my servant shall [2]deal wisely, he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. 14 Like as many were astonished at thee (his visage was so marred [3]more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men), 15 so shall he [4]sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths [5]at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they [6]understand.

53 Who hath believed [7]our message? and to whom hath the arm of Jĕ-hō'văh been revealed? 2 For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; [8]and when we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised, and [9]rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with [10]grief: and [11]as one from whom men hide their face he was despised; and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he hath borne our [12]griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Jĕ-hō'văh hath [13]laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, yet when he was afflicted he opened not his mouth; as a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. 8 [14]By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who *among them* considered that he was cut off out of the land of the [15]living for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke *was due*? 9 And they made his grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in his death; [16]although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it pleased Jĕ-hō'văh to bruise him; he hath [17]put him to grief: [18]when thou shalt make his soul [19]an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of Jĕ-hō'văh shall prosper in his hand. 11 [20]He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: [21]by the knowledge of himself shall my righteous servant [22]justify many; and he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors: yet he bare the sin of many, and [23]made intercession for the transgressors.

1 Or, *how* 2 Or, *prosper* 3 Or, *from that of man, and his form from that of the sons of men* 4 Or, *startle* 5 Or, *because of* 6 Or, *consider* 7 Or, *that which we have heard* 8 Or, *that we should look upon him, nor beauty &c.* 9 Or, *forsaken* 10 Heb. *sickness* 11 Or, *he hid as it were* his *face from us*

12 Heb. *sicknesses* 13 Heb. *made to light* 14 Or, *From* 15 Or, *living? for the transgression of my people was he stricken* 16 Or, *because* 17 Heb. *made him sick* 18 Or, *when his soul shall make an offering* 19 Heb. *a trespass offering* 20 Or, *He shall see* and *be satisfied with the travail &c.* 21 Or, *by his knowledge* 22 Or, *make many righteous* 23 Or, *maketh*

54 Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations; spare not: lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes. 3 For thou shalt spread abroad on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall possess the nations, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth; and the reproach of thy widowhood shalt thou remember no more. 5 For thy Maker is thy husband; Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts is his name: and the Holy One of ĭs'rā-ĕl is thy Redeemer; the God of the whole earth shall he be called. 6 For Jĕ-hō'văh hath called thee as a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, even a wife of youth, when she is cast off, saith thy God. 7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. 8 [1]In overflowing wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting lovingkindness will I have mercy on thee, saith Jĕ-hō'văh thy Redeemer.

9 For this is *as* the waters of Noah unto me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah shall no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I will not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. 10 For the mountains may depart, and the hills be removed; but my lovingkindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall my covenant of peace be removed, saith Jĕ-hō'văh that hath mercy on thee.

11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will set thy stones in [2]fair colors, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. 12 And I will make thy [3]pinnacles of rubies, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy border of precious stones. 13 And all thy children shall be [4]taught of Jĕ-hō'văh; and great shall be the peace of thy children. 14 In righteousness shalt thou be established: [5]thou shalt be far from oppression, for thou shalt not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near thee. 15 Behold, they may [6]gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall [6]gather together against thee [7]shall fall because of thee. 16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the fire of coals, and bringeth forth a weapon for [8]his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. 17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of Jĕ-hō'văh, and [9]their righteousness which is of me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

55 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Wherefore do ye [10]spend money for that which is not bread? and your [11]labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. 3 Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. 4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the peoples, a [12]leader and commander to the peoples. 5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not; and a nation that knew not thee shall run unto thee, because of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, and for the Holy

[1] Or, *In a little wrath* [2] Or, *antimony* See 1 Chr. 29.2
[3] Or, *windows* [4] Or, *disciples* [5] Or, *be thou far* [6] Or, *stir up strife* [7] Or, *shall fall away to thee* [8] Or, *its* [9] Or, *their righteousness is of me* [10] Heb. *weigh* [11] Or, *earnings* [12] Or, *prince*

One of Is'rā-ĕl; for he hath glorified thee.

6 Seek ye Jĕ-hō'văh while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near: 7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, and giveth seed to the sower and bread to the eater; 11 so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. 12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing; and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir-tree; and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle-tree: and it shall be to Jĕ-hō'văh for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

56 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Keep ye justice, and do righteousness; for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. 2 Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that holdeth it fast; that keepeth the sabbath from profaning it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. 3 Neither let the foreigner, that hath joined himself to Jĕ-hō'văh, speak, saying, Jĕ-hō'văh will surely separate me from his people; neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. 4 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and hold fast my covenant: 5 Unto them will I give in my house and within my walls a[1]memorial and a name [2]better than of sons and of daughters; I will give [3]them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

6 Also the foreigners that join themselves to Jĕ-hō'văh, to minister unto him, and to love the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from profaning it, and holdeth fast my covenant; 7 even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. 8 The Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, who gathereth the outcasts of Is'rā-ĕl, saith, Yet will I gather *others* to him, [4]besides his own that are gathered.

9 All ye beasts of the field, [5]come to devour, *yea*, all ye beasts in the forest. 10 His watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber. 11 Yea, the dogs are greedy, they can never have enough; and these are shepherds that cannot understand: they have all turned to their own way, each one to his gain, [6]from every quarter. 12 Come ye, *say they*, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to-morrow shall be as this day, *a day* great beyond measure.

57 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart; and [7]merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away [8]from the evil *to come*. 2 He entereth into peace; they rest in their beds, each one that walketh [9]in his uprightness.

3 But draw near hither, ye sons

[1] Or, *place* Heb. *hand* [2] Or, *better than sons and daughters* [3] Heb. *him* [4] Heb. *to his gathered ones* [5] Or, *come ye to devour all the beasts in the forest* [6] Or, *one and all* [7] Or, *godly* [8] Or, *through wickedness* [9] Or, *straight before him*

of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the harlot. 4 Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and put out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood, 5 ye that inflame yourselves [1]among the oaks, under every green tree; that slay the children in the valleys, under the clefts of the rocks? 6 Among the smooth *stones* of the valley is thy portion; they, they are thy lot; even to them hast thou poured a drink-offering, thou hast offered [2]an oblation. Shall I be appeased for these things? 7 Upon a high and lofty mountain hast thou set thy bed; thither also wentest thou up to offer sacrifice. 8 And behind the doors and the posts hast thou set up thy memorial: for thou hast uncovered *thyself* to another than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them: thou lovedst their bed where [3]thou sawest it. 9 And thou wentest to the king with oil, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thine ambassadors far off, and didst debase thyself even unto Shĕ'ōl. 10 Thou wast wearied with the length of thy way; yet saidst thou not, It is in vain: thou didst find [4]a quickening of thy strength; therefore thou wast not [5]faint.

11 And of whom hast thou been afraid and in fear, that thou liest, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of long time, and thou fearest me not? 12 I will declare thy righteousness; and as for thy works, they shall not profit thee. 13 When thou criest, let them that thou hast gathered deliver thee; but the wind shall take them, a breath shall carry them all away: but he that taketh refuge in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain.

14 And [6]he will say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling-block out of the way of my people. 15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. 16 For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth; for the spirit would faint before me, and the souls that I have made. 17 For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him; I hid *my face* and was wroth; and he went on [8]backsliding in the way of his heart. 18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and [9]restore comforts unto him and to his mourners. 19 I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace, to him that is far off and to him that is near, saith Jĕ-hō'vāh; and I will heal him. 20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea; for it cannot rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt. 21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

58 Cry [10]aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and declare unto my people their transgression, and to the house of Jacob their sins. 2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways: as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God, they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near unto God. 3 Wherefore have we fasted, *say they*, and thou seest not? *wherefore* have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find *your own* pleasure, and [11]exact all your labors. 4 Behold, ye fast for strife and contention, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: [12]ye fast not this day so as to make your voice to be heard on high. 5 Is such the fast that I have chosen? the day for a man to

[1] Or, *with idols* [2] Or, *a meal-offering* Or, *thou providedst room for it* [4] Heb. *the life of thy hand* [5] Heb. *sick* [6] Or, *thy abode of* idols [7] Or, *it shall be said* [8] Heb. *turning away* [9] Heb. *recompense* [10] Heb. *with the throat* [11] Or, *oppress all your laborers* [12] Or, *ye shall not fast as* ye do *this day, to make &c.*

afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head as a rush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to Jĕ-hō'văh? 6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? 7 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? 8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thy healing shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh shall be thy rearward. 9 Then shalt thou call, and Jĕ-hō'văh will answer; thou shalt cry, and he will say, Here I am.

If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking wickedly; 10 and if thou [1]draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul: then shall thy light rise in darkness, and thine obscurity be as the noonday; 11 and Jĕ-hō'văh will guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in [2]dry places, and make strong thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. 12 And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

13 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, *and* the holy of Jĕ-hō'văh honorable; and shalt honor [3]it, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking *thine own* words: 14 then shalt thou delight thyself in Jĕ-hō'văh; and I will make thee to ride upon the high places of the earth; and I will feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken it.

59 Behold, Jĕ-hō'văh's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, so that he will not hear. 3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue mutereth wickedness. 4 None [4]sueth in righteousness, and none pleadeth in truth: they trust in vanity and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. 5 They hatch adders' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth; and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper. 6 Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. 7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; desolation and destruction are in their [5]paths. 8 The way of peace they know not; and there is no justice in their goings: they have made them crooked paths; whosoever goeth therein doth not know peace.

9 Therefore is justice far from us, neither doth righteousness overtake us: we look for light, but behold, darkness; for brightness, but we walk in obscurity. 10 We grope for the wall like the blind, yea, we grope as they that have no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the twilight; [6]among them that are lusty we are as dead men. 11 We roar all like bears, and moan sore like doves: we look for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but

[1] Or, *bestow on the hungry that which thy soul desireth* [2] Or, *drought* [3] Or, *him*
[4] Heb. *calleth* [5] Or, *highways* [6] Or, *are in dark places like the dead*

is far off from us. 12 For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know them: 13 transgressing and denying Jĕ-hō'văh, and turning away from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. 14 And justice is turned away backward, and righteousness standeth afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and uprightness cannot enter. 15 Yea, truth is lacking; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey.

And Jĕ-hō'văh saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. 16 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was [1]no intercessor: therefore his own arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it upheld him. 17 And he put on righteousness as a [2]breastplate, and [3]a helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a mantle. 18 According to their [4]deeds, accordingly he will repay, wrath to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; to the [5]islands he will repay recompense. 19 So shall they fear the name of Jĕ-hō'văh from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; [6]for he will come as [7]a rushing stream, which the breath of Jĕ-hō'văh driveth. 20 And a Redeemer will come to Zī'ŏn, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 21 And as for me, this is my covenant with them, saith Jĕ-hō'văh: my Spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, from henceforth and for ever.

60 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh is risen upon thee. 2 For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but Jĕ-hō'văh will arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. 3 And nations shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: they all gather themselves together, they come to thee; thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be [8]carried in the arms. 5 Then thou shalt see and be radiant, and thy heart shall thrill and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned unto thee, the wealth of the nations shall come unto thee. 6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the [9]dromedaries of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn and Ē'phăh; all they from Shĕ'bā shall come; they shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall [10]proclaim the praises of Jĕ-hō'văh. 7 All the flocks of Kē'dăr shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nĕ-bā'ĭŏth shall minister unto thee; they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar; and I will [11]glorify [12]the house of my glory. 8 Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? 9 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tär'shish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, for the name of Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, and for the Holy One of ĭs'rā-ĕl, because he hath [13]glorified thee.

10 And foreigners shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favor have I had mercy on thee. 11 Thy gates also shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the wealth of the nations, and their

[1] Or, *none to interpose* [2] Or, *coat of mail* [3] Or, *salvation for a helmet* [4] Heb. *recompenses* [5] Or, *coast-lands* [6] Or, *when the adversary shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of Jehovah will lift up a standard against him* [7] Heb. *a stream pent in*

[8] Heb. *nursed upon the side* [9] Or, *young camels* [10] Heb. *bring good tidings of the praises* [11] Or, *beautify* [12] Or, *my beautiful house* [13] Or, *beautified*

kings led captive. 12 For that nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. 13 The glory of Lĕb'ă-nŏn shall come unto thee, the fir-tree, the pine, and the box-tree together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. 14 And the sons of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee The city of Jĕ-hō'văh, The Zī'ŏn of the Holy One of ĭs'rā-ĕl.

15 Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man passed through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. 16 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the nations, and shalt suck the breast of kings; and thou shalt know that I, Jĕ-hō'văh, am thy Saviour, and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. 17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron. I will also make thy officers peace, and [1]thine exactors righteousness. 18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, desolation nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise. 19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but Jĕ-hō'văh will be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy [2]glory. 20 Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw itself; for Jĕ-hō'văh will be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. 21 Thy people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. 22 The little one shall become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation: I, Jĕ-hō'văh, will hasten it in its time.

[1] Or, *thy taskmasters* [2] Or, *beauty*

61 The Spirit of the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh is upon me; because Jĕ-hō'văh hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the [3]meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and [4]the opening *of the prison* to them that are bound; 2 to proclaim the year of Jĕ-hō'văh's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3 to appoint unto them that mourn in Zī'ŏn, to give unto them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of Jĕ-hō'văh, that he may be glorified.

4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. 5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and foreigners shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. 6 But ye shall be named the priests of Jĕ-hō'văh; men shall call you the ministers of our God ye shall eat the wealth of the nations, and [5]in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. 7 Instead of your shame *ye shall have* double and instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be unto them. 8 For I, Jĕ-hō'văh love justice, I hate robbery [6]with iniquity; and I will give them their recompense in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. 9 And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which Jĕ-hō'văh hath blessed.

10 I will greatly rejoice in Jĕ-hō'văh, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, h

[3] Or, *poor* [4] Or, *opening* of the eye
[5] Or, *to their glory shall ye succeed*
(or, *with*) *a burnt-offering* [6] Or *fo*

hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom [1]decketh himself with a garland, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. 11 For as the earth bringeth forth its bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

62 For Zī'ŏn's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness go forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burneth. 2 And the nations shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory; and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of Jĕ-hō'văh shall name. 3 Thou shalt also be a crown of beauty in the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. 4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called [2]Hĕph'zĭ-băh, and thy land [3]Beū'lăh; for Jĕ-hō'văh delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. 5 For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee; and [4]as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

6 I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; they shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that are Jĕ-hō'văh's remembrancers, [5]take ye no rest, 7 and give him no [6]rest, till he establish, and till he make Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm a praise in the earth. 8 Jĕ-hō'văh hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy grain to be food for thine enemies; and foreigners shall not drink thy new wine, for which thou hast labored: 9 but they that have garnered it shall eat it, and praise Jĕ-hō'văh; and they that have gathered it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary.

10 Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up an ensign [7]for the peoples. 11 Behold, Jĕ-hō'văh hath proclaimed unto the end of the earth, Say ye to the daughter of Zī'ŏn, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his [8]recompense before him. 12 And they shall call them The holy people, The redeemed of Jĕ-hō'văh: and thou shalt be called Sought out, A city not forsaken.

63 Who is this that cometh from Ĕ'dŏm, with [9]dyed garments from Bŏz'răh? this that is glorious in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. 2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winevat? 3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the peoples there was no man with me: yea, I [10]trod them in mine anger, and trampled them in my wrath; and their [11]lifeblood [12]is sprinkled upon my garments, and I [13]have stained all my raiment. 4 For the day of vengeance [14]was in my heart, and [15]the year of my redeemed is come. 5 And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my wrath, it upheld me. 6 And [16]I trod down the peoples in mine anger, and [17]made them drunk in my wrath, and I [18]poured out their lifeblood on the earth.

7 I will make mention of the lovingkindnesses of Jĕ-hō'văh, *and* the praises of Jĕ-hō'văh, according to all that Jĕ-hō'văh hath bestowed on us, and the great good-

[1] Heb. *decketh himself as a priest* [2] That is, *My delight is in her* [3] That is, *Married* [4] Heb. *with the joy of the bridegroom* [5] Or, *keep not silence* [6] Heb. *silence*
[7] Or, *over* [8] Or, *work* [9] Or, *crimsoned* [10] Or, *will tread . . . and trample* [11] Or, *strength* [12] Or, *shall be* [13] Or, *will stain* [14] Or, *is* [15] Or, *my year of redemption* [16] Or, *I will tread . . . and make . . . and I will pour out* [17] Or, according to another reading, *brake them in pieces* [18] Or, *brought down their strength to the earth*

ness toward the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. 8 For he said, Surely, they are my people, children that will not deal falsely: so he was their Saviour. 9 [1]In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

10 But they rebelled, and grieved his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* himself fought against them. 11 [2]Then he remembered the days of old, Mō'sĕs *and* his people, *saying*, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the [3]shepherds of his flock? where is he that put his holy Spirit in the midst of them? 12 that caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Mō'sĕs? that divided the waters before them, to make himself an everlasting name? 13 that led them through the depths, as a horse in the wilderness, so that they stumbled not? 14 As the cattle that go down into the valley, the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh caused them to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

15 Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where are thy zeal and thy mighty acts? the yearning of thy heart and thy compassions are restrained toward me. 16 For thou art our Father, though Abraham knoweth us not, and Ĭs'rā-ĕl doth not acknowledge us: thou, O Jĕ-hō'văh, art our Father; our Redeemer from everlasting is thy name. 17 O Jĕ-hō'văh, why dost thou make us to err from thy ways, and hardenest our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance. 18 Thy holy people possessed *it* but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. 19 We are become as they over whom thou never barest rule, as they that were not called by thy name.

64 Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might [4]quake at thy presence, *2 as when fire kindleth the brushwood, *and* the fire causeth the waters to boil; to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence! 3 When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down; the mountains quaked at thy presence. 4 For from of old men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye [5]seen a God besides thee, who worketh for him that waiteth for him. 5 Thou [6]meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou wast wroth, and we sinned: [7]in them *have we been* of long time; and shall we be saved? 6 For we are all become as one that is unclean, and all our righteousnesses are as a polluted garment: and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee; for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast [8]consumed us by means of our iniquities.

8 But now, O Jĕ-hō'văh, thou art our Father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. 9 Be not wroth very sore, O Jĕ-hō'văh, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, look, we beseech thee, we are all thy people. 10 Thy holy cities are become a wilderness, Zī'ŏn is become a wilderness, Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm a desolation. 11 Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned with fire; and all our pleas-

[1] Another reading is, *In all their adversity he was no adversary* [2] Or, *Then his people remembered the ancient days of Moses &c.*
[3] Another reading is, *shepherd*
[4] Or, *flow down* [5] Or, *seen, O God, besides thee, one that &c.* [6] Or, *sparest* [7] Or, *in those is continuance, and we shall be saved* The Hebrew is obscure [8] Heb. *melted*
*[Ch. 64.1 in Heb.]

ant places are laid waste. 12 Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O Jĕ-hō'văh? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

65 I [1]am inquired of by them that asked not *for me*; I [2]am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation [3]that was not called by my name. 2 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, that walk in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts; 3 a people that provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens, and burning incense upon bricks; 4 that [4]sit among the graves, and lodge in the [5]secret places; that eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels; 5 that say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me, for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day. 6 Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, yea, I will recompense into their bosom, 7 your own iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that have burned incense upon the mountains, and [6]blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I [7]first measure their work into their bosom.

8 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not, for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all. 9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Jū'dăh an inheritor of my mountains; and my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there. 10 And Shâr'ŏn shall be a [8]fold of flocks, and the valley of Ā'chôr a place for herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me. 11 But ye that forsake Jĕ-hō'văh, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for [9]Fortune, and that fill up mingled wine unto [10]Destiny; 12 I will destine you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter; because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but ye did that which was evil in mine eyes, and chose that wherein I delighted not.

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be put to shame; 14 behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall wail for [11]vexation of spirit. 15 And ye shall leave your name for [12]a curse unto my chosen; and the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh will slay thee; and he will call his servants by another name: 16 so that he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of [13]truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of [13]truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19 And I will rejoice in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and joy in my people; and there shall be heard in her no more the voice of weeping and the voice of crying. 20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed. 21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall

[1] Or, *was inquired of* [2] Or, *was found* [3] Or, as otherwise read, *that hath not called upon* [4] Or, *dwell* [5] Or, *vaults* [6] Or, *defied* [7] Or, *measure their former work* [8] Or, *pasture*

[9] Heb. *Gad* See Gen. 30.11 [10] Heb. *Meni* [11] Heb. *breaking* [12] Heb. *an oath* [13] Heb. *Amen* See 2 Cor. 1.20; Rev. 3.14

plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. 22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree shall be the days of my people, and my chosen shall [1]long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for [2]calamity; for they are the seed of the blessed of Jĕ-hō'văh, and their offspring [3]with them. 24 And it shall come to pass that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

66 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: what manner of house will ye build unto me? and what place shall be my rest? 2 For all these things hath my hand made, and *so* all these things came to be, saith Jĕ-hō'văh: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and that trembleth at my word. 3 He that killeth an ox is as he that slayeth a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as he that breaketh a dog's neck; he that offereth [4]an oblation, *as he that offereth* swine's blood; he that [5]burneth frankincense, as he that blesseth an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations: 4 I also will choose their [6]delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did that which was evil in mine eyes, and chose that wherein I delighted not.

5 Hear the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, ye that tremble at his word: Your brethren that hate you, that cast you out for my name's sake, have said, Let Jĕ-hō'văh be glorified, that we may see your joy; but it is they that shall be put to shame. 6 A voice of tumult from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of Jĕ-hō'văh that rendereth recompense to his enemies.

7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a manchild. 8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall a land be [7]born in one day? shall a nation be brought forth at once? for as soon as Zī'ŏn travailed, she brought forth her children. 9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith Jĕ-hō'văh: shall I that cause to bring forth shut *the womb*? saith thy God.

10 Rejoice ye with Jĕ-ru'sălĕm, and be glad for her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn over her; 11 that ye may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. 12 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream: [8]and ye shall suck *thereof*; ye shall be borne upon the side, and shall be dandled upon the knees. 13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 14 And ye shall see *it*, and your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like the tender grass: and the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh shall be known toward his servants; and he will have indignation against his enemies.

15 For, behold, Jĕ-hō'văh will come [9]with fire, and his chariots shall be like the whirlwind; to render his anger with fierceness, and his rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire will Jĕ-hō'văh execute judgment, and by his sword, upon all flesh; and the slain of Jĕ-hō'văh shall be many. 17 They that sanctify themselves and purify

[1] Heb. *wear out* [2] Or, *sudden terror* [3] Or, shall be *with them* [4] Or, *a meal-offering* [5] Heb. *maketh a memorial of* [6] Or, *mockings*
[7] Or, *travailed with for but one day then shall ye suck, ye &c.* [8] Or, *in* [9] Or, *in*

themselves [1]*to go* unto the gardens, behind [2]one in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, they shall come to an end together, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

18 For I *know* their works and their thoughts: *the time* cometh, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and shall see my glory. 19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send such as escape of them unto the nations, to Tär'shish, Pŭl, and Lŭd, that draw the bow, to Tū'băl and Jā'văn, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations. 20 And they shall bring all your brethren out of all the nations for an oblation unto Jĕ-hō'văh, upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, as the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl bring their oblation in a clean vessel into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 21 And of them also will I take for priests *and* for Lē'vītes, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, so shall your seed and your name remain. 23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the dead bodies of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

[1] Or, *in the* see Dt. 16.21) [2] Or, *one* tree (or, Asherah;

THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

Jeremiah's Call and Commission

1 The words of Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the son of Hĭl-kī'ăh, of the priests that were in Ăn'ă-thŏth in the land of Bĕn'jă-mĭn: 2 to whom the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came in the days of Jō-sī'ăh the son of Ā'mŏn, king of Jū'dăh, in the thirteenth year of his reign. 3 It came also in the days of Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm the son of Jō-sī'ăh, king of Jū'dăh, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh, the son of Jō-sī'ăh, king of Jū'dăh, unto the carrying away of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm captive in the fifth month.

4 Now the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee, and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee; I have appointed thee a prophet unto the nations. 6 Then said I, Ah, Lord Jĕ-hō'văh! behold, I know not how to speak; for I am a child. 7 But Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Say not, I am a child; for [1]to whomsoever I shall send thee thou shalt go, and whatsoever I shall command thee thou shalt speak. 8 Be not afraid because of them; for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 9 Then Jĕ-hō'văh put forth his hand, and touched my mouth; and Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth: 10 see, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.

11 Moreover the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of [2]an almond-tree. 12 Then said Jĕ-hō'văh unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I [3]watch over my word to perform it.

[1] Or, *on whatsoever errand* [2] Heb. *shaked* [3] Heb. *shoked*

13 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a boiling caldron; and the face thereof is from the north. 14 Then Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Out of the north evil [1]shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. 15 For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Jū'dăh. 16 And I will [2]utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, in that they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands. 17 Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at them, lest I dismay thee before them. 18 For, behold, I have made thee this day a fortified city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Jū'dăh, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. 19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, to deliver thee.

2 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came to me, saying, 2 Go, and cry in the ears of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, I remember [3]for thee the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals; how thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown. 3 Ĭs'rā-ĕl *was* holiness unto Jĕ-hō'văh, the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall be held guilty; evil shall come upon them, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

4 Hear ye the word of Jĕ-hō'-văh, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: 5 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, What unrighteousness have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? 6 Neither said they, Where is Jĕ-hō'văh that brought us up out of the land of Ē'gўpt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought and of [4]the shadow of death, through a land that none passed through, and where no man dwelt? 7 And I brought you into a plentiful land, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. 8 The priests said not, Where is Jĕ-hō'văh? and they that handle the law knew me not: the [5]rulers also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Bā'ăl, and walked after things that do not profit.

9 Wherefore I will yet contend with you, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, and with your children's children will I contend. 10 For pass over to the isles of Kĭt'tĭm, and see; and send unto Kē'dăr, and consider diligently; and see if there hath been such a thing. 11 Hath a nation changed *its* gods, which yet are no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit. 12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 13 For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

14 Is Ĭs'rā-ĕl a servant? is he a home-born *slave*? why is he become a prey? 15 The young lions have roared upon him, and [6]yelled; and they have made his land waste: his cities are burned up, without inhabitant. 16 The children also

[1] Heb. *shall be opened* [2] Or, *speak with them of my judgments* [3] Or, *concerning*
[4] Or, *deep darkness* [5] Heb. *shepherds* [6] Heb. *given out their voice*

of Mĕm'phĭs and Täh'păn-hēs have [1]broken the crown of thy head. 17 Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, when he led thee by the way? 18 And now what hast thou to do in the way to Ē'gўpt, to drink the waters of the [2]Shī'hôr? or what hast thou to do in the way to Ăs-sўr'ĭ-à, to drink the waters of [3]the River? 19 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and a bitter, that thou hast forsaken Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts.

20 For of old time [4]I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bonds; and thou saidst, I will not [5]serve; for upon every high hill and under every green tree thou didst bow thyself, playing the harlot. 21 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate branches of a foreign vine unto me? 22 For though thou wash thee with lye, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh. 23 How canst thou say, I am not defiled, I have not gone after the Bā'ăl-ĭm? see thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: *thou art* a swift [6]dromedary traversing her ways; 24 a wild ass used to the wilderness, that snuffeth up the wind in her desire; in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her. 25 Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst. But thou saidst, It is in vain; no, for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.

26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets; 27 who say to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast [7]brought [8]me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face; but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us. 28 But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Jū'dăh.

29 Wherefore will ye contend with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 30 In vain have I smitten your children; they received no [9]correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion. 31 O generation, see ye the word of Jĕ-hō'văh. Have I been a wilderness unto Ĭs'rā-ĕl? or a land of [10]thick darkness? wherefore say my people, We are broken loose; we will come no more unto thee? 32 Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number. 33 How trimmest thou thy way to seek love! therefore even the wicked women hast thou taught thy ways. 34 Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the innocent poor: [11]thou didst not find them breaking in; but it is because of all these things. 35 Yet thou saidst, I am innocent; surely his anger is turned away from me. Behold, I will enter into judgment with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned. 36 Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou shalt be ashamed of Ē'gўpt also, as thou wast ashamed of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-à. 37 From thence also shalt thou go forth, with thy hands upon thy head: for Jĕ-hō'văh hath rejected those in whom thou trustest, and thou shalt not prosper with them.

3 [12]They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him,

[1] Or, *fed on* [2] That is, the Nile [3] That is, the Euphrates [4] Or, *thou hast* [5] Another reading is, *transgress* [6] Or, *young camel* [7] Or, *begotten me* [8] Another reading is, *us* [9] Or, *instruction* [10] Or, *darkness from Jah* [11] Or, *I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these* [12] Heb. *Saying*

and become another man's, will he return unto her again? will not that land be greatly polluted? But thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; [1]yet return again to me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 2 Lift up thine eyes unto the bare heights, and see; where hast thou not been lain with? By the ways hast thou sat for them, as an Ă-rā'bĭ-ăn in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness. 3 Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; yet thou hadst a harlot's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed. 4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My Father, thou art the [2]guide of my youth? 5 Will he retain *his anger* for ever? will he keep it to the end? Behold, thou [3]hast spoken and hast done evil things, and hast [4]had thy way.

6 Moreover Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me in the days of Jō-sī'ăh the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding ĭs'rā-ĕl hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. 7 [5]And I said after she had done all these things, [6]She will return unto me; but she returned not: and her treacherous sister Jū'dăh saw it. 8 And I saw, when, for this very cause that backsliding ĭs'rā-ĕl had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a bill of divorcement, yet treacherous Jū'dăh her sister feared not; but she also went and played the harlot. 9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that the land was polluted, and she committed adultery with stones and with stocks. 10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Jū'dăh hath not returned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

11 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Backsliding ĭs'rā-ĕl hath showed herself more righteous than treacherous Jū'dăh. 12 Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding ĭs'rā-ĕl, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; I will not [7]look in anger upon you; for I am merciful, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, I will not keep *anger* for ever. 13 Only [8]acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 14 Return, O backsliding children, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; for I am a husband unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zī'ŏn. 15 And I will give you shepherds according to my heart, who shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. 16 And it shall come to pass, when ye are multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh; neither shall it come to mind; neither shall they remember it; neither shall they [9]miss it; neither [10]shall it be made any more. 17 At that time they shall call Jĕ-ru'sălĕm the throne of Jĕ-hō'văh; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: neither shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of their evil heart. 18 In those days the house of Jū'dăh shall walk [11]with the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I gave for an inheritance unto your fathers.

19 But I said, How [12]I will put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, [13]a goodly heritage of the hosts of the nations! and I said, [14]Ye shall call me My Father, and shall not turn away from following me. 20 Surely

[1] Or, *and* thinkest thou *to return &c.?*
[2] Or, *companion* [3] Or, *hast spoken* thus, *but hast done &c.* [4] Heb. *been able* [5] Or, *And I said, After she hath done all these things, she &c.* [6] Or, *Let her return unto me*
[7] Heb. *cause my countenance to fall upon you* [8] Or, *know* [9] Or, *visit* [10] Or, *shall that be done any more* [11] Or, *to* [12] Or, *shall I . . . nations?* [13] Or, *the goodliest heritage of the nations* [14] Another reading is, *Thou shalt . . . and shalt not &c.*

as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Is'rā-ĕl, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 21 A voice is heard upon the bare heights, the weeping *and* the supplications of the children of Is'rā-ĕl; because they have perverted their way, they have forgotten Jĕ-hō'văh their God. 22 Return, ye backsliding children, I will heal your backslidings.

Behold, we are come unto thee; for thou art Jĕ-hō'văh our God. 23 Truly in vain is *the help that is looked for* from the hills, the [1]tumult on the mountains: truly in Jĕ-hō'văh our God is the salvation of Is'rā-ĕl. 24 But the [2]shameful thing hath devoured the labor of our fathers from our youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. 25 Let us lie down in our shame, and let our confusion cover us; for we have sinned against Jĕ-hō'văh our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day; and we have not obeyed the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh our God.

4 If thou wilt return, O Is'rā-ĕl, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, if thou wilt return unto me, and [3]if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight; then shalt thou not be removed; 2 and thou shalt swear, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, in truth, in justice, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

3 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh to the men of Jū'dăh and to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. 4 Circumcise yourselves to Jĕ-hō'văh, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Jū'dăh and inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn so that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

5 Declare ye in Jū'dăh, and publish in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry aloud and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fortified cities. 6 Set up a standard toward Zī'ŏn: flee for safety, stay not; for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction. 7 A lion is gone up from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations; he is on his way, he is gone forth from his place, to make thy land desolate, that thy cities be laid waste, without inhabitant. 8 For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and wail; for the fierce anger of Jĕ-hō'văh is not turned back from us. 9 And it shall come to pass at that day, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.

10 Then said I, Ah, Lord Jĕ-hō'văh! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the life.

11 At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, A hot wind from the bare heights in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow, nor to cleanse; 12 [4]a full wind from these shall come for me: now will I also utter judgments against them. 13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots *shall be* as the whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are ruined. 14 O Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, wash thy heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thine evil thoughts lodge within thee? 15 For [5]a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth evil from the hills of E'phrā-ĭm. 16 Make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, *that* watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Jū'dăh. 17 As keepers of a field are they against her round about, because she hath been rebellious

[1] Or, *noisy throng* [2] Heb. *shame* See ch. 11.13; Hos. 9.10 [3] Or, *if thou wilt put . . . and wilt not wander, and wilt swear . . . then shall the nations &c.* or, *then shalt thou swear . . . and the nations &c.*

[4] Or, *a wind too strong for this* [5] Or, *there is a voice of one that declareth &c.*

against me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 18 Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee; this is thy wickedness; [1]for it is bitter, [1]for it reacheth unto thy heart.

19 My anguish, my anguish! [2]I am pained at [3]my very heart; my heart is disquieted in me; I cannot hold my peace; because [4]thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. 20 Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is laid waste: suddenly are my tents destroyed, *and* my curtains in a moment. 21 How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet? 22 For my people are foolish, they know me not; they are sottish children, and they have no understanding; they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

23 I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was waste and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. 24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills [5]moved to and fro. 25 I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. 26 I beheld, and, lo, [6]the fruitful field was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of Jĕ-hō'văh, *and* before his fierce anger.

27 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, The whole land shall be a desolation; yet will I not make a full end. 28 For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and I have not repented, neither will I turn back from it. 29 Every city fleeth for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they go into the thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city is forsaken, and not a man dwelleth therein. 30 And thou, when thou art made desolate, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with scarlet, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou [7]enlargest thine eyes with paint, in vain dost thou make thyself fair; *thy* lovers despise thee, they seek thy life. 31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zī'ŏn, that gasepth for breath, that spreadeth her hands, *saying*, Woe is me now! for my soul fainteth before the murderers.

5 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that doeth justly, that seeketh [8]truth; and I will pardon her. 2 And though they say, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth; surely they swear falsely. 3 O Jĕ-hō'văh, [9]do not thine eyes look upon [8]truth? thou hast stricken them, but they were not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive [10]correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

4 Then I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish; for they know not the way of Jĕ-hō'văh, nor the law of their God: 5 I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they know the way of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the law of their God. But these with one accord have broken the yoke, *and* burst the bonds. 6 Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, a wolf of the [11]evenings shall destroy them, a leopard shall watch against their cities; every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces; because their transgressions are many, *and* their backslidings are increased.

7 How can I pardon thee? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods. When I had [12]fed them to the full, they committed adultery, and assembled themselves in troops at the harlots' houses; 8 they were as fed horses roaming at large; every

[1] Or, *surely* [2] Another reading is, *I will wait patiently* [3] Heb. *the walls of my heart* [4] Or, as otherwise read, *my soul heareth* [5] Or, *moved lightly* [6] Or, *Carmel*
[7] Heb. *rendest* [8] Or, *faithfulness* [9] Heb. *are not thine eyes upon* [10] Or, *instruction* [11] Or, *deserts* [12] Or, according to another reading, *made them swear*

one neighed after his neighbor's wife. 9 Shall I not visit for these things? saith Jĕ-hō'văh; and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end: take away her branches; for they are not Jĕ-hō'văh's. 11 For the house of Is'rā-ĕl and the house of Jū'dăh have dealt very treacherously against me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 12 They have denied Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine: 13 and the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

14 Wherefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. 15 Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Is'rā-ĕl, saith Jĕ-hō'văh: it is [1]a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say. 16 Their quiver is an open sepulchre, they are all mighty men. 17 And they shall eat up thy harvest, and thy bread, *which* thy sons and thy daughters should eat; they shall eat up thy flocks and thy herds; they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig-trees; they shall [2]beat down thy fortified cities, wherein thou trustest, with the sword. 18 But even in those days, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, I will not make a full end with you.

19 And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Wherefore hath Jĕ-hō'văh our God done all these things unto us? then shalt thou say unto them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served foreign gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not yours.

20 Declare ye this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Jū'dăh, saying, 21 Hear now this, O foolish people, and without [3]understanding; that have eyes, and see not; that have ears, and hear not: 22 Fear ye not me? saith Jĕ-hō'văh: will ye not tremble at my presence, who have placed the sand for the bound of the sea, [4]by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it? and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it. 23 But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. 24 Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear Jĕ-hō'văh our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in its season; that preserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. 25 Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good from you. 26 For among my people are found wicked men: they watch, as fowlers lie in wait; they set a trap, they catch men. 27 As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxed rich. 28 They are waxed fat, they shine: yea, they overpass in deeds of wickedness; they plead not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, that they may prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge. 29 Shall I not visit for these things? saith Jĕ-hō'văh; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

30 [5]A wonderful and horrible thing is come to pass in the land: 31 the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule [6]by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

6 Flee for safety, ye children of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, out of the midst of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and blow the trumpet in Tĕ-kō'ă, and raise up a signal on Bĕth-hăc'chĕ-rĕm; for evil looketh forth from the north, and a great destruction. 2 The comely and delicate one, the daughter of

[1] Or, *an enduring nation* [2] Or, *impoverish* [3] Heb. *heart* [4] Or, *an everlasting ordinance which it cannot pass* [5] Or, *Astonishment and horror* [6] Or, *at their hands*

Zī'ŏn, will I cut off. 3 Shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her; they shall pitch their tents against her round about; they shall feed every one in his place. 4 [1]Prepare ye war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us! for the day declineth, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out. 5 Arise, and let us go up by night, and let us destroy her palaces. 6 For thus hath Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts said, Hew ye down [2]trees, and cast up a mound against Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm: this is the city to be visited; she is wholly oppression in the midst of her. 7 As a well [3]casteth forth its waters, so she [3]casteth forth her wickedness: violence and destruction is heard in her; before me continually is sickness and wounds. 8 Be thou instructed, O Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, lest my soul be alienated from thee; lest I make thee a desolation, a land not inhabited.

9 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of ĭs'rā-ĕl as a vine: turn again thy hand as a grape-gatherer [4]into the baskets. 10 To whom shall I speak and testify, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of Jĕ-hō'văh is become unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it. 11 Therefore I am full of the wrath of Jĕ-hō'văh; I am weary with holding in: pour it out upon the children in the street, and upon the assembly of young men together; for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that is full of days. 12 And their houses shall be turned unto others, their fields and their wives together; for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. 14 They have healed also the [5]hurt of [6]my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. 15 [7]Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall; at the time that I visit them they shall [8]be cast down, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

16 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way; and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls: but they said, We will not walk *therein*. 17 And I set watchmen over you, *saying*, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet; but they said, We will not hearken. 18 Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them. 19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words; and as for my law, they have rejected it. 20 To what purpose cometh there to me frankincense from Shē'bā, and the sweet [9]cane from a far country? your burnt-offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices pleasing unto me. 21 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I will lay stumbling-blocks before this people; and the fathers and the sons together shall stumble against them; the neighbor and his friend shall perish.

22 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, a people cometh from the north country; and a great nation shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth. 23 They lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea, and they ride upon horses, every one set in array, as a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Zī'ŏn. 24 We have heard the report thereof; our

[1] Heb. *Sanctify* [2] Or, as otherwise read, *her trees* [3] Or, *keepeth fresh* [4] Or, *upon the shoots* [5] Or, *breach* [6] Another reading is, *the daughter of my people*, as in ch. 8.11. 21 [7] Or, *They shall be put to shame because they have committed abomination: yea, they are not &c.* [8] Or, *stumble* [9] Or, *calamus*

hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, *and* pangs as of a woman in travail. 25 Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy, *and* terror, are on every side. 26 O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation; for the destroyer shall suddenly come upon us.

27 I have made thee a [1]trier *and* a fortress among my people; that thou mayest know and try their way. 28 They are all grievous revolters, going about with slanders; they are brass and iron: they all of them deal corruptly. 29 The bellows [2]blow fiercely; the lead is consumed of the fire: in vain do they go on refining; for the wicked are not plucked away. 30 Refuse silver shall men call them, because Jĕ-hō'văh hath rejected them.

7 The word that came to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh from Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, 2 Stand in the gate of Jĕ-hō'văh's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, all ye of Jū'dăh, that enter in at these gates to worship Jĕ-hō'văh. 3 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. 4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of Jĕ-hō'văh, the temple of Jĕ-hō'văh, the temple of Jĕ-hō'văh, are these. 5 For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute justice between a man and his neighbor; 6 if ye oppress not the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your own hurt: 7 then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, from of old even for evermore.

8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. 9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Bā'ăl, and walk after other gods that ye have not known, 10 and come and stand before me in this house, [3]which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered; that ye may do all these abominations? 11 Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

12 But go ye now unto my place which was in Shī'lōh, where I caused my name to dwell at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not: 14 therefore will I do unto the house which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shī'lōh. 15 And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ē'phrā-ĭm.

16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me; for I will not hear thee. 17 Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Jū'dăh and in the streets of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm? 18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead the dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. 19 Do they provoke me to anger? saith Jĕ-hō'văh; *do they* not *provoke* themselves, to the confusion of their own faces? 20 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, mine anger and my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

[1] Or, *tower* [2] Or, *are burned*
[3] Heb. *whereupon my name is called*

21 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: Add your burnt-offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat ye flesh. 22 For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Ē'gўpt, concerning burnt-offerings or sacrifices: 23 but this thing I commanded them, saying, Hearken unto my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people; and walk ye in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you. 24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in *their own* counsels *and* in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and [1]went backward and not forward. 25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Ē'gўpt unto this day, I have sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: 26 yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff: they did worse than their fathers.

27 And thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee. 28 And thou shalt say unto them, This is the nation that hath not hearkened to the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh their God, nor received [2]instruction: [3]truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

29 Cut off [4]thy hair, *O Je-ru'sa-lem*, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on the bare heights; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath. 30 For the children of Jū'dăh have done that which is evil in my sight, saith Jĕ-hō'văh: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it. 31 And they have built the high places of Tō'phĕth, which is in the valley of the son of Hĭn'nŏm, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded not, neither came it into my [5]mind. 32 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that it shall no more be called Tō'phĕth, nor The valley of the son of Hĭn'nŏm, but The valley of Slaughter: for they shall bury in Tō'phĕth, [6]till there be no place *to bury*. 33 And the dead bodies of this people shall be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall frighten them away. 34 Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Jū'dăh, and from the streets of Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride; for the land shall become a waste.

8 At that time, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Jū'dăh, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm, out of their graves; 2 and they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, which they have loved, and which they have served, and after which they have walked, and which they have sought, and which they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried, they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth. 3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue that remain of this evil family, that remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts.

4 Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Shall men fall, and not rise up again? shall one turn away, and not return? 5 Why then is this people of Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. 6 I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repenteth him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one [7]turneth to his course, as a

[1] Or, *turned their back, and not their face*
[2] Or, *correction*
[3] Or, *faithfulness*
[4] Heb. *thy crown*
[5] Heb. *heart*
[6] Or, *because there shall be no place else*
[7] Or, *turneth away in his course*

horse that rusheth headlong in the battle. 7 Yea, the stork in the heavens knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle-dove and the swallow and the crane observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the law of Jĕ-hō'văh.

8 How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of Jĕ-hō'văh is with us? But, behold, the false pen of the scribes hath [1]wrought falsely. 9 The wise men are put to shame, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of Jĕ-hō'văh; and what manner of wisdom is in them? 10 Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall possess them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness; from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. 11 And they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. 12 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall; in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 13 I will utterly consume them, saith Jĕ-hō'văh: there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig-tree, and the leaf shall fade; and [2]*the things that* I have given them shall pass away from them.

14 Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the fortified cities, and let us [3]be silent there; for Jĕ-hō'văh our God hath [4]put us to silence, and given us water of [5]gall to drink, because we have sinned against Jĕ-hō'văh. 15 We looked for peace, but no good came; *and* for a time of healing, and, behold, dismay! 16 The snorting of his horses is heard from Dan: at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones the whole land trembleth; for they are come, and have devoured the land and all that is in it; the city and those that dwell therein. 17 For, behold, I will send serpents, adders, among you, which will not be charmed; and they shall bite you, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

18 Oh that I could comfort myself against sorrow! my heart is faint within me. 19 Behold, the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people [6]from a land that is very far off: Is not Jĕ-hō'văh in Zī'ŏn? is not her King in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with foreign vanities? 20 The harvest is past, the [7]summer is ended, and we are not saved. 21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt: I mourn; dismay hath taken hold on me. 22 Is there no balm in Gĭl'ĕ-ăd? is there no physician there? why then is not the [8]health of the daughter of my people [9]recovered?

*9 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people! †2 [10]Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging-place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they are all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men. 3 And they bend their tongue, *as it were* their bow, for falsehood; and they are grown strong in the land, but not for [11]truth: for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 4 Take ye heed every one of his neighbor, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbor will go about with slanders. 5 And they will [12]deceive every one his neighbor, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves

[1] Or, *made of* it *falsehood* [2] Or, *I have appointed them those that shall pass over them* [3] Or, *perish* [4] Or, *caused us to perish* [5] Or, *poison* See Dt. 29.18

[6] Or, *because of* [7] Or, *ingathering of summer fruits* [8] Or, *healing* [9] Or, *perfected* Heb. *gone up* [10] Or, *Oh that I were in the wilderness, in &c.* [11] Or, *faithfulness* [12] Or, *mock*

*[Ch. 8.23 in Heb.] †[Ch. 9.1 in Heb.]

to commit iniquity. 6 Thy habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

7 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how *else* should I do, because of the daughter of my people? 8 Their tongue is a deadly arrow; it speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in his heart he layeth wait for him. 9 Shall I not visit them for these things? saith Jĕ-hō'văh; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the pastures of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none passeth through; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the birds of the heavens and the beasts are fled, they are gone. 11 And I will make Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm heaps, a dwelling-place of jackals; and I will make the cities of Jū'dăh a desolation, without inhabitant.

12 Who is the wise man, that may understand this? and *who is* he to whom the mouth of Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken, that he may declare it? wherefore is the land perished and burned up like a wilderness, so that none passeth through? 13 And Jĕ-hō'văh saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein, 14 but have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart, and after the Bā'ăl-ĭm, which their fathers taught them; 15 therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of [1]gall to drink. 16 I will scatter them also among the nations, whom neither they nor their fathers have known; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them.

17 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for the skilful women, that they may come: 18 and let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters. 19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zī'ŏn, How are we ruined! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because [2]they have cast down our dwellings. 20 Yet hear the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth; and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbor lamentation. 21 For death is come up into our windows, it is entered into our palaces; to cut off the children from without, *and* the young men from the streets. 22 Speak, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, The dead bodies of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman; and none shall gather *them*.

23 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; 24 but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he hath understanding, and knoweth me, that I am Jĕ-hō'văh who exerciseth lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

25 Behold, the days come, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that I will punish all them that are circumcised in *their* uncircumcision: 26 Ē'gўpt, and Jū'dăh, and Ē'dŏm, and the children of Ăm'mŏn, and Mō'ăb, and all that have the corners *of their hair* cut off, that dwell in the wilderness; for all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl are uncircumcised in heart.

10 Hear ye the word which Jĕ-hō'văh speaketh unto you, O house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: 2 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Learn not the way of

[1] Or, *poison*

[2] Or, *our dwellings have cast* us *out*

the nations, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the nations are dismayed at them. 3 For the [1]customs of the peoples are vanity; for [2]one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe. 4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. 5 They are like a [3]palm-tree, of turned work, and speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good.

6 There is none like unto thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh; thou art great, and thy name is great in might. 7 Who should not fear thee, O King of the nations? for [4]to thee doth it appertain; forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their royal estate, there is none like unto thee. 8 But they are [5]together brutish and foolish: [6]the instruction of idols! it is but a stock. 9 There is silver beaten into plates, which is brought from Tär'shish, and gold from Ū'phăz, the work of the artificer and of the hands of the goldsmith; blue and purple for their clothing; they are all the work of skilful men. 10 But Jĕ-hō'văh is [7]the true God; he is the living God, and an everlasting King: at his wrath the earth trembleth, and the nations are not able to abide his indignation.

11 [8]Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, [9]these shall perish from the earth, and from under the heavens.

12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding hath he stretched out the heavens. 13 [10]When he uttereth his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasuries. 14 Every man [11]is become brutish *and is* without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his graven image; for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. 15 They are vanity, a work of [12]delusion: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. 16 The portion of Jacob is not like these; for he is the former of all things; and ĭs'rā-ĕl is the tribe of his inheritance: Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts is his name.

17 Gather up [13]thy wares out of the land, [14]O thou that abidest in the siege. 18 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this time, and will distress them, that they may [15]feel *it*.

19 Woe is me because of my hurt! my wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this is *my* [16]grief, and I must bear it. 20 My tent is destroyed, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth from me, and they are not: there is none to spread my tent any more, and to set up my curtains. 21 For the shepherds are become brutish, and have not inquired of Jĕ-hō'văh: therefore they have not [17]prospered, and all their flocks are scattered. 22 The voice of tidings, behold, it cometh, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Jū'dăh a desolation, a dwelling-place of jackals.

23 O Jĕ-hō'văh, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. 24 O Jĕ-hō'văh, correct me, but in [18]measure; not in thine anger, lest thou [19]bring me to nothing. 25 Pour out thy

[1] Heb. *statutes* [2] Or, it is but *a tree which one cutteth* [3] Or, *pillar* [4] Or, *it beseemeth thee* [5] Or, *through one thing* [6] Or, *the stock is a doctrine of vanities* [7] Or, *God in truth* [8] This verse is in Aramaic [9] Or, *they shall . . . under these heavens* [10] Or, *at the sound of his giving an abundance of waters . . . when he causeth &c.* or, *he causeth &c.*

[11] Or, *is too brutish to know* [12] Or, *mockery* [13] Or, *thy bundle from the ground* [14] Or, *O inhabitant* (Heb. *inhabitress*) *of the fortress* [15] Heb. *find* [16] Or, *sickness* [17] Or, *dealt wisely* [18] Heb. *judgment* [19] Heb. *diminish me*

wrath upon the nations that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name; for they have devoured Jacob, yea, they have devoured him and consumed him, and have laid waste his [1]habitation.

11 The word that came to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh from Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, 2 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Jū'dăh, and to the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; 3 and say thou unto them, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl: Cursed be the man that heareth not the words of this covenant, 4 which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Ē'gўpt, out of the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God; 5 that I may establish the oath which I sware unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as at this day. Then answered I, and said, Ā-mĕn', O Jĕ-hō'văh.

6 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Jū'dăh, and in the streets of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them. 7 For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Ē'gўpt, even unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice. 8 Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the stubbornness of their evil heart: therefore I brought upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they did them not.

9 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Jū'dăh, and among the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear my words; and they are gone after other gods to serve them: the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl and the house of Jū'dăh have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers. 11 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and they shall cry unto me, but I will not hearken unto them. 12 Then shall the cities of Jū'dăh and the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm go and cry unto the gods unto which they offer incense: but they will not save them at all in the time of their [2]trouble. 13 For according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Jū'dăh; and according to the number of the streets of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm have ye set up altars to the [3]shameful thing, even altars to burn incense unto Bā'ăl.

14 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me because of their [2]trouble. 15 What hath my beloved to do in my house, seeing she hath wrought lewdness *with* [4]many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? [5]when thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest. 16 Jĕ-hō'văh called thy name, A green olive-tree, fair with goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken. 17 For Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, who planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, because of the evil of the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl and of the house of Jū'dăh, which they have wrought for themselves in provoking me to anger by offering incense unto Bā'ăl.

18 And Jĕ-hō'văh gave me knowledge of it, and I knew it: then thou showedst me their doings. 19 But I was like a gentle lamb that is led to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, *saying*,

[1] Or, *pasture*

[2] Heb. *evil* [3] Heb. *shame* [4] The text is obscure. The Sept. has: *Shall vows and holy flesh take away from thee thy wickednesses, or shalt thou escape by these?* [5] Or, *when thine evil* cometh

Let us destroy the tree with the [1]fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered. 20 But, O Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, who judgest righteously, who triest the [2]heart and the mind, I shall see thy vengeance on them; for unto thee have I revealed my cause. 21 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh concerning the men of An'ă-thōth, that seek thy life, saying, Thou shalt not prophesy in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, that thou die not by our hand; 22 therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, Behold, I will [3]punish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine; 23 and there shall be no remnant unto them: for I will bring evil upon the men of An'ă-thōth, [4]even the year of their visitation.

12 Righteous art thou, O Jĕ-hō'văh, when I contend with thee; yet would I [5]reason the cause with thee: wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore are all they at ease that deal very treacherously? 2 Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root; they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: thou art near in their mouth, and far from their [2]heart. 3 But thou, O Jĕ-hō'văh, knowest me; thou seest me, and triest my heart toward thee: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and [6]prepare them for the day of slaughter. 4 How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of the whole country wither? for the wickedness of them that dwell therein, the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see our latter end.

5 If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and [7]though in a land of peace thou [7]art secure, yet how wilt thou do in the [7]pride of the Jordan? 6 For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee; even they have cried aloud after thee: believe them not, though they speak [8]fair words unto thee.

7 I have forsaken my house, I have cast off my heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies. 8 My heritage is become unto me as a lion in the forest: she hath uttered her voice against me; therefore I have hated her. 9 Is my heritage unto me as a speckled bird of prey? are the birds of prey against her round about? go ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, bring them to devour. 10 Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness. 11 They have made it a desolation; it mourneth unto me, being desolate; the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart. 12 Destroyers are come upon all the bare heights in the wilderness; for the sword of Jĕ-hō'văh devoureth from the one end of the land even to the other end of the land: no flesh hath peace. 13 They have sown wheat, and have reaped thorns; they have put themselves to pain, and profit nothing: and [9]ye shall be ashamed of your fruits, because of the fierce anger of Jĕ-hō'văh.

14 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh against all mine evil neighbors, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl to inherit: Behold, I will pluck them up from off their land, and will pluck up the house of Jū'dăh from among them. 15 And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them up, I will return and have compassion on them; and I will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land. 16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, As

[1] Heb. *bread* [2] Heb. *reins* [3] Heb. *visit upon* [4] Or, *in the year* [5] Heb. *speak of judgments* [6] Heb. *sanctify* [7] Or, *swelling*
[8] Heb. *good things* [9] Or, *be ye ashamed* Or, *they shall be ashamed*

Jĕ-hō'văh liveth; even as they taught my people to swear by Bā'ăl; then shall they be built up in the midst of my people. 17 But if they will not hear, then will I pluck up that nation, plucking up and destroying it, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

13 Thus said Jĕ-hō'văh unto me, Go, and buy thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it not in water. 2 So I bought a girdle according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, and put it upon my loins. 3 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me the second time, saying, 4 Take the girdle that thou hast bought, which is upon thy loins, and arise, go to the Ĕū-phrā'tēs, and hide it there in a cleft of the rock. 5 So I went, and hid it by the Ĕū-phrā'tēs, as Jĕ-hō'văh commanded me. 6 And it came to pass after many days, that Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Arise, go to the Ĕū-phrā'tēs, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee to hide there. 7 Then I went to the Ĕū-phrā'tēs, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it; and, behold, the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing.

8 Then the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 9 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, After this manner will I mar the pride of Jū'dăh, and the great pride of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 10 This evil people, that refuse to hear my words, that walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and are gone after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is profitable for nothing. 11 For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Is'rā-ĕl and the whole house of Jū'dăh, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; that they may be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

12 Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word: Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Is'rā-ĕl, Every [1]bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every [1]bottle shall be filled with wine? 13 Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit [2]upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, with drunkenness. 14 And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, saith Jĕ-hō'văh: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have compassion, that I should not destroy them.

15 Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken. 16 Give glory to Jĕ-hō'văh your God, before [3]he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the [4]dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into [5]the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness. 17 But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret for *your* pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because Jĕ-hō'văh's flock is taken captive.

18 Say thou unto the king and to the queen-mother, [6]Humble yourselves, sit down; for your headtires are come down, even [7]the crown of your glory. 19 The cities of the South are shut up, and there is none to open them: Jū'dăh is carried away captive, all of it; it is wholly carried away captive.

20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock? 21 [8]What wilt thou say, when he shall set over thee as head those whom thou hast thyself taught to be friends to thee? shall not sorrows take hold of thee, as of a woman in travail? 22 And if thou say in thy heart, Wherefore are these things come upon me? for the [9]greatness

[1] Or, *jar* [2] Heb. *for I smite upon his throne* [3] Or, *it grow dark* [4] Heb. *mountains of twilight* [5] Or, *deep darkness* [6] Or, *Sit ye down low* [7] Or, *your beautiful crown* [8] Or, *What will thou say, when he shall visit thee, seeing thou thyself hast instructed them against thee, even thy friends to be head over thee?* [9] Or, *multitude*

of thine iniquity are thy skirts uncovered, and thy heels suffer violence. 23 Can the E-thi-ō'pi-ăn change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are [1]accustomed to do evil. 24 Therefore will I scatter them, as the stubble that passeth away, [2]by the wind of the wilderness. 25 This is thy lot, the portion measured unto thee from me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood. 26 Therefore will I also uncover thy skirts [3]upon thy face, and thy shame shall appear. 27 I have seen thine abominations, even thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, on the hills in the field. Woe unto thee, O Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm! thou wilt not be made clean; how long shall it yet be?

14 The word of Jĕ-hō'văh that came to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh concerning the drought.

2 Jū'dăh mourneth, and the gates thereof languish, they sit in black upon the ground; and the cry of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm is gone up. 3 And their nobles send their [4]little ones [5]to the waters: they come to the cisterns, and find no water; they return with their vessels empty; they are put to shame and confounded, and cover their heads. 4 Because of the ground which is [6]cracked, for that no rain hath been in the land, the plowmen are put to shame, they cover their heads. 5 Yea, the hind also in the field calveth, and forsaketh *her young*, because there is no grass. 6 And the wild asses stand on the bare heights, they pant for air like [7]jackals; their eyes fail, because there is no herbage.

7 Though our iniquities testify against us, work thou for thy name's sake, O Jĕ-hō'văh; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee. 8 O thou hope of Is'rā-ĕl, the Saviour thereof in the time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a sojourner in the land, and as a wayfaring man that [8]turneth aside to tarry for a night? 9 Why shouldest thou be as a man affrighted, as a mighty man that cannot save? yet thou, O Jĕ-hō'văh, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not.

10 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh unto this people, Even so have they loved to wander; they have not refrained their feet: therefore Jĕ-hō'văh doth not accept them; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins. 11 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Pray not for this people for *their* good. 12 When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt-offering and meal-offering, I will not accept them; but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.

13 Then said I, Ah, Lord Jĕ-hō'văh! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you [9]assured peace in this place. 14 Then Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name; I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake I unto them: they prophesy unto you a lying vision, and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their own heart. 15 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land: By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed. 16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them—them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them. 17 And thou shalt say this word unto them, Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease; for the virgin daughter of my people is broken

[1] Heb. *taught* [2] Or, *unto* [3] Or, *before* [4] Or, *inferiors* [5] Or, *for water* [6] Or, *dismayed* [7] Or, *the crocodile* [8] Or, *spreadeth* his tent [9] Heb. *peace of truth*

with a great breach, with a very grievous wound. 18 If I go forth into the field, then, behold, the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then, behold, [1]they that are sick with famine! for both the prophet and the priest [2]go about [3]in the land, and have no knowledge.

19 Hast thou utterly rejected Jū'dăh? hath thy soul loathed Zī'on? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and, behold, dismay! 20 We [4]acknowledge, O Jĕ-hō'văh, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against thee. 21 Do not [5]abhor *us*, for thy name's sake; do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us. 22 Are there any among the vanities of the nations that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O Jĕ-hō'văh our God? therefore we will wait for thee; for thou hast [6]made all these things.

15 Then said Jĕ-hō'văh unto me, Though Mō'sĕs and Săm'ū-ĕl stood before me, yet my mind would not be toward this people: cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth. 2 And it shall come to pass, when they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for captivity, to captivity. 3 And I will appoint over them four [7]kinds, saith Jĕ-hō'văh: the sword to slay, and the dogs to [8]tear, and the birds of the heavens, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and to destroy. 4 And I will cause them to be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth, because of Mă-năs'sĕh, the son of Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, king of Jū'dăh, for that which he did in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

5 For who will have pity upon thee, O Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm? or who will bemoan thee? or who will turn aside to ask of thy welfare? 6 Thou hast rejected me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, thou art gone backward: therefore have I stretched out my hand against thee, and destroyed thee; I am weary with repenting. 7 And I have winnowed them with a fan in the gates of the land; I have bereaved *them* of children, I have destroyed my people; they returned not from their ways. 8 Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas; I have brought upon them [9]against the mother of the young men a destroyer at noonday: I have caused anguish and terrors to fall upon her suddenly. 9 She that hath borne seven languisheth; she hath given up the ghost; her sun is gone down while it was yet day; she hath been put to shame and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

10 Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have not lent, neither have men lent to me; *yet* every one of them doth curse me.

11 Jĕ-hō'văh said, Verily I will [10]strengthen thee for good; verily [11]I will cause the enemy to make supplication unto thee in the time of evil and in the time of affliction. 12 [12]Can one break iron, even iron from the north, and brass? 13 Thy substance and thy treasures will I give for a spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, even in all thy borders. 14 And [13]I will make *them* to pass with [14]thine enemies into a land which [15]thou knowest not; for a fire is [16]kindled in mine anger, which shall [17]burn upon you.

15 O Jĕ-hō'văh, [18]thou knowest; remember me, and visit me, and

[1] Heb. *the sicknesses of famine* [2] Or, *traffic* [3] Or, *into a land that they know not* [4] Or, *know* [5] Or, *contemn* [6] Or, *done* [7] Heb. *families* [8] Heb. *drag*

[9] Or, *against the mother and the young men* [10] Another reading is, *release* [11] Or, *I will intercede for thee with the enemy* [12] Or, *Can iron break iron from &c.* [13] Or, *I will make thine enemies to pass into &c.*

avenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered reproach. 16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy words were unto me a joy and the rejoicing of my heart: for I am called by thy name, O Jĕ-hō'-văh, God of hosts. 17 I sat not in the assembly of them that make merry, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand; for thou hast filled me with indignation. 18 Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? wilt thou indeed be unto me as a deceitful *brook*, as waters that [1]fail?

19 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'-văh, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, that thou mayest stand before me; and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: they shall return unto thee, but thou shalt not return unto them. 20 And I will make thee unto this people a fortified brazen wall; and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

16 The word of Jĕ-hō'văh came also unto me, saying, 2 Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters, in this place. 3 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land: 4 They shall die [2]grievous deaths: they shall not be lamented, neither shall they be buried; they shall be as dung upon the face of the ground; and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their dead bodies shall be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth.

5 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament, neither bemoan them; for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, even lovingkindness and tender mercies. 6 Both great and small shall die in this land; they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them; 7 neither shall men break *bread* for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother. 8 And thou shalt not go into the house of feasting to sit with them, to eat and to drink. 9 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place, before your eyes and in your days, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride.

10 And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt show this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath Jĕ-hō'-văh pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against Jĕ-hō'văh our God? 11 then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; 12 and ye have done evil more than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart, so that ye hearken not unto me: 13 therefore will I cast you forth out of this land into the land that ye have not known, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; [3]for I will show you no favor.

14 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that it shall no more be said, As Jĕ-hō'văh

[1] Heb. *are not sure* [2] Heb. *deaths of sicknesses*
[3] Or, *where*

liveth, that brought up the children of Is rā-ēl out of the land of E gypt; 15 but, As Jē-hō vāh liveth, that brought up the children of Is rā-ēl from the land of the north, and from all the countries whither he had driven them. And I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith Jē-hō vāh, and they shall fish them up; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks. 17 For mine eyes are upon all their ways; they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity concealed from mine eyes. 18 And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable things, and have filled mine inheritance with their abominations.

19 O Jē-hō vāh, my strength, and my stronghold, and my refuge in the day of affliction, unto thee shall the nations come from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Our fathers have inherited nought but lies, even vanity and things wherein there is no profit. 20 Shall a man make unto himself gods, which yet are no gods?

21 Therefore, behold, I will cause them to know, this once will I cause them to know my hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is Jē-hō vāh.

17 The sin of Jū dāh is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the tablet of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars; 2 whilst their children remember their altars and their A-shē rim by the green trees upon the high hills. 3 O my mountain in the field, I will give thy substance and all thy treasures for a spoil, and thy high places, because of sin, throughout all thy borders. 4 And thou, even of thyself, shalt discontinue from thy heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not: for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger which shall burn for ever.

5 Thus saith Jē-hō vāh: Cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from Jē-hō vāh. 6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, a salt land and not inhabited. 7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in Jē-hō vāh, and whose trust Jē-hō vāh is. 8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, that spreadeth out its roots by the river, and shall not fear when heat cometh, but its leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt: who can know it? 10 I, Jē-hō vāh, search the mind, I try the heart, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings. 11 As the partridge that sitteth on eggs which she hath not laid, so is he that getteth riches, and not by right; in the midst of his days they shall leave him, and at his end he shall be a fool.

12 A glorious throne, set on high from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary. 13 O Jē-hō vāh, the hope of Is rā-ēl, all that forsake thee shall be put to shame. They that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken Jē-hō vāh, the fountain of living waters. 14 Heal me, O Jē-hō vāh, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise. 15 Behold, they say unto me, Where is the

[1] Or, *because they have polluted my land: they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable things and their abominations* [2] Another reading is, *their* [3] Or, *a tamarisk* [4] According to another reading, see [5] Heb. *reins* [6] Or, *gathereth* [7] Or, *he shall leave them*

word of Jĕ-hō'văh? let it come now. 16 As for me, I have not hastened from being a shepherd after thee; neither have I desired [1]the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was before thy face. 17 Be not a terror unto me: thou art my refuge in the day of evil. 18 Let them be put to shame that persecute me, but let not me be put to shame; let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed; bring upon them the day of evil, and [2]destroy them with double destruction.

19 Thus said Jĕ-hō'văh unto me: Go, and stand in the gate of [3]the children of the people, whereby the kings of Jū'dăh come in, and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; 20 and say unto them, Hear ye the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, ye kings of Jū'dăh, and all Jū'dăh, and all the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, that enter in by these gates: 21 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Take heed [4]to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; 22 neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work: but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. 23 But they hearkened not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, and might not receive instruction.

24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but to hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein; 25 then shall there enter in by the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Jū'dăh, and the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and this city shall [5]remain for ever. 26 And they shall come from the cities of Jū'dăh, and from the places round about Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and from the land of Bĕn'ja-min, and from the lowland, and from the hill-country, and from the South, bringing burnt-offerings, and sacrifices, and meal-offerings, and frankincense, and bringing *sacrifices of* thanksgiving, unto the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 27 But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden and enter in at the gates of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and it shall not be quenched.

18 The word which came to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh from Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, 2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. 3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he was making a work on the wheels. 4 And when the vessel that he made of the clay was marred in the hand of the potter, he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

5 Then the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came to me, saying, 6 O house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith Jĕ-hō'văh. Behold, as the clay in the potter's hand, so are ye in my hand, O house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 7 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy it; 8 if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. 9 And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; 10 if they do that which is evil in my sight, that they obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them. 11 Now therefore, speak to the men of Jū'dăh, and to the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

[1] Some ancient versions read, *the judgment day of man*
[2] Heb. *break them with a double breach*
[3] Or, *the common people*
See ch. 26.23
[4] Or, *for your life's sake*
[5] Or, *be inhabited*

saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your doings. 12 But they say, It is in vain; for we will walk after our own devices, and we will do every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart.

13 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Ask ye now among the nations, who hath heard such things; the virgin of Ĭs'rā-ĕl hath done a very horrible thing. 14 Shall the snow of Lĕb'ă-nŏn fail from the rock of the field? *or* shall the cold waters [1]that flow down from afar be [2]dried up? 15 For my people have forgotten me, they have burned incense to false *gods*; and they have been made to stumble in their ways, in the ancient paths, to walk in bypaths, in a way not cast up; 16 to make their land an astonishment, and a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and shake his head. 17 I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

18 Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices against Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.

19 Give heed to me, O Jĕ-hō'văh, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me. 20 Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember how I stood before thee to speak good for them, to turn away thy wrath from them. 21 Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and give them over to the power of the sword; and let their wives become childless, and widows; and let their men be slain of death, *and* their young men smitten of the sword in battle. 22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them; for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet. 23 Yet, Jĕ-hō'văh, thou knowest all their counsel against me to slay me; forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight; but let them be [3]overthrown before thee; deal thou with them in the time of thine anger.

19 Thus said Jĕ-hō'văh, Go, and buy a potter's earthen bottle, and *take* of the elders of the people, and of the elders of the priests; 2 and go forth unto the valley of the son of Hĭn'nŏm, which is by the entry of [4]the gate Hăr'sĭth, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee; 3 and say, Hear ye the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, O kings of Jū'dăh, and inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle. 4 Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, that they knew not, they and their fathers and the kings of Jū'dăh, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents, 5 and have built the high places of Bā'ăl, to burn their sons in the fire for burnt-offerings unto Bā'ăl; which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my [5]mind: 6 therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that this place shall no more be called Tō'phĕth, nor The valley of the son of Hĭn'nŏm, but The valley of Slaughter. 7 And I will [6]make void the counsel of Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hand of them that seek their life: and their dead bodies will I give to be food for the

[1] Or, *of strange lands that flow down* &c.
[2] Or, *plucked up*
[3] Heb. *made to stumble*
[4] Or, *the gate of potsherds*
[5] Heb. *heart*
[6] Heb. *empty out*

birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth. 8 And I will make this city an astonishment, and a hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof. 9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters; and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend, in the siege and in the distress, wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their life, shall distress them.

10 Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee, 11 and shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again; and they shall bury in Tō'phĕth, [1]till there be no place to bury. 12 Thus will I do unto this place, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, and to the inhabitants thereof, even making this city as Tō'phĕth: 13 and the houses of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and the houses of the kings of Jū'dăh, which are defiled, shall be as the place of Tō'phĕth, even all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink-offerings unto other gods.

14 Then came Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh from Tō'phĕth, whither Jĕ-hō'văh had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of Jĕ-hō'văh's house, and said to all the people: 15 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Is'rā-ĕl, Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all its towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it; because they have made their neck stiff, that they may not hear my words.

20 Now Păsh'hŭr, the son of Im'mĕr the priest, who was chief officer in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, heard Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh prophesying these things. 2 Then Păsh'hŭr smote Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper gate of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, which was in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 3 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Păsh'hŭr brought forth Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh out of the stocks. Then said Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh unto him, Jĕ-hō'văh hath not called thy name Păsh'hŭr, but [2]Mā'gôr-mĭs'să-bīb. 4 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it; and I will give all Jū'dăh into the hand of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and he shall carry them captive to Băb'ў-lŏn, and shall slay them with the sword. 5 Moreover I will give all the riches of this city, and all the gains thereof, and all the precious things thereof, yea, all the treasures of the kings of Jū'dăh will I give into the hand of their enemies; and they shall make them a prey, and take them, and carry them to Băb'ў-lŏn. 6 And thou, Păsh'hŭr, and all that dwell in thy house shall go into captivity; and thou shalt come to Băb'ў-lŏn, and there thou shalt die, and there shalt thou be buried, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied falsely.

7 O Jĕ-hō'văh, thou hast [3]persuaded me, and I was persuaded; thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am become a laughing-stock all the day, every one mocketh me. 8 For as often as I speak, I cry out; I cry, Violence and destruction! because the word of Jĕ-hō'văh is made a reproach unto me, and a derision, all the day. 9 And if I say, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name, then there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with forbearing, and I cannot *contain*. 10 For I have heard the defaming of many, terror on every side. Denounce, and we will denounce him, *say* all my familiar friends, they that watch for my fall; peradventure he will be persuaded, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take

[1] Or, *because there shall be no place else*
[2] That is, *Terror on every side*
[3] Or, *enticed*

our revenge on him. 11 But Jĕ-hō'văh is with me as a mighty one *and* a terrible: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail; they shall be utterly put to shame, because they have not [1]dealt wisely, even with an everlasting dishonor which shall never be forgotten. 12 But, O Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, that triest the righteous, that seest the [2]heart and the mind, let me see thy vengeance on them; for unto thee have I revealed my cause. 13 Sing unto Jĕ-hō'văh, praise ye Jĕ-hō'văh; for he hath delivered the soul of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

14 Cursed be the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed. 15 Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man-child is born unto thee; making him very glad. 16 And let that man be as the cities which Jĕ-hō'văh overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear a cry in the morning, and [3]shouting at noontide; 17 because he slew me not from the womb; and so my mother would have been my grave, and her womb always great. 18 Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

21 The word which came unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh from Jĕ-hō'văh, when king Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh sent unto him Păsh'hŭr the son of Măl-chī'-jăh, and Zĕph-ă-nī'ăh the son of Mā-ă-sē'ĭăh, the priest, saying, 2 Inquire, I pray thee, of Jĕ-hō'-văh for us; for Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'-zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn maketh war against us: peradventure Jĕ-hō'-văh will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us.

3 Then said Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh: 4 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and against the Chăl-dē'ăns that besiege you, without the walls; and I will gather them into the midst of this city. 5 And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation. 6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence. 7 And afterward, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, I will deliver Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, and his servants, and the people, even such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.

8 And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. 9 He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he that goeth out, and passeth over to the Chăl-dē'ăns that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey. 10 For I have set my face upon this city for evil, and not for good, saith Jĕ-hō'văh: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and he shall burn it with fire.

11 And touching the house of the king of Jū'dăh, hear ye the word of Jĕ-hō'văh: 12 O house of David, thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Execute justice in the morning, and deliver him that is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn so that none can quench it, because of the evil of [4]your doings. 13 Behold, I am against thee, O [5]inhabitant of the valley, [6]*and* of the rock

[1] Or, *prospered* [2] Heb. *reins* [3] Or, *an alarm*
[4] Another reading is, *their* [5] Heb. *inhabitress*
[6] Or, and *rock*

of the plain, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; you that say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations? 14 And I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; and I will kindle a fire in her forest, and it shall devour all that is round about her.

22 Thus said Jĕ-hō'văh: Go down to the house of the king of Jū'dăh, and speak there this word, 2 and say, Hear the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, O king of Jū'dăh, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates. 3 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Execute ye justice and righteousness, and deliver him that is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence, to the sojourner, the fatherless, nor the widow; neither shed innocent blood in this place. 4 For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting [1]upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people. 5 But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by myself, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that this house shall become a desolation. 6 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh [2]concerning the house of the king of Jū'dăh: Thou art Gĭl'ĕ-ăd unto me, *and* the head of Lĕb'ă-nŏn; *yet* surely I will make thee a wilderness, *and* cities which are not inhabited. 7 And I will [3]prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons; and they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and cast them into the fire. 8 And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbor, Wherefore hath Jĕ-hō'văh done thus unto this great city? 9 Then they shall answer, Because they forsook the covenant of Jĕ-hō'văh their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.

10 Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him; but weep sore for him that goeth away; for he shall return no more, nor see his native country. 11 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh touching [4]Shăl'lŭm the son of Jō-sī'ăh, king of Jū'dăh, who reigned instead of Jō-sī'ăh his father, *and* who went forth out of this place: He shall not return thither any more; 12 but in the place whither they have led him captive, there shall he die, and he shall see this land no more.

13 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by injustice; that useth his neighbor's service without wages, and giveth him not his hire; 14 that saith, I will build me a wide house and spacious chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and it is ceiled with cedar, and painted with vermilion. 15 Shalt thou reign, because thou [5]strivest to excel in cedar? Did not thy father eat and drink, and do justice and righteousness? then it was well with him. 16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Was not this to know me? saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 17 But thine eyes and thy heart are not but for thy [6]covetousness, and for shedding innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it. 18 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh concerning Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm the son of Jō-sī'ăh, king of Jū'dăh: They shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! They shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory! 19 He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

20 Go up to Lĕb'ă-nŏn, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Bā'shăn, and cry from Ăb'ă-rĭm; for all thy lovers are destroyed. 21 I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear. This hath been thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my

[1] Heb. *for David upon his throne* [2] Or, *unto* [3] Heb. *sanctify*

[4] In 2 K. 23.30, *Jehoahaz* Compare 1 Chr. 3.15 [5] Or, *viest with the cedar* [6] Or, *dishonest gain*

voice. 22 The wind shall [1]feed all thy shepherds, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness. 23 O [2]inhabitant of Lĕb'ă-nŏn, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how greatly to be pitied shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail!

24 As I live, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, though [3]Cō-nī'ăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'-ă-kĭm king of Jū'dăh were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence; 25 and I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand of them of whom thou art afraid, even into the hand of Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and into the hand of the Chăl-dē'-ăns. 26 And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die. 27 But to the land whereunto [4]their soul longeth to return, thither shall they not return. 28 Is this man Cō-nī'ăh a despised broken [5]vessel? is he a vessel wherein none delighteth? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into the land which they know not? 29 O [6]earth, earth, earth, hear the word of Jĕ-hō'văh. 30 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days; for no more shall a man of his seed prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling in Jū'dăh.

23 Woe unto the shepherds that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith Jĕ-hō'-văh. 2 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, against the shepherds that feed my people: Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them; behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 And I will set up shepherds over them, who shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be lacking, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

5 Behold, the days come, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that I will raise unto David a righteous [7]Branch, and he shall reign as king and [8]deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Jū'dăh shall be saved, and ĭs'rā-ĕl shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be called: [9]Jĕ-hō'văh our righteousness. 7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that they shall no more say, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, who brought up the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl out of the land of Ē'gўpt; 8 but, As Jĕ-hō'-văh liveth, who brought up and who led the seed of the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl out of the north country, and from all the countries whither I had driven them. And they shall dwell in their own land.

9 Concerning the prophets. My heart within me is broken, all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of Jĕ-hō'văh, and because of his holy words. 10 For the land is full of adulterers; for because of [10]swearing the land mourneth; the pastures of the wilderness are dried up. And their course is evil, and their might is not right; 11 for both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 12 Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery places in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein; for I will bring evil upon them, [11]even the year of their visitation, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

13 And I have seen folly in the prophets of Să-mā'rĭ-ă; they prophesied by Bā'ăl, and caused my

[1] Or, *feed upon* [2] Heb. *inhabitress* [3] In ch. 24.1, and 1 Chr. 3.16, *Jeconiah*. In 2 K. 24.6, 8, *Jehoiachin* [4] Heb. *they lift up their soul* [5] Or, *pot* [6] Or, *land*

[7] Or, *Shoot* Or, *Bud* [8] Or, *prosper* [9] Or, *Jehovah is our righteousness* [10] Or, *the curse* [11] Or, *in the year*

people ĭs'rā-ĕl to err. 14 In the prophets of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm also I have seen a horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies; and they strengthen the hands of evil-doers, so that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them become unto me as Sŏd'ŏm, and the inhabitants thereof as Gō-mŏr'rāh. 15 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'vāh of hosts concerning the prophets: Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of [1]gall; for from the prophets of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm is ungodliness gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'vāh of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they teach you vanity; they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of Jĕ-hō'vāh. 17 They say continually unto them that despise me, Jĕ-hō'vāh hath said, Ye shall have peace; and unto every one that walketh in the stubbornness of his own heart they say, No evil shall come upon you. 18 For who hath stood in the council of Jĕ-hō'vāh, that he should perceive and hear his word? who hath marked [2]my word, and heard it? 19 Behold, the tempest of Jĕ-hō'vāh, *even his* wrath, is gone forth, yea, a whirling tempest: it shall burst upon the head of the wicked. 20 The anger of Jĕ-hō'vāh shall not return, until he have [3]executed, and till he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall [4]understand it perfectly. 21 I sent not these prophets, yet they ran: I spake not unto them, yet they prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in my council, then had they caused my people to hear my words, and had turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

23 Am I a God at hand, saith Jĕ-hō'vāh, and not a God afar off? 24 Can any hide himself in secret places so that I shall not see him? saith Jĕ-hō'vāh. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith Jĕ-hō'vāh. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. 26 How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies, even the prophets of the deceit of their own heart? 27 that think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers forgat my name for Bā'ăl. 28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the straw to the wheat? saith Jĕ-hō'vāh. 29 Is not my word like fire? saith Jĕ-hō'vāh; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? 30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith Jĕ-hō'vāh, that steal my words every one from his neighbor. 31 Behold, I am against the prophets, saith Jĕ-hō'vāh, that [5]use their tongues, and say, He saith. 32 Behold, I am against them that prophesy lying dreams, saith Jĕ-hō'vāh, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their vain boasting: yet I sent them not, nor commanded them; neither do they profit this people at all, saith Jĕ-hō'vāh.

33 And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of Jĕ-hō'vāh? then shalt thou [6]say unto them, What burden! I will cast you off, saith Jĕ-hō'vāh. 34 And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of Jĕ-hō'vāh, I will even punish that man and his house. 35 Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbor, and every one to his brother, What hath Jĕ-hō'vāh answered? and, What hath Jĕ-hō'vāh spoken? 36 And the burden of Jĕ-hō'vāh shall ye mention no more: for every man's own word [7]shall be

[1] Or, *poison* [2] Another reading is, *his*
[3] Or, *done* it [4] Or, *consider*
[5] Heb, *take* [6] Or, *tell them what the burden is* [7] Or, *is his burden, and ye pervert &c.*

his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts our God. 37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath Jĕ-hō'văh answered thee? and, What hath Jĕ-hō'văh spoken? 38 But if ye say, The burden of Jĕ-hō'văh; therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Because ye say this word, The burden of Jĕ-hō'văh, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of Jĕ-hō'văh; 39 therefore, behold, I will utterly forget you, and I will cast you off, and the city that I gave unto you and to your fathers, away from my presence: 40 and I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

24 Jĕ-hō'văh showed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs set before the temple of Jĕ-hō'văh, after that Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zăr king of Băb'ў-lŏn had carried away captive Jĕc-ō-nī'ăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm, king of Jū'dăh, and the princes of Jū'dăh, with the craftsmen and smiths, from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and had brought them to Băb'ў-lŏn. 2 One basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first-ripe; and the other basket had very bad figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. 3 Then said Jĕ-hō'văh unto me, What seest thou, Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad.

4 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 5 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: Like these good figs, so will I regard the captives of Jū'dăh, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chăl-dē'ăns, for good. 6 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. 7 And I will give them a heart to know me, that I am Jĕ-hō'văh: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

8 And as the bad figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad; surely thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, So will I give up Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh the king of Jū'dăh, and his princes, and the residue of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Ē'gўpt, 9 I will even give them up to be [1]tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth for evil; to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them. 10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

25 The word that came unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh concerning all the people of Jū'dăh, in the fourth year of Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm the son of Jō-sī'ah, king of Jū'dăh (the same was the first year of Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zăr king of Băb'ў-lŏn), 2 which Jĕr-mī'ăh the prophet spake unto all the people of Jū'dăh, and to all the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, saying, 3 From the thirteenth year of Jō-sī'ăh the son of Ā'mŏn, king of Jū'dăh, even unto this day, these three and twenty years, the word of Jĕ-hō'văh hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising up early and speaking; but ye have not hearkened. 4 And Jĕ-hō'văh hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them (but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear), 5 saying, Return ye now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that Jĕ-hō'văh hath given unto you and to your fathers, from of old and even for evermore; 6 and go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the work of your hands; and I will do you no hurt. 7 Yet ye

[1] Or, *a terror unto*

have not hearkened unto me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; that ye may provoke me to anger with the work of your hands to your own hurt. 8 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: Because ye have not heard my words, 9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, and *I will send* unto Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zär the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about; and I will [1]utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations. 10 Moreover I will [2]take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the lamp. 11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Băb'ў-lŏn seventy years.

12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and that nation, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chăl-dē'ăns; and I will make it [3]desolate for ever. 13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh hath prophesied against all the nations. 14 For many nations and great kings [4]shall make bondmen of them, even of them; and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their hands.

15 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, unto me: Take this cup of the wine of wrath at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. 16 And they shall drink, and reel to and fro, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them. 17 Then took I the cup at Jĕ-hō'văh's hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom Jĕ-hō'văh had sent me: 18 *to wit,* Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm, and the cities of Jū'dăh, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse, as it is this day; 19 Phā'raōh king of Ē'gў̆pt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people; 20 and all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Ūz, and all the kings of the land of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, and Ăsh'kĕ-lŏn, and Gā'zā, and Ĕk'rŏn, and the remnant of Ăsh'dŏd; 21 Ē'dŏm, and Mō'ăb, and the children of Ăm'mŏn; 22 and all the kings of Tўre, and all the kings of Sī'dŏn, and the kings of the [5]isle which is beyond the sea; 23 Dĕ'dăn, and Tē'mā, and Bŭz, and all that have the corners *of their hair* cut off; 24 and all the kings of Ā-rā'bĭ-ā, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the wilderness; 25 and all the kings of Zĭm'rī, and all the kings of Ē'lăm, and all the kings of the Mēdes; 26 and all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another; and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth: and the king of Shē'shăch shall drink after them.

27 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl: Drink ye, and be drunken, and spew, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you. 28 And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at thy hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: Ye shall surely drink. 29 For, lo, I begin to work evil at the city which is called by my name; and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished; for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts.

30 Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and

[1] Heb. *devote* [2] Heb. *cause to perish from them* [3] Heb. *everlasting desolations* [4] Or, *have made*
[5] Or, *coast-land*

say unto them, Jĕ-hō'văh will roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he will mightily roar against his [1]fold; he will give a shout, as they that tread *the grapes*, against all the inhabitants of the earth. 31 A noise shall come even to the end of the earth; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath a controversy with the nations; he will enter into judgment with all flesh: as for the wicked, he will give them to the sword, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

32 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great tempest shall be raised up from the uttermost parts of the earth. 33 And the slain of Jĕ-hō'văh shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the face of the ground. 34 Wail, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow *in ashes*, ye principal of the flock; for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are fully come, and ye shall fall like a goodly vessel. 35 And [2]the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape. 36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and the wailing of the principal of the flock! for Jĕ-hō'văh layeth waste their pasture. 37 And the peaceable folds are brought to silence because of the fierce anger of Jĕ-hō'văh. 38 He hath left his covert, as the lion; for their land is become an astonishment because of the fierceness of the oppressing *sword*, and because of his fierce anger.

26 In the beginning of the reign of Jĕ-hoi'ă-kim the son of Jō-sī'ăh, king of Jū'dăh, came this word from Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, 2 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Stand in the court of Jĕ-hō'văh's house, and speak unto all the cities of Jū'dăh, which come to worship in Jĕ-hō'văh's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word. 3 It may be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way; that I may repent me of the evil which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. 4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, 5 to hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I send unto you, even rising up early and sending them, but ye have not hearkened; 6 then will I make this house like Shī'lōh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth. 7 And the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh speaking these words in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh.

8 And it came to pass, when Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh had made an end of speaking all that Jĕ-hō'văh had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold on him, saying, Thou shalt surely die. 9 Why hast thou prophesied in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, This house shall be like Shī'lōh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant? And all the people were gathered unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh.

10 And when the princes of Jū'dăh heard these things, they came up from the king's house unto the house of Jĕ-hō'văh; and they sat in the entry of the new gate of Jĕ-hō'văh's *house*. 11 Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy of death; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears. 12 Then spake Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, Jĕ-hō'văh sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard. 13 Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh your God; and Jĕ-hō'-

[1] Or, *pasture* [2] Heb. *flight shall perish from the shepherds, and escape from &c.*

văh will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you. 14 But as for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as is good and right in your eyes. 15 Only know ye for certain that, if ye put me to death, ye will bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof; for of a truth Jĕ-hō'văh hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

16 Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets: This man is not worthy of death; for he hath spoken to us in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh our God. 17 Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spake to all the assembly of the people, saying, 18 [1]Mī'căh the Mō'răshtite prophesied in the days of Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh; and he spake to all the people of Jū'dăh, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: Zī'ŏn shall be plowed as a field, and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest. 19 Did Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh and all Jū'dăh put him to death? did he not fear Jĕ-hō'văh, and entreat the favor of Jĕ-hō'văh, and Jĕ-hō'văh repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus should we commit great evil against our own souls.

20 And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, Ū-rī'ăh the son of Shĕ-mā'ĭăh of Kĭr'ī-ăth-jē'ă-rim; and he prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh. 21 And when Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death; but when Ū-rī'ăh heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Ē'gўpt. 22 And Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm the king sent men into Ē'gўpt, *namely*, Ĕl-nā'thăn the son of Ăch'bôr, and certain men with him, into Ē'gўpt; 23 and they fetched forth Ū-rī'ăh out of Ē'gўpt, and brought him unto Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm the king, who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the [2]common people. 24 But the hand of Ā-hī'kăm the son of Shā'phăn was with Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

27 In the beginning of the reign of [3]Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm the son of Jō-sī'ăh, king of Jū'dăh, came this word unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh from Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, 2 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh to me: Make thee bonds and bars, and put them upon thy neck; 3 and send them to the king of Ē'dŏm, and to the king of Mō'ăb, and to the king of the children of Ăm'mŏn, and to the king of Tўre, and to the king of Sī'dŏn, by the hand of the messengers that come to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm unto Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh: 4 and give them a charge unto their masters, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Thus shall ye say unto your masters: 5 I have made the earth, the men and the beasts that are upon the face of the earth, by my great power and by my outstretched arm; and I give it unto whom it seemeth right unto me. 6 And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zăr the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, my servant; and the beasts of the field also have I given him to serve him. 7 And all the nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land come: and then many nations and great kings shall make him their bondman. 8 And it shall come to pass, that the nation and the kingdom which will not serve the same Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zăr king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, that nation will I punish, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have

[1] Heb. *Micaiah* [2] Heb. *sons of the people*
[3] Properly, *Zedekiah*. See ver. 3, 12, 20; ch. 28.1

consumed them by his hand. 9 But as for you, hearken ye not to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreams, nor to your soothsayers, nor to your sorcerers, that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Băb'ŷ-lŏn: 10 for they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land, and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish. 11 But the nation that shall bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Băb'ŷ-lŏn, and serve him, that *nation* will I let remain in their own land, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.

12 And I spake to Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Băb'ŷ-lŏn, and serve him and his people, and live. 13 Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken concerning the nation that will not serve the king of Băb'ŷ-lŏn? 14 And hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Băb'ŷ-lŏn; for they prophesy a lie unto you. 15 For I have not sent them, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, but they prophesy falsely in my name; that I may drive you out, and that ye may perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you.

16 Also I spake to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Hearken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of Jĕ-hō'văh's house shall now shortly be brought again from Băb'ŷ-lŏn; for they prophesy a lie unto you. 17 Hearken not unto them; serve the king of Băb'ŷ-lŏn, and live: wherefore should this city become a desolation? 18 But if they be prophets, and if the word of Jĕ-hō'văh be with them, let them now make intercession to Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and in the house of the king of Jū'dăh, and at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, go not to Băb'ŷ-lŏn. 19 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that are left in this city, 20 which Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zăr king of Băb'ŷ-lŏn took not, when he carried away captive Jĕc-ō-nī'ăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm, king of Jū'dăh, from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm to Băb'ŷ-lŏn, and all the nobles of Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; 21 yea, thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, concerning the vessels that are left in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and in the house of the king of Jū'dăh, and at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: 22 They shall be carried to Băb'ŷ-lŏn, and there shall they be, until the day that I visit them, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

28 And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, that Hăn-ă-nī'ăh the son of Āz'zŭr, the prophet, who was of Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn, spake unto me in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, 2 Thus speaketh Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Băb'ŷ-lŏn. 3 Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of Jĕ-hō'văh's house, that Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zăr king of Băb'ŷ-lŏn took away from this place, and carried to Băb'ŷ-lŏn: 4 and I will bring again to this place Jĕc-ō-nī'ăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm, king of Jū'dăh, with all the captives of Jū'dăh, that went to Băb'ŷ-lŏn, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; for I will break the yoke of the king of Băb'ŷ-lŏn.

5 Then the prophet Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh said unto the prophet Hăn-ă-nī'ăh in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, 6 even the prophet Jĕr-ĕ-

mī'ăh said, Ā-mĕn': Jĕ-hō'văh do so; Jĕ-hō'văh perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring again the vessels of Jĕ-hō'văh's house, and all them of the captivity, from Băb'ў-lŏn unto this place. 7 Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people: 8 The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence. 9 The prophet that prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, [1]that Jĕ-hō'văh hath truly sent him. 10 Then Hăn-ă-nī'ăh the prophet took the bar from off the prophet Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh's neck, and brake it. 11 And Hăn-ă-nī'ăh spake in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Even so will I break the yoke of Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn within two full years from off the neck of all the nations. And the prophet Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh went his way.

12 Then the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, after that Hăn-ă-nī'ăh the prophet had broken the bar from off the neck of the prophet Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, saying, 13 Go, and tell Hăn-ă-nī'ăh, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Thou hast broken the bars of wood; but thou hast made in their stead bars of iron. 14 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl: I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also. 15 Then said the prophet Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh unto Hăn-ă-nī'ăh the prophet, Hear now, Hăn-ă-nī'ăh: Jĕ-hō'văh hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie. 16 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I will send thee away from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast spoken rebellion against Jĕ-hō'văh. 17 So Hăn-ă-nī'ăh the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

29 Now these are the words of the letter that Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet sent from Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm unto the residue of the elders of the captivity, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people, whom Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär had carried away captive from Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm to Băb'ў-lŏn 2 (after that Jĕc-ō-nī'ăh the king, and the queen-mother, and the eunuchs, *and* the princes of Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, and the craftsmen, and the smiths, were departed from Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm), 3 by the hand of ĕl'ă-săh the son of Shā'phăn, and Gĕm-ă-rī'ăh the son of Hĭl-kī'ăh (whom Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh sent unto Băb'ў-lŏn to Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn), saying, 4 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, unto all the captivity, whom I have caused to be carried away captive from Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm unto Băb'ў-lŏn: 5 Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them. 6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply ye there, and be not diminished. 7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray unto Jĕ-hō'văh for it; for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace. 8 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl: Let not your prophets that are in the midst of you, and your diviners, deceive you; neither hearken ye to your dreams which ye [2]cause to be dreamed. 9 For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 10 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, After seventy years are accomplished for Băb'ў-lŏn, I will visit

[1] Or, *whom Jehovah hath truly sent*

[2] Or, *dream*

you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you [1]hope in your latter end. 12 And ye shall call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. 14 And I will be found of you, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, and I will [2]turn again your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; and I will bring you again unto the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

15 Because ye have said, Jĕ-hō'văh hath raised us up prophets in Băb'ў-lŏn; 16 thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh concerning the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and concerning all the people that dwell in this city, your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity; 17 thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad. 18 And I will pursue after them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be [3]tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth, to be an execration, and an astonishment, and a [3]hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them; 19 because they have not hearkened to my words, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, wherewith I sent unto them my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 20 Hear ye therefore the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent away from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm to Băb'ў-lŏn.

21 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Is'ra-ĕl, concerning Ā'hăb the son of Kō-lā'-iăh, and concerning Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh the son of Mā-ă-sē'iăh, who prophesy a lie unto you in my name: Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn; and he shall slay them before your eyes; 22 and of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captives of Jū'dăh that are in Băb'ў-lŏn, saying, Jĕ-hō'văh make thee like Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh and like Ā'hăb, whom the king of Băb'-ў-lŏn roasted in the fire; 23 because they have wrought folly in Is'ra-ĕl, and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken words in my name falsely, which I commanded them not; and I am he that knoweth, and am witness, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

24 And [4]concerning Shĕ-mā'iăh the Nĕ-hĕl'ă-mīte thou shalt speak, saying, 25 Thus speaketh Jĕ-hō'-văh of hosts, the God of Is'ra-ĕl, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thine own name unto all the people that are at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and to Zĕph-ă-nī'ăh the son of Mā-ă-sē'iăh, the priest, and to all the priests, saying, 26 Jĕ-hō'văh hath made thee priest in the stead of Jĕ-hoi'ă-dă the priest, that there may be officers in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, for every man that is mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldest put him in the stocks and in [5]shackles. 27 Now therefore, why hast thou not rebuked Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh of An'-ă-thōth, who maketh himself a prophet to you, 28 forasmuch as he hath sent unto us in Băb'ў-lŏn, saying, *The captivity* is long: build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them? 29 And Zĕph-ă-nī'ăh the priest read this letter in the ears of Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet. 30 Then came the word of Jĕ-hō'văh unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, saying, 31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh concerning

[1] Heb. *a latter end and hope to* [2] Or, *return* [3] Or, *a terror unto* [4] Or, *unto* [5] Or, *the collar*

Shĕ-mā'ĭăh the Nĕ-hĕl'ă-mīte: Because that Shĕ-mā'ĭăh hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he hath caused you to trust in a lie; 32 therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I will punish Shĕ-mā'ĭăh the Nĕ-hĕl'ă-mīte, and his seed; he shall not have a man to dwell among this people, neither shall he behold the good that I will do unto my people, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, because he hath spoken rebellion against Jĕ-hō'văh.

30 The word that came to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh from Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, 2 Thus speaketh Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book. 3 For, lo, the days come, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that I will [1]turn again the captivity of my people ĭs'rā-ĕl and Jū'dăh, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

4 And these are the words that Jĕ-hō'văh spake concerning ĭs'rā-ĕl and concerning Jū'dăh. 5 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: We have heard a voice of trembling, [2]of fear, and not of peace. 6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child: wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? 7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. 8 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds; and strangers shall no more make him their bondman; 9 but they shall serve Jĕ-hō'văh their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them. 10 Therefore fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; neither be dismayed, O ĭs'rā-ĕl: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. 11 For I am with thee, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, to save thee: for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have scattered thee, but I will not make a full end of thee; but I will correct thee in [3]measure, and will in no wise [4]leave thee unpunished.

12 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Thy hurt is incurable, and thy wound grievous. 13 There is none to plead [5]thy cause, [6]that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines. 14 All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not: for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the [7]greatness of thine iniquity, because thy sins were increased. 15 Why criest thou [8]for thy hurt? thy pain is incurable: for the [7]greatness of thine iniquity, because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee. 16 Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that despoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey. 17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; because they have called thee an outcast, *saying*, It is Zī'ŏn, whom no man [9]seeketh after.

18 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I will [10]turn again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have compassion on his dwelling-places; and the city shall be builded upon its own [11]hill, and the palace shall [12]be inhabited after its own manner. 19 And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. 20 Their

1 Or, *return to* 2 Or, there is *fear, and no peace* 3 Heb. *judgment* 4 Or, *hold thee guiltless* 5 Or, *thy cause: for thy wound thou hast no medicines* nor *plaster* 6 Heb. *for closing up*, or, *pressing* 7 Or, *multitude* 8 Or, *for thy hurt, because thy pain is incurable?* 9 Or, *careth for* 10 Or, *return to* 11 Or, *mound* Heb. *tel* 12 Or, *remain*

children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me; and I will punish all that oppress them. 21 And their prince shall be of themselves, and their ruler shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is he that [1]hath had boldness to approach unto me? saith Jĕ-hō'-văh. 22 And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

23 Behold, the tempest of Jĕ-hō'văh, *even his* wrath, is gone forth, a [2]sweeping tempest: it shall burst upon the head of the wicked. 24 The fierce anger of Jĕ-hō'văh shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall understand it.

31 At that time, saith Jĕ-hō'-văh, will I be the God of all the families of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and they shall be my people. 2 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, The people that were left of the sword [3]found favor in the wilderness; even Ĭs'rā-ĕl, [4]when I went to cause him to rest. 3 Jĕ-hō'văh appeared [5]of old unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore [6]with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. 4 Again will I build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: again shalt thou be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry. 5 Again shalt thou plant vineyards upon the mountains of Să-mā'rĭ-ā; the planters shall plant, and shall [7]enjoy *the fruit thereof*. 6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the hills of Ĕ'phrā-ĭm shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zī'ŏn unto Jĕ-hō'văh our God.

7 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout [8]for the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O Jĕ-hō'-văh, save thy people, the remnant of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth, *and* with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall they return hither. 9 They shall come with weeping; and with supplications will I lead them: I will [9]cause them to walk by rivers of waters, in a straight way wherein they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and Ĕ'phrā-ĭm is my first-born.

10 Hear the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off; and say, He that scattered Ĭs'rā-ĕl will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. 11 For Jĕ-hō'văh hath ransomed Jacob, and redeemed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. 12 And they shall come and sing in the height of Zī'ŏn, and shall flow unto the goodness of Jĕ-hō'văh, to the grain, and to the new wine, and to the oil, and to the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. 13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old together; for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. 14 And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

15 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: A voice is heard in Rā'măh, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rā'chĕl weeping for her children; she refuseth to be comforted for her children, because they are not. 16 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. 17 And there is hope

[1] Heb. *hath been surety for his heart* [2] Or, *gathering* [3] Or, *have found . . . : when I go* [4] Or, *when he went to find him rest* [5] Or, *from afar* [6] Or, *have I continued lovingkindness unto thee* [7] Heb. *profane*, or, *make common* See Lev. 19.23–25; Deut 20.6; 28.30 [8] Or. *at the head* [9] Or, *bring them unto*

for thy latter end, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; and *thy* children shall come again to their own border. 18 I have surely heard Ē'phrā-ĭm bemoaning himself *thus*, Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a calf unaccustomed *to the yoke:* turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art Jĕ-hō'văh my God. 19 Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth. 20 Is Ē'phrā-ĭm my dear son? is he a darling child? for as often as I speak against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my heart [1]yearneth for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

21 Set thee up waymarks, make thee guide-posts; set thy heart toward the highway, even the way by which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, turn again to these thy cities. 22 How long wilt thou go hither and thither, O thou backsliding daughter? for Jĕ-hō'văh hath created a new thing in the earth: A woman shall encompass a man.

23 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Yet again shall they use this speech in the land of Jū'dăh and in the cities thereof, when I shall [2]bring again their captivity: Jĕ-hō'văh bless thee, O habitation of righteousness, O mountain of holiness. 24 And Jū'dăh and all the cities thereof shall dwell therein together, the husbandmen, and they that go about with flocks. 25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and every sorrowful soul have I replenished. 26 Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.

27 Behold, the days come, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that I will sow the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and the house of Jū'dăh with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast. 28 And it shall come to pass that, like as I have watched over them to pluck up and to break down and to overthrow and to destroy and to afflict, so will I watch over them to build and to plant, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 29 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge. 30 But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.

31 Behold, the days come, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and with the house of Jū'dăh: 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Ē'gўpt; [3]which my covenant they brake, although I was [4]a husband unto them, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl after those days, saith Jĕ-hō'văh: I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know Jĕ-hō'văh; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Jĕ-hō'văh: for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more.

35 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, who giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who [5]stirreth up the sea, so that the waves thereof roar; Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts is his name: 36 If these ordinances depart from before me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, then the seed of Ĭs'rā-ĕl also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. 37 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then will I also cast off all

[1] Heb. *soundeth* [2] Or, *return to*
[3] Or, *forasmuch as they brake my covenant*
[4] Or, *lord over them* [5] Or, *stilleth the sea, when &c.* See Is. 51.15

the seed of Is'rā-ĕl for all that they have done, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

38 Behold, the days come, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that the city shall be built to Jĕ-hō'văh from the tower of Hă-năn'ĕl unto the gate of the corner. 39 And the measuring line shall go out further straight onward unto the hill Gā'rĕb, and shall turn about unto Gō'ăh. 40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook Kĭd'rŏn, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy unto Jĕ-hō'văh; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.

32 The word that came to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh from Jĕ-hō'văh in the tenth year of Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, which was the eighteenth year of Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zär. 2 Now at that time the king of Băb'ў-lŏn's army was besieging Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard, which was in the king of Jū'dăh's house. 3 For Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and he shall take it; 4 and Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh shall not escape out of the hand of the Chăl-dē'ăns, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes; 5 and he shall bring Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh to Băb'ў-lŏn, and there shall he be until I visit him, saith Jĕ-hō'văh: though ye fight with the Chăl-dē'ăns, ye shall not prosper?

6 And Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh said, The word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 7 Behold, Hă-năm'ĕl the son of Shăl'lŭm thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that is in Ăn'ă-thŏth; for the right of redemption is thine to buy it. 8 So Hă-năm'ĕl mine uncle's son came to me in the court of the guard according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that is in Ăn'ă-thŏth, which is in the land of Bĕn'jă-mĭn; for the right of inheritance is thine, and the redemption is thine; buy it for thyself. Then I knew that this was the word of Jĕ-hō'văh. 9 And I bought the field that was in Ăn'ă-thŏth of Hă-năm'ĕl mine uncle's son, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shĕk'ĕls of silver. 10 And I subscribed the deed, and sealed it, and called witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances. 11 So I took the deed of the purchase, both that which was sealed, [1]*according to* the law and custom, and that which was open: 12 and I delivered the deed of the purchase unto Bā'rŭch the son of Nĕ-rī'ăh, the son of Mäh-sē'ĭăh, in the presence of Hă-năm'ĕl mine uncle's *son*, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the deed of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the guard. 13 And I charged Bā'rŭch before them saying, 14 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Is'rā-ĕl: Take these deeds, this deed of the purchase which is sealed, and this deed which is open, and put them in an earthen vessel; that they may continue many days. 15 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Is'rā-ĕl: Houses and fields and vineyards shall yet again be bought in this land.

16 Now after I had delivered the deed of the purchase unto Bā'rŭch the son of Nĕ-rī'ăh, I prayed unto Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, 17 Ah Lord Jĕ-hō'văh! behold, thou hast made the heavens and the earth by thy great power and by thine outstretched arm; there is nothing too [2]hard for thee, 18 who showest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them; the great, the mighty God, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts is his name; 19 great in counsel, and mighty in work; whose eyes are

[1] Or, containing *the terms and condition*
[2] Or, *wonderful*

open upon all the ways of the sons of men, to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings; 20 who didst set signs and wonders in the land of Ĕ'gўpt, even unto this day, [1]both in Ĭs'rā-ĕl and among *other* men; and madest thee a name, as at this day; 21 and didst bring forth thy people Ĭs'rā-ĕl out of the land of Ĕ'gўpt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terror; 22 and gavest them this land, which thou didst swear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey; 23 and they came in, and possessed it; but they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked in thy law; they have done nothing of all that thou commandedst them to do: therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them. 24 Behold, the mounds, they are come unto the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chăl-dē'ăns that fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence; and what thou hast spoken is come to pass; and, behold, thou seest it. 25 And thou hast said unto me, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, Buy thee the field for money, and call witnesses; whereas the city is given into the hand of the Chăl-dē'ăns.

26 Then came the word of Jĕ-hō'văh unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, saying, 27 Behold, I am Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me? 28 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chăl-dē'ăns, and into the hand of Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zär king of Băb'-ў-lŏn, and he shall take it: 29 and the Chăl-dē'ăns, that fight against this city, shall come and set this city on fire, and burn it, with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Bā'ăl, and poured out drink-offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger. 30 For the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and the children of Jū'dăh have done only that which was evil in my sight from their youth; for the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 31 For this city hath been to me a provocation of mine anger and of my wrath from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before my face, 32 because of all the evil of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and of the children of Jū'dăh, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Jū'dăh, and the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm. 33 And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: and though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction. 34 But they set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it. 35 And they built the high places of Bā'ăl, which are in the valley of the son of Hĭn'nŏm, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* unto Mō'lĕch; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my [2]mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Jū'dăh to sin.

36 And now therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, concerning this city, whereof ye say, It is given into the hand of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: 37 Behold, I will gather them out of all the countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my wrath, and in great indignation; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely. 38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God: 39 and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: 40 and I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from fol-

[1] Or, *and*

[2] Heb. *heart*

lowing them, to do them good; and I will put my fear in their hearts, that they may not depart from me. 41 Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land [1]assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul. 42 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them. 43 And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate, without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chăl-dē'ăns. 44 Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe the deeds, and seal them, and call witnesses, in the land of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, and in the places about Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and in the cities of Jū'dăh, and in the cities of the hill-country, and in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the South: for I will cause their captivity to return, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

33 Moreover the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the guard, saying, 2 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh that doeth it, Jĕ-hō'văh that formeth it to establish it; Jĕ-hō'văh is his name: 3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and will show thee great things, and [2]difficult, which thou knowest not. 4 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Jū'dăh, which are broken down *to make a defence* against the mounds and against the sword; 5 while *men* come to fight with the Chăl-dē'ăns, and to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in mine anger and in my wrath, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city: 6 Behold, I will bring it [3]health and cure, and I will cure them; and I will reveal unto them abundance of peace and truth. 7 And I will cause the captivity of Jū'dăh and the captivity of ĭs'rā-ĕl to return, and will build them, as at the first. 8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned against me, and whereby they have transgressed against me. 9 And *this city* shall be to me for a name of joy, for a praise and for a glory, before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them, and shall fear and tremble for all the good and for all the peace that I procure unto it.

10 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Yet again there shall be heard in this place, whereof ye say, It is waste, without man and without beast, even in the cities of Jū'dăh, and in the streets of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without beast, 11 the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that say, Give thanks to Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, for Jĕ-hō'văh is good, for his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever; *and of them* that bring *sacrifices of* thanksgiving into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. For I will cause the captivity of the land to return as at the first, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

12 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: Yet again shall there be in this place, which is waste, without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, a habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down. 13 In the cities of the hill-country, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the South, and in the land of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, and in the places about Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and in the cities of Jū'dăh, shall the flocks again pass under the hands of him that numbereth them, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

14 Behold, the days come, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that I will perform that good word which I have spoken concerning the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl and concerning the house of Jū'dăh. 15 In those days, and at that time, will I cause a Branch of

[1]Heb. *in truth* [2]Heb. *fortified* [3]Heb. *a bandage*

righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days shall Jū'dăh be saved, and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm shall dwell safely; and this is *the name* whereby she shall be called: Jĕ-hō'văh our righteousness. 17 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: [1]David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; 18 neither shall the priests the Lē'vītes want a man before me to offer burnt-offerings, and to burn meal-offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

19 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, saying, 20 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, so that there shall not be day and night in their season; 21 then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he shall not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Lē'vītes the priests, my ministers. 22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured; so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Lē'vītes that minister unto me.

23 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, saying, 24 Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which Jĕ-hō'văh did choose, he hath cast them off? thus do they despise my people, that they should be no more a nation before them. 25 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: If my covenant of day and night *stand* not, if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; 26 then will I also cast away the seed of Jacob, and of David my servant, so that I will not take of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Ĭ'sāac, and Jacob: for I will [2]cause their captivity to return, and will have mercy on them.

34 The word which came unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh from Jĕ-hō'văh, when Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth that were under his dominion, and all the peoples, were fighting against Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and against all the cities thereof, saying: 2 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Go, and speak to Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, and tell him, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and he shall burn it with fire: 3 and thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shall surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Băb'ў-lŏn. 4 Yet hear the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, O Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh: Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh concerning thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword; 5 thou shalt die in peace; and with the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings that were before thee, so shall they make a burning for thee; and they shall lament thee, *saying*, Ah lord! for I have spoken the word, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

6 Then Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet spake all these words unto Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, 7 when the king of Băb'ў-lŏn's army was fighting against Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and against all the cities of Jū'dăh that were left, against Lā'chĭsh and against Ā-zē'kăh; for these *alone* remained of the cities of Jū'dăh *as* fortified cities.

8 The word that came unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh from Jĕ-hō'văh, after that the king Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh had made a covenant with all the people that were at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, to proclaim liberty unto them; 9 that every man should let his man-servant, and every man his maid-servant, that is a Hebrew or a Hebrewess, go free; that none should make bondmen of them, *to wit*, of a Jew his brother. 10 And all the princes and all the people obeyed, that had entered into the covenant, that every one should let his man-ser-

[1] Heb. *There shall not be cut off from David*
[2] Or, *return to their captivity*

vant, and every one his maid-servant, go free, that none should make bondmen of them any more; they obeyed, and let them go: 11 but afterwards they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

12 Therefore the word of Jĕ-hō'-văh came to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh from Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, 13 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl: I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of ē'gўpt, out of the house of [1]bondage, saying, 14 At the end of seven years ye shall let go every man his brother that is a Hebrew, that [2]hath been sold unto thee, and hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear. 15 And ye were now turned, and had done that which is right in mine eyes, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name: 16 but ye turned and profaned my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom ye had let go free at their pleasure, to return; and ye brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

17 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'-văh: Ye have not hearkened unto me, to proclaim liberty, every man to his brother, and every man to his neighbor: behold, I proclaim unto you a liberty, saith Jĕ-hō'-văh, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be [3]tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth. 18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, that have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before me, [4]when they cut the calf in twain and passed between the parts thereof; 19 the princes of Jū'dăh, and the princes of Jĕ-ru'-să-lĕm, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, that passed between the parts of the calf; 20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life; and their dead bodies shall be for food unto the birds of the heavens, and to the beasts of the earth. 21 And Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Băb'-y-lŏn's army, that are gone away from you. 22 Behold, I will command, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Jū'dăh a desolation, without inhabitant.

35 The word which came unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh from Jĕ-hō'văh in the days of Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm the son of Jō-sī'ăh, king of Jū'dăh, saying, 2 Go unto the house of the Rē'-chăb-ītes, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink. 3 Then I took Jā-ăz-ă-nī'ăh the son of Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, the son of Hăb-ăz-zĭ-nī'ăh, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rē'chăb-ītes; 4 and I brought them into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, into the chamber of the sons of Hā'năn the son of ĭg-dă-lī'ăh, the man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Mă-ă-sē'ĭăh the son of Shăl'lŭm, the keeper of the threshold. 5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Rē'chăb-ītes bowls full of wine, and cups; and I said unto them, Drink ye wine. 6 But they said, We will drink no wine; for Jŏn'ă-dăb the son of Rē'chăb, our father, commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons, for ever: 7 neither

[1] Heb. *bondmen* [2] Or, *hath sold himself* [3] Or, *a terror unto* [4] Heb. *the calf which they cut &c.*

shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any; but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land wherein ye sojourn. 8 And we have obeyed the voice of Jŏn'ă-dăb the son of Rē'chăb, our father, in all that he charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, or our daughters; 9 nor to build houses for us to dwell in; neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed: 10 but we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jŏn'ă-dăb our father commanded us. 11 But it came to pass, when Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zăr king of Băb'-ў-lŏn came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm for fear of the army of the Chăl-dē'ăns, and for fear of the army of the Sўr'ĭ-ăns; so we dwell at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

12 Then came the word of Jĕ-hō'văh unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, saying, 13 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl: Go, and say to the men of Jū'dăh and the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 14 The words of Jŏn'ă-dăb the son of Rē'-chăb, that he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed; and unto this day they drink none, for they obey their father's commandment. But I have spoken unto you, rising up early and speaking; and ye have not hearkened unto me. 15 I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me. 16 Forasmuch as the sons of Jŏn'ă-dăb the son of Rē'chăb have performed the commandment of their father which he commanded them, but this people hath not hearkened unto me; 17 therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of hosts, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl: Behold, I will bring upon Jū'dăh and upon all the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm all the evil that I have pronounced against them; because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.

18 And Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh said unto the house of the Rē'chăb-ītes, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl: Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jŏn'-ă-dăb your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he commanded you; 19 therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl: Jŏn'-ă-dăb the son of Rē'chăb shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.

36 And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm the son of Jō-sī'ăh, king of Jū'dăh, that this word came unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh from Jĕ-hō'văh, saying, 2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against ĭs'rā-ĕl, and against Jū'dăh, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Jō-sī'ăh, even unto this day. 3 It may be that the house of Jū'dăh will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

4 Then Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh called Bā'-rŭch the son of Nē-rī'ăh; and Bā'-rŭch wrote from the mouth of Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh all the words of Jĕ-hō'văh, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book. 5 And Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh commanded Bā'rŭch, saying, I am [1]shut up; I cannot go into the house of Jĕ-hō'văh: 6 therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of Jĕ-hō'văh in the ears of the people in Jĕ-hō'văh's house upon [2]the fast-day; and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Jū'dăh that come

[1] Or, *restrained* [2] Or, *a fast-day*

out of their cities. 7 It may be [1]they will present their supplication before Jĕ-hō'vāh, and will return every one from his evil way; for great is the anger and the wrath that Jĕ-hō'vāh hath pronounced against this people. 8 And Bā'rŭch the son of Nē-rī'āh did according to all that Jĕr-ĕ-mī'āh the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of Jĕ-hō'vāh in Jĕ-hō'vāh's house.

9 Now it came to pass in the fifth year of Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm the son of Jō-sī'āh, king of Jū'dāh, in the ninth month, that all the people in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and all the people that came from the cities of Jū'dāh unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, proclaimed a fast before Jĕ-hō'vāh. 10 Then read Bā'rŭch in the book the words of Jĕr-ĕ-mī'āh in the house of Jĕ-hō'vāh, in the chamber of Gĕm-ă-rī'āh the son of Shā'phăn the scribe, in the upper court, at the entry of the new gate of Jĕ-hō'vāh's house, in the ears of all the people.

11 And when Mī-cā'iāh the son of Gĕm-ă-rī'āh, the son of Shā'phăn, had heard out of the book all the words of Jĕ-hō'vāh, 12 he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, lo, all the princes were sitting there, *to wit,* Ē-lĭsh'ă-mà the scribe, and Dĕ-lā'iāh the son of Shĕ-mā'iāh, and ĕl-nā'thăn the son of Ăch'bôr, and Gĕm-ă-rī'āh the son of Shā'phăn, and Zĕd-ĕ-kī'āh the son of Hăn-ă-nī'āh, and all the princes. 13 Then Mī-cā'iāh declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Bā'rŭch read the book in the ears of the people. 14 Therefore all the princes sent Jĕ-hū'dī the son of Nĕth-ă-nī'āh, the son of Shĕl-ĕ-mī'āh, the son of Cū'shī, unto Bā'rŭch, saying, Take in thy hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Bā'rŭch the son of Nē-rī'āh took the roll in his hand, and came unto them. 15 And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Bā'rŭch read it in their ears. 16 Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they turned in fear one toward another, and said unto Bā'rŭch, We will surely tell the king of all these words. 17 And they asked Bā'rŭch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth? 18 Then Bā'rŭch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book. 19 Then said the princes unto Bā'rŭch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jĕr-ĕ-mī'āh; and let no man know where ye are.

20 And they went in to the king into the court; but they had laid up the roll in the chamber of Ē-lĭsh'ă-mà the scribe; and they told all the words in the ears of the king. 21 So the king sent Jĕ-hū'dī to fetch the roll; and he took it out of the chamber of Ē-lĭsh'ă-mà the scribe. And Jĕ-hū'dī read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes that stood beside the king. 22 Now the king was sitting in the winter-house in the ninth month: and *there was a fire in* the brazier burning before him. 23 And it came to pass, when Jĕ-hū'dī had read three or four [2]leaves, that *the king* cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was in the brazier, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier. 24 And they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words. 25 Moreover ĕl-nā'thăn and Dĕ-lā'iāh and Gĕm-ă-rī'āh had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll; but he would not hear them. 26 And the king commanded Jĕ-rāh'-mĕ-ĕl [3]the king's son, and Sĕ-rā'iāh the son of Ăz'rī-ĕl, and Shĕl-ĕ-mī'āh the son of Ăb'dĕ-ĕl, to take Bā'rŭch the scribe and Jĕr-ĕ-mī'āh the prophet; but Jĕ-hō'vāh hid them.

27 Then the word of Jĕ-hō'vāh

[1] Heb. *their supplication will fall*
[2] Or, *columns* [3] Or, *the son of Hammelech*

came to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Bā'rûch wrote at the mouth of Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, saying, 28 Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm the king of Jū'dăh hath burned. 29 And concerning Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm king of Jū'dăh thou shalt say, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Băb'ў-lŏn shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast? 30 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh concerning Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm king of Jū'dăh: He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David; and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. 31 And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and upon the men of Jū'dăh, all the evil that I have pronounced against them, but they hearkened not. 32 Then took Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh another roll, and gave it to Bā'rûch the scribe, the son of Nē-rī'ăh, who wrote therein from the mouth of Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh all the words of the book which Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm king of Jū'dăh had burned in the fire; and there were added besides unto them many like words.

37 And Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh the son of Jō-sī'ăh reigned as king, instead of Cō-nī'ăh the son of Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm, whom Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zăr king of Băb'ў-lŏn made king in the land of Jū'dăh. 2 But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of Jĕ-hō'văh, which he spake by the prophet Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh.

3 And Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh the king sent Jĕ-hū'cal the son of Shĕl-ĕ-mī'ăh, and Zĕph-ă-nī'ăh the son of Mā-ă-sē'ĭăh, the priest, to the prophet Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, saying, Pray now unto Jĕ-hō'văh our God for us. 4 Now Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh came in and went out among the people; for they had not put him into prison. 5 And Phā'raōh's army was come forth out of Ē'gўpt; and when the Chăl-dē'ăns that were besieging Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm heard tidings of them, they brake up from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

6 Then came the word of Jĕ-hō'văh unto the prophet Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, saying, 7 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Thus shall ye say to the king of Jū'dăh, that sent you unto me to inquire of me: Behold, Phā'raōh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Ē'gўpt into their own land. 8 And the Chăl-dē'ăns shall come again, and fight against this city; and they shall take it, and burn it with fire. 9 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, Deceive not [1]yourselves, saying, The Chăl-dē'ăns shall surely depart from us; for they shall not depart. 10 For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chăl-dē'ăns that fight against you, and there remained but [2]wounded men among them, yet would they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

11 And it came to pass that, when the army of the Chăl-dē'ăns was broken up from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm for fear of Phā'raōh's army, 12 then Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh went forth out of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm to go into the land of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, to receive his portion [3]there, in the midst of the people. 13 And when he was in the gate of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, a captain of the ward was there, whose name was Ĭ-rī'jăh, the son of Shĕl-ĕ-mī'ăh, the son of Hăn-ă-nī'ăh; and he laid hold on Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet, saying, Thou art falling away to the Chăl-dē'ăns. 14 Then said Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, It is false; I am not falling away to the Chăl-dē'ăns. But he hearkened not to him; so Ĭ-rī'jăh laid hold on Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, and brought him to the princes. 15 And the princes were wroth with Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jŏn'ă-thăn the

[1] Heb. *your souls* [2] Heb. *thrust through*
[3] Heb. *from thence*

scribe; for they had made that the prison.

16 When Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh was come into the [1]dungeon-house, and into the cells, and Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh had remained there many days; 17 then Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh the king sent, and fetched him: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there any word from Jĕ-hō'văh? And Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh said, There is. He said also, Thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn. 18 Moreover Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh said unto king Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh, Wherein have I sinned against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me in prison? 19 Where now are your prophets that prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Băb'ў-lŏn shall not come against you, nor against this land? 20 And now hear, I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee, [2]be presented before thee, that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jŏn'ă-thăn the scribe, lest I die there. 21 Then Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh the king commanded, and they committed Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh into the court of the guard; and they gave him daily a loaf of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was spent. Thus Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh remained in the court of the guard.

38 And Shĕph-ă-tī'ăh the son of Măt'tăn, and Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh the son of Pāsh'hûr, and Jū'căl the son of Shĕl-ĕ-mī'ăh, and Pāsh'-hûr the son of Măl-chī'jăh, heard the words that Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh spake unto all the people, saying, 2 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he that goeth forth to the Chăl-dē'ăns shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey, and he shall live. 3 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and he shall take it. 4 Then the princes said unto the king, Let this man, we pray thee, be put to death; forasmuch as he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt. 5 And Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh the king said, Behold, he is in your hand; for the king is not he that can do anything against you. 6 Then took they Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, and cast him into the [3]dungeon of Măl-chī'jăh 'the king's son, that was in the court of the guard: and they let down Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire; and Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh sank in the mire.

7 Now when Ē'bĕd-mĕ'lĕch the Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-ăn, a eunuch, who was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh in the dungeon (the king then sitting in the gate of Bĕn'jă-mĭn), 8 Ē'bĕd-mĕ'lĕch went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the king, saying, 9 My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and [5]he is like to die in the place where he is, because of the famine; for there is no more bread in the city. 10 Then the king commanded Ē'bĕd-mĕ'lĕch the Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-ăn, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die. 11 So Ē'bĕd-mĕ'lĕch took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence rags and worn-out garments, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh. 12 And Ē'bĕd-mĕ'lĕch the Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-ăn said unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, Put now these rags and worn-out garments under thine armholes under the cords. And Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh did so. 13 So they drew up Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh with the cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh re-

[1] Or, *house of the pit* [2] Heb. *fall*
[3] Or, *pit* [4] Or, *the son of Hammelech*
[5] Heb. *he is dead*

mained in the court of the guard.

14 Then Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh the king sent, and took Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet unto him into the third entry that is in the house of Jĕ-hō'-văh: and the king said unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, I will ask thee a thing; hide nothing from me. 15 Then Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh said unto Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh, If I declare it unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if I give thee counsel, thou wilt not hearken unto me. 16 So Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh the king sware secretly unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, saying, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life.

17 Then said Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh unto Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of hosts, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl: If thou wilt go forth unto the king of Băb'ў-lŏn's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thy house. 18 But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Băb'ў-lŏn's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chăl-dē'ăns, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand. 19 And Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh the king said unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen away to the Chăl-dē'ăns, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me. 20 But Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh said, They shall not deliver thee. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of Jĕ-hō'-văh, in that which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well with thee, and thy soul shall live. 21 But if thou refuse to go forth, this is the word that Jĕ-hō'văh hath showed me: 22 Behold, all the women that are left in the king of Jū'dăh's house shall be brought forth to the king of Băb'ў-lŏn's princes, and those women shall say, [1]Thy familiar friends have [2]set thee on, and have prevailed over thee: *now that* thy feet are sunk in the mire, they are turned away back. 23 And they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chăl-dē'-ăns; and thou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn: and [3]thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire.

24 Then said Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die. 25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king; hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what the king said unto thee: 26 then thou shalt say unto them, I [4]presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jŏn'ă-thăn's house, to die there. 27 Then came all the princes unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, and asked him; and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not [5]perceived. 28 So Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh abode in the court of the guard until the day that Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm was taken.

And it came to pass when 39 Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm was taken 1 (in the ninth year of Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, in the tenth month, came Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zăr king of Băb'ў-lŏn and all his army against Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and besieged it; 2 in the eleventh year of Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, a breach was made in the city), 3 that all the princes of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn came in, and sat in the middle gate, *to wit*, Nĕr'găl-shă-rē'zĕr, Săm'găr-nē'bō, Săr-sĕ'-chĭm, [6]Răb'-să-rĭs, Nĕr'găl-shă-rē'zĕr, [6]Răb'-măg, with all the rest of the princes of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn.

4 And it came to pass that, when Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh the king of Jū'dăh and all the men of war saw them, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, through the

[1] Heb. *The men of thy peace* [2] Or, *deceived thee* [3] Heb. *thou shalt burn &c.* [4] Heb. *caused to fall* [5] Or, *reported* [6] Title of an officer

gate betwixt the two walls; and he went out toward the Ar'ă-băh. 5 But the army of the Chăl-dē'ăns pursued after them, and overtook Zĕd-ē-kī'ăh in the plains of Jĕr'ĭ-chō: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn to Rĭb'lăh in the land of Hā'măth; and he [1]gave judgment upon him. 6 Then the king of Băb'ў-lŏn slew the sons of Zĕd-ē-kī'ăh in Rĭb'lăh before his eyes: also the king of Băb'ў-lŏn slew all the nobles of Jū'dăh. 7 Moreover he put out Zĕd-ē-kī'ăh's eyes, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Băb'ў-lŏn. 8 And the Chăl-dē'ăns burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jē-ru'să-lĕm. 9 Then Nĕb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the guard carried away captive into Băb'ў-lŏn the residue of the people that remained in the city, the deserters also that fell away to him, and the residue of the people that remained. 10 But Nĕb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, that had nothing, in the land of Jū'dăh, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

11 Now Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn gave charge concerning Jĕr-ē-mī'ăh to Nĕb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the guard, saying, 12 Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee. 13 So Nĕb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the guard sent, and Nĕb-ū-shăz'băn, Răb'-să-ris, and Nĕr'găl-shă-rē'zĕr, Răb'-măg, and all the chief officers of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn; 14 they sent, and took Jĕr-ē-mī'ăh out of the court of the guard, and committed him unto Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh the son of Ă-hī'kăm, the son of Shā'phăn, that he should carry him home. So he dwelt among the people.

15 Now the word of Jē-hō'văh came unto Jĕr-ē-mī'ăh, while he was shut up in the court of the guard, saying, 16 Go, and speak to Ē'bĕd-mĕ'lĕch the Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-ăn, saying, Thus saith Jē-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they [2]shall be accomplished before thee in that day. 17 But I will deliver thee in that day, saith Jē-hō'văh; and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou art afraid. 18 For I will surely save thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee; because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith Jē-hō'văh.

40 The word which came to Jĕr-ē-mī'ăh from Jē-hō'văh, after that Nĕb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the guard had let him go from Rā'măh, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all the captives of Jē-ru'să-lĕm and Jū'dăh, that were carried away captive unto Băb'ў-lŏn. 2 And the captain of the guard took Jĕr-ē-mī'ăh, and said unto him, Jē-hō'văh thy God pronounced this evil upon this place; 3 and Jē-hō'văh hath brought it, and done according as he spake: because ye have sinned against Jē-hō'văh, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you. 4 And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which are upon thy hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Băb'ў-lŏn, come, and I will look well unto thee; but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Băb'ў-lŏn, forbear: behold, all the land is before thee; whither it seemeth good and right unto thee to go, thither go. 5 Now while he was not yet gone back, Go back then, *said he*, to Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh the son of Ă-hī'kăm, the son of Shā'phăn, whom the king of Băb'ў-lŏn hath made governor over the cities of Jū'dăh, and dwell with him among the people; or go wheresoever it seemeth right unto thee to go. So the captain of the

[1] Heb. *spake judgments with him.* See ch. 12.1 (marg.)

[2] Or, *shall be before thee*

guard gave him victuals and a present, and let him go. 6 Then went Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh unto Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh the son of Ă-hī'kăm to Mĭz'păh, and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.

7 Now when all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Băb'ў-lŏn had made Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh the son of Ă-hī'kăm governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of the poorest of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Băb'ў-lŏn; 8 then they came to Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh to Mĭz'păh, *to wit,* Ĭsh'mă-ĕl the son of Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh, and Jō-hā'năn and Jŏn'ă-thăn the sons of Kă-rē'ăh, and Sĕ-rā'ĭăh the son of Tăn'hū-mĕth, and the sons of Ē'phāi the Nĕ-tŏph'ă-thīte, and Jĕz-ă-nī'ăh the son of the Mă-ăc'ă-thīte, they and their men. 9 And Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh the son of Ă-hī'kăm the son of Shā'phăn sware unto them and to their men, saying, Fear not to serve the Chăl-dē'ăns: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and it shall be well with you. 10 As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mĭz'păh, to stand before the Chăl-dē'ăns that shall come unto us: but ye, gather ye wine and summer fruits and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that ye have taken. 11 Likewise when all the Jews that were in Mō'ăb, and among the children of Ăm'mŏn, and in Ē'dŏm, and that were in all the countries, heard that the king of Băb'ў-lŏn had left a remnant of Jū'dăh, and that he had set over them Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh the son of Ă-hī'kăm, the son of Shā'phăn; 12 then all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Jū'dăh, to Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh, unto Mĭz'păh, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

13 Moreover Jō-hā'năn the son of Kă-rē'ăh, and all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, came to Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh to Mĭz'păh, 14 and said unto him, Dost thou know that Bā'ă-lĭs the king of the children of Ăm'mŏn hath sent Ĭsh'mă-ĕl the son of Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh to take thy life? But Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh the son of Ă-hī'kăm believed them not. 15 Then Jō-hā'năn the son of Kă-rē'ăh spake to Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh in Mĭz'păh secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ĭsh'mă-ĕl the son of Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh, and no man shall know it: wherefore should he take thy life, that all the Jews that are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant of Jū'dăh perish? 16 But Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh the son of Ă-hī'kăm said unto Jō-hā'năn the son of Kă-rē'ăh, Thou shalt not do this thing: for thou speakest falsely of Ĭsh'mă-ĕl.

41 Now it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ĭsh'mă-ĕl the son of Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh, the son of Ē-lĭsh'ă-mă, of the seed royal and *one of* the chief officers of the king, and ten men with him, came unto Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh the son of Ă-hī'kăm to Mĭz'păh; and there they did eat bread together in Mĭz'păh. 2 Then arose Ĭsh'mă-ĕl the son of Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh the son of Ă-hī'kăm the son of Shā'phăn with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Băb'ў-lŏn had made governor over the land. 3 Ĭsh'mă-ĕl also slew all the Jews that were with him, *to wit,* with Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh, at Mĭz'păh, and the Chăl-dē'ăns that were found there, the men of war.

4 And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh, and no man knew it, 5 that there came men from Shĕ'chĕm, from Shī'lōh, and from Să-mā'rĭ-ă, even fourscore men, having their beards shaven and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with meal-offerings and frankincense in their hand, to bring them to the house of Jĕ-hō'vāh. 6 And Ĭsh'mă-ĕl the son of Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh went forth from Mĭz'păh to meet them, weeping all along as he went:

Or, *an allowance* Or, *even*

and it came to pass, as he met them, he said unto them, Come to Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh the son of Ă-hī'kăm. 7 And it was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ĭsh'mă-ĕl the son of Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh slew them, *and cast them* into the midst of the pit, he, and the men that were with him. 8 But ten men were found among them that said unto Ĭsh'mă-ĕl, Slay us not; for we have stores hidden in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he forbare, and slew them not among their brethren. 9 Now the pit wherein Ĭsh'mă-ĕl cast all the dead bodies of the men whom he had slain, by the side of Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh (the same was that which Ā'să the king had made for fear of Bā'ă-shà king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl), Ĭsh'mă-ĕl the son of Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh filled it with them that were slain. 10 Then Ĭsh'mă-ĕl carried away captive all the residue of the people that were in Mĭz'păh, even the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mĭz'păh, whom Nĕb'ū-zăr-ā'dăn the captain of the guard had committed to Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh the son of Ă-hī'kăm; Ĭsh'mă-ĕl the son of Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the children of Ăm'mŏn.

11 But when Jŏ-hā'năn the son of Kā-rē'ăh, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, heard of all the evil that Ĭsh'mă-ĕl the son of Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh had done, 12 then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ĭsh'mă-ĕl the son of Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh, and found him by the great waters that are in Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn. 13 Now it came to pass that, when all the people that were with Ĭsh'mă-ĕl saw Jŏ-hā'năn the son of Kā-rē'ăh, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, then they were glad. 14 So all the people that Ĭsh'mă-ĕl had carried away captive from Mĭz'păh turned about and came back, and went unto Jŏ-hā'năn the son of Kā-rē'ăh. 15 But Ĭsh'mă-ĕl the son of Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh escaped from Jŏ-hā'năn with eight men, and went to the children of Ăm'mŏn.

16 Then took Jŏ-hā'năn the son of Kā-rē'ăh, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ĭsh'mă-ĕl the son of Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh, from Mĭz'păh after that he had slain Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh the son of Ă-hī'kăm, *to wit*, the men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs whom he had brought back from Gĭb'ĕ-ŏn. 17 And they departed and dwelt in [1]Gē'rŭth Chĭm'hăm which is by Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm, to go to enter into Ē'gўpt, 18 because of the Chăl-dē'ăns; for they were afraid of them, because Ĭsh'mă-ĕl the son of Nĕth-ă-nī'ăh had slain Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh the son of Ă-hī'kăm, whom the king of Băb'ў-lŏn made governor over the land.

42 Then all the captains of the forces, and Jŏ-hā'năn the son of Kā-rē'ăh, and [2]Jĕz-ă-nī'ăh the son of Hō-shā'ĭăh, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near, 2 and said unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet, Let, we pray thee, our supplication [3]be presented before thee, and pray for us unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God, even for all this remnant (for we are left but a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us), 3 that Jĕ-hō'văh thy God may show us the way wherein we should walk, and the thing that we should do. 4 Then Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet said unto them, I have heard you; behold, I will pray unto Jĕ-hō'văh your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass that whatsoever thing Jĕ-hō'văh shall answer you I will declare it unto you; I will keep nothing back from you. 5 Then they said to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, Jĕ-hō'văh be a true and faithful witness [4]amongst us, if we do not according to all the word wherewith Jĕ-hō'văh thy God shall send thee to us. 6 Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh our God

[1] Or, *the lodging-place of Chimham* ch. 43.2, *Azariah* [2] In [3] Heb *fall* [4] Or, *against* See 2 K. 25.23

to whom we send thee; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh our God.

7 And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh. 8 Then called he Jō-hā'năn the son of Kā-rē'ăh, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, 9 and said unto them, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, unto whom ye sent me to [1]present your supplication before him: 10 If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up; for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you. 11 Be not afraid of the king of Băb'ĭ-lŏn, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith Jĕ-hō'văh: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. 12 And I will grant you mercy, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land. 13 But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land; so that ye obey not the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh your God; 14 saying, No; but we will go into the land of Ē'gĭpt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell: 15 now therefore hear ye the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, O remnant of Jū'dăh: Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, If ye indeed set your faces to enter into Ē'gĭpt, and go to sojourn there; 16 then it shall come to pass, that the sword, which ye fear, shall overtake you there in the land of Ē'gĭpt; and the famine, whereof ye are afraid, [2]shall follow hard after you there in Ē'gĭpt; and there ye shall die. 17 So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Ē'gĭpt to sojourn there; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them.

18 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: As mine anger and my wrath hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, so shall my wrath be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Ē'gĭpt; and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more. 19 Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken concerning you, O remnant of Jū'dăh, Go ye not into Ē'gĭpt: know certainly that I have testified unto you this day. 20 For ye have dealt deceitfully [3]against your own souls; for ye sent me unto Jĕ-hō'văh your God, saying, Pray for us unto Jĕ-hō'văh our God; and according unto all that Jĕ-hō'văh our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do it. 21 And I have this day declared it to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh your God in anything for which he hath sent me unto you. 22 Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go to sojourn there.

43 And it came to pass that, when Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of Jĕ-hō'văh their God, wherewith Jĕ-hō'văh their God had sent him to them, even all these words, 2 then spake Ăz-ă-rī'ăh the son of Hō-shā'ĭăh, and Jō-hā'năn the son of Kā-rē'ăh, and all the proud men, saying unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, Thou speakest falsely: Jĕ-hō'văh our God hath not sent thee to say, Ye shall not go into Ē'gĭpt to sojourn there; 3 but Bā'rûch the son of Nē-rī'ăh setteth thee on against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chăl-dē'ăns, that they may put us to death, and carry us away captive to Băb'ĭ-lŏn. 4 So Jō-hā'năn the son of Kā-rē'ăh, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh, to dwell in the land of Jū'dăh. 5 But Jō-hā'năn the son of Kā-rē'ăh, and all the captains of the

[1] Or, *lay* [2] Heb. *shall cleave after you* [3] Or, *in your souls*

forces, took all the remnant of Jū'dăh, that were returned from all the nations whither they had been driven, to sojourn in the land of Jū'dăh; 6 the men, and the women, and the children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nĕb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the guard had left with Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh the son of Ă-hī'kăm, the son of Shā'phăn; and Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet, and Bā'rŭch the son of Nē-rī'ăh. 7 And they came into the land of Ē'gўpt; for they obeyed not the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh: and they came unto Täh'-păn-hēs.

8 Then came the word of Jĕ-hō'-văh unto Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh in Täh'păn-hēs, saying, 9 Take great stones in thy hand, and [1]hide them in mortar in the brickwork, which is at the entry of Phā'raōh's house in Täh'păn-hēs, in the sight of the men of Jū'dăh; 10 and say unto them, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Is'rā-ĕl: Behold, I will send and take Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zär the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his [2]royal pavilion over them. 11 And he shall come, and shall smite the land of Ē'gўpt; such as are for death *shall be given* to death, and such as are for captivity to captivity, and such as are for the sword to the sword. 12 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Ē'gўpt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captive: and he shall array himself with the land of Ē'gўpt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace. 13 He shall also break the [3]pillars of [4]Bĕth-shē'mĕsh, that is in the land of Ē'gўpt; and the houses of the gods of Ē'gўpt shall he burn with fire.

44 The word that came to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh concerning all the Jews that dwelt in the land of Ē'gўpt, that dwelt at Mĭg'dŏl, and at Täh'păn-hēs, and at Mĕm'phĭs, and in the country of Păth'rŏs, saying, 2 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Is'rā-ĕl: Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and upon all the cities of Jū'dăh; and, behold, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwelleth therein, 3 because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, *and* to serve other gods, that they knew not, neither they, nor ye, nor your fathers. 4 Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate. 5 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods. 6 Wherefore my wrath and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Jū'dăh and in the streets of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and they are wasted and desolate, as it is this day. 7 Therefore now thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of hosts, the God of Is'rā-ĕl: Wherefore commit ye *this* great evil against your own souls, to cut off from you man and woman, infant and suckling, out of the midst of Jū'dăh, to leave you none remaining; 8 in that ye provoke me unto anger with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Ē'gўpt, whither ye are gone to sojourn; that ye may be cut off, and that ye may be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth? 9 Have ye forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Jū'dăh, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they committed in the land of Jū'-dăh, and in the streets of Jĕ-ru'-să-lĕm? 10 They are not humbled even unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my

[1] Or, *lay them with mortar in the pavement* (or, *square*) [2] Or, *glittering* [3] Or, *obelisks* [4] Or, *The house of the sun* Probably, *Heliopolis*, that is, *On*. See Gen. 41.50

law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.

11 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'-văh of hosts, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl: Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, even to cut off all Jū'-dăh. 12 And I will take the remnant of Jū'dăh, that have set their faces to go into the land of Ē'gĭpt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed; in the land of Ē'gĭpt shall they fall; they shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine; they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine; and they shall be an execration, *and* an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach. 13 For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Ē'gĭpt, as I have punished Jĕ-ru'-să-lĕm, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; 14 so that none of the remnant of Jū'dăh, that are gone into the land of Ē'gĭpt to sojourn there, shall escape or be left, to return into the land of Jū'dăh, to which they [1]have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return save such as shall escape.

15 Then all the men who knew that their wives burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great assembly, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Ē'gĭpt, in Păth'rŏs, answered Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, saying, 16 As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, we will not hearken unto thee. 17 But we will certainly perform every word that is gone forth out of our mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Jū'dăh, and in the streets of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; for then had we plenty of [2]victuals, and were well, and saw no evil. 18 But since we left off burning incense to the queen of heaven, and pouring out drink-offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine. 19 And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink-offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to [3]worship her, and pour out drink-offerings unto her, without our husbands?

20 Then Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, even to all the people that had given him that answer, saying, 21 The incense that ye burned in the cities of Jū'dăh, and in the streets of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, ye and your fathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not Jĕ-hō'văh remember them, and came it not into his mind? 22 so that Jĕ-hō'văh could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land become a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without inhabitant, as it is this day. 23 Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against Jĕ-hō'văh, and have not obeyed the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil is happened unto you, as it is this day.

24 Moreover Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of Jĕ-hō'-văh, all Jū'dăh that are in the land of Ē'gĭpt: 25 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and with your hands have fulfilled it, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her: establish then your vows, and perform your vows. 26 Therefore hear ye the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, all Jū'dăh that dwell in the land of Ē'gĭpt: Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of

[1] Heb. *lift up their soul* [2] Heb. *bread* [3] Or, *portray*

Jū'dăh in all the land of Ē'gўpt, saying, As the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh liveth. 27 Behold, I watch over them for evil, and not for good; and all the men of Jū'dăh that are in the land of Ē'gўpt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them. 28 And they that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Ē'gўpt into the land of Jū'dăh, few in number; and all the remnant of Jū'dăh, that are gone into the land of Ē'gўpt to sojourn there, shall know whose word shall stand, mine, or theirs. 29 And this shall be the sign unto you, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil: 30 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh; Behold, I will give Phā'raōh Hŏph'rà king of Ē'gўpt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh into the hand of Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zăr king of Bāb'ў-lŏn, who was his enemy, and sought his life.

45 The word that Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet spake unto Bā'rŭch the son of Nē-rī'ăh, when he wrote these words in a book at the mouth of Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh, in the fourth year of Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm the son of Jō-sī'ăh, king of Jū'dăh, saying, 2 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, [1]unto thee, O Bā'rŭch: 3 Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for Jĕ-hō'văh hath added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest. 4 Thus shalt thou say unto him, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up; and this in the whole land. 5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not; for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

[1] Or, *concerning*

46 The word of Jĕ-hō'văh which came to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet concerning the nations.

2 Of Ē'gўpt: concerning the army of Phā'raōh-nē'cō king of Ē'gўpt, which was by the river Eū-phrā'tēs in Căr'chĕ-mĭsh, which Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zăr king of Bāb'ў-lŏn smote in the fourth year of Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm the son of Jō-sī'ăh king of Jū'dăh.

3 Prepare ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle. 4 Harness the horses, and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; furbish the spears, put on the coats of mail. 5 Wherefore have I seen it? they are dismayed and are turned backward; and their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled apace, and look not back: terror is on every side, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 6 Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; in the north by the river Eū-phrā'tēs have they stumbled and fallen. 7 [2]Who is this that riseth up like the Nile, whose waters toss themselves like the rivers? 8 Ē'gўpt riseth up like the Nile, and his waters toss themselves like the rivers: and he saith, I will rise up, I will cover the earth; I will destroy cities and the inhabitants thereof. 9 Go up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men go forth: Cūsh and Pūt, that handle the shield; and the Lū'dĭm, that handle and bend the bow. 10 For that day is *a day* of the Lord, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour and be satiate, and shall drink its fill of their blood; for the Lord, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Eū-phrā'tēs. 11 Go up into Gĭl'ĕ-ăd, and take balm, O virgin daughter of Ē'gўpt: in vain dost thou use many medicines; there is no healing for thee. 12 The nations have heard of thy shame, and the earth

[2] Or, *Who is this like the Nile that riseth up, like the rivers whose waters toss themselves? Egypt is like the Nile that riseth up &c.*

Defeat of Pharaoh at Carchemish foretold

is full of thy cry; for the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, they are fallen both of them together.

13 The word that Jĕ-hō'văh spake to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet, how that Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn should come and smite the land of Ē'gўpt.

14 Declare ye in Ē'gўpt, and publish in Mig'dŏl, and publish in Mĕm'phis and in Tăh'păn-hēs: say ye, Stand forth, and prepare thee; for the sword hath devoured round about thee. 15 Why are thy strong ones swept away? they stood not, because Jĕ-hō'văh did [1]drive them. 16 He made many to stumble, yea, they fell one upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword. 17 They cried there, Phā'raōh king of Ē'gўpt is [2]but a noise; he hath let the appointed time pass by. 18 As I live, saith the King, whose name is Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, surely like Tā'bôr among the mountains, and like Cär'mĕl by the sea, so shall he come. 19 [3]O thou daughter that dwellest in Ē'gўpt, [4]furnish thyself to go into captivity; for Mĕm'phis shall become a desolation, and shall be burnt up, without inhabitant. 20 Ē'gўpt is a very fair heifer; *but* [5]destruction out of the north is come, it is come. 21 Also her hired men in the midst of her are like calves of the stall; for they also are turned back, they are fled away together, they did not stand: for the day of their calamity is come upon them, the time of their visitation. 22 [6]The sound thereof shall go like the serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood. 23 They shall cut down her forest, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, [7]though it cannot be searched; because they are more than the locusts, and are innumerable. 24 The daughter of Ē'gўpt shall be put to shame; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north. 25 Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, saith: Behold, I will punish Ā'mŏn of No, and Phā'raōh, and Ē'gўpt, with her gods, and her kings; even Phā'raōh, and them that trust in him: 26 and I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and into the hand of his servants; and afterwards it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

27 But fear not thou, O Jacob my servant, neither be dismayed, O ĭs'rā-ĕl: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. 28 Fear not thou, O Jacob my servant, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; for I am with thee: for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee; but I will not make a full end of thee, but I will correct thee in [8]measure, and will in no wise [9]leave thee unpunished.

47 The word of Jĕ-hō'văh that came to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet concerning the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, before that Phā'raōh smote Gā'zā.

2 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall become an overflowing stream, and shall overflow the land and all that is therein, the city and them that dwell therein; and the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall wail. 3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong ones, at the rushing of his chariots, at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers look not back to their children for feebleness of hands; 4 because of the day that cometh to destroy all the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, to cut off from Tўre and Sī'dŏn every helper that re-

[1] Or, *thrust them down* [2] Or, *destroyed* [3] Or, *O thou that dwellest with the daughter of Egypt* [4] Heb. *make the vessels of captivity* [5] Or, *the gadfly* [6] Or, *Her sound is like that of the serpent as it goeth* [7] Or, *for* [8] Heb. *judgment* [9] Or, *hold thee guiltless*

maineth: for Jĕ-hō'văh will destroy the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, the remnant of the [1]isle of Căph'tôr. 5 Baldness is come upon Gā'zā; Ăsh'kĕ-lŏn is brought to nought, the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou cut thyself? 6 O thou sword of Jĕ-hō'văh, how long will it be ere thou be quiet? put up thyself into thy scabbard; rest, and be still. 7 How canst thou be quiet, seeing Jĕ-hō'văh hath given [2]thee a charge? Against Ăsh'kĕ-lŏn, and against the sea-shore, there hath he appointed it.

48 Of Mō'ăb. Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl: Woe unto Nē'bō! for it is laid waste; Kĭr-ĭ-ă-thā'ĭm is put to shame, it is taken; [3]Mĭs'gāb is put to shame and [4]broken down. 2 The praise of Mō'ăb is no more; in Hĕsh'bŏn they have devised evil against her: Come, and let us cut her off from being a nation. Thou also, O Măd'mĕn, shalt be brought to silence; the sword shall pursue thee. 3 The sound of a cry from Hŏr-ō-nā'ĭm, desolation and great destruction! 4 Mō'ăb is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard. 5 For by the ascent of Lū'hĭth with continual weeping shall they go up; for at the descent of Hŏr-ō-nā'ĭm they have heard the distress of the cry of destruction. 6 Flee, save your lives, and be like the heath in the wilderness. 7 For, because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou also shalt be taken: and Chĕ'mōsh shall go forth into captivity, his priests and his princes together. 8 And the destroyer shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape; the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed; as Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken. 9 Give wings unto Mō'ăb, [5]that she may fly and get her away: and her cities shall become a desolation, without any to dwell therein. 10 Cursed be he that doeth the work of Jĕ-hō'văh [6]negligently; and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

11 Mō'ăb hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remaineth in him, and his scent is not changed. 12 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that I will send unto him them that [7]pour off, and they shall [7]pour him off; and they shall empty his vessels, and break their [8]bottles in pieces. 13 And Mō'ăb shall be ashamed of Chĕ'mōsh, as the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl was ashamed of Bĕth'-ĕl their confidence. 14 How say ye, We are mighty men, and valiant men for the war? 15 Mō'ăb is laid waste, and [9]they are gone up into his cities, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, saith the King, whose name is Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. 16 The calamity of Mō'ăb is near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast. 17 All ye that are round about him, bemoan him, and all ye that know his name; say, How is the strong [10]staff broken, the beautiful rod! 18 O thou daughter that [11]dwellest in Dī'bŏn, come down from thy glory, and sit in thirst; for the destroyer of Mō'ăb is come up against thee, he hath destroyed thy strongholds. 19 O [12]inhabitant of Ăr'ō-ēr, stand by the way, and watch: ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth; say, What hath been done? 20 Mō'ăb is put to shame; for it is [13]broken down: wail and cry; tell ye it by the Ăr'nŏn, that Mō'ăb is laid waste. 21 And judgment is come upon the plain country, upon Hō'lŏn, and upon Jăh'zăh, and upon Mĕph'ā-ăth, 22 and upon Dī'bŏn, and upon Nē'bō, and upon Bĕth-dĭb-lă-thā'ĭm, 23 and upon Kĭr-ĭ-ă-thā'ĭm, and upon Bĕth-gā'mūl, and upon Bĕth-mē'ŏn, 24 and upon Kĕ'rĭ-ŏth, and upon Bŏz'răh, and

[1] Or, *sea-coast* [2] Heb. *it* [3] Or, *the high fort* [4] Or, *dismayed* [5] Or, *for she must fly: and her cities &c.* [6] Or, *deceitfully* [7] Heb. *tilt* (a vessel) [8] Or, *jars* [9] Or, *his cities are gone up* in smoke [10] Or, *sceptre* [11] Or, *art seated* [12] Heb. *inhabitress* [13] Or, *dismayed*

upon all the cities of the land of Mō'ăb, far or near. 25 The horn of Mō'ăb is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

26 Make ye him drunken; for he magnified himself against Jĕ-hō'văh: and Mō'ăb shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision. 27 For was not ĭs'-rā-ĕl a derision unto thee? was he found among thieves? for as often as thou speakest of him, thou waggest the head. 28 O ye inhabitants of Mō'ăb, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock; and be like the dove that maketh her nest over the mouth of the abyss. 29 We have heard of the pride of Mō'ăb, *that* he is very proud; his loftiness, and his pride, and his arrogancy, and the haughtiness of his heart. 30 I know his wrath, saith Jĕ-hō'-văh, that it is nought; his boastings have wrought nothing. 31 Therefore will I wail for Mō'ăb; yea, I will cry out for all Mō'ăb: for the men of Kĭr-hĕ'rēs shall they mourn. 32 With more than the weeping of Jā'zēr will I weep for thee, O vine of Sĭb'măh: thy branches passed over the sea, they reached even to the sea of Jā'zēr: upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage the destroyer is fallen. 33 And gladness and joy is taken away from the fruitful field and from the land of Mō'ăb; and I have caused wine to cease from the winepresses: none shall tread with shouting; the shouting shall be no shouting. 34 From the cry of Hĕsh'bŏn even unto Ē-lē-ā'lĕh, even unto Jā'hăz have they uttered their voice, from Zō'ăr even unto Hŏr-ō-nā'ĭm, [1]to Ĕg'lăth-shĕ-lĭsh'ĭ-yăh: for the waters of Nĭm'rĭm also shall become [2]desolate. 35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Mō'ăb, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, him that offereth in the high place, and him that burneth incense to his gods.

36 Therefore my heart soundeth for Mō'ăb like pipes, and my heart soundeth like pipes for the men of Kĭr-hĕ'rēs: therefore the abundance that he hath gotten is perished. 37 For every head is bald, and every beard clipped: upon all the hands are cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth. 38 On all the housetops of Mō'ăb and in the streets thereof there is lamentation every where; for I have broken Mō'ăb like a vessel wherein none delighteth, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 39 How is it broken down! [3]*how* do they wail! how hath Mō'ăb turned the back with shame! so shall Mō'ăb become a derision and a terror to all that are round about him. 40 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread out his wings against Mō'ăb. 41 [4]Kĕ'rĭ-ŏth is taken, and the strongholds are seized, and the heart of the mighty men of Mō'ăb at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs. 42 And Mō'ăb shall be destroyed from being a people, because he hath magnified himself against Jĕ-hō'-văh. 43 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of Mō'ăb, saith Jĕ-hō'-văh. 44 He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon him, even upon Mō'ăb, the year of their visitation, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

45 [5]They that fled stand without strength under the shadow of Hĕsh'bŏn; [6]for a fire is gone forth out of Hĕsh'bŏn, and a flame from the midst of Sī'hŏn, and hath devoured the corner of Mō'ăb, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones. 46 Woe unto thee, O Mō'ăb! the people of Chĕ'mōsh is undone; for thy sons are taken away captive, and thy daughters into captivity. 47 Yet will I [7]bring back the captivity of Mō'ăb in the latter days, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. Thus far is the judgment of Mō'ăb.

49 Of the children of Ăm'-mŏn. Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh:

[1] Or, *as a heifer three years old*
[2] Heb. *desolations*
[3] Or, *wail ye!* [4] Or, *The cities are taken*
[5] Or, *Fleeing because of the force, they stand under* [6] Or, *but* [7] Or, *return to*

Hath Ĭs'rā-ĕl no sons? hath he no heir? why then doth [1]Măl'cām [2]possess Gad, and his people dwell in the cities thereof? 2 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard against Răb'băh of the children of Ăm'mŏn; and it shall become a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Ĭs'rā-ĕl [2]possess them that did [2]possess him, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 3 Wail, O Hĕsh'bŏn, for Ā'ĭ is laid waste; cry, ye daughters of Răb'băh, gird you with sackcloth: lament, and run to and fro among the fences; for [1]Măl'cām shall go into captivity, his priests and his princes together. 4 [3]Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, *saying*, Who shall come unto me? 5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, from all that are round about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth, and there shall be none to gather together the fugitives. 6 But afterward I will bring back the captivity of the children of Ăm'mŏn, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

7 Of Ē'dŏm. Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: Is wisdom no more in Tē'măn? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished? 8 Flee ye, turn back, dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Dē'dăn; for I will bring the calamity of Ē'sau upon him, the time that I shall visit him. 9 If grapegatherers came to thee, [4]would they not leave some gleaning grapes? if thieves by night, would they not destroy till they had enough? 10 But I have made Ē'sau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is destroyed, and his brethren, and his neighbors; and he is not. 11 Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

12 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, they [5]to whom it pertained not to drink of the cup shall assuredly drink; and art thou he that shall altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink. 13 For I have sworn by myself, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that Bŏz'răh shall become an astonishment, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.

14 I have heard tidings from Jĕ-hō'văh, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, *saying*, Gather yourselves together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle. 15 For, behold, I have made thee small among the nations, and despised among men. 16 As for thy terribleness, the pride of thy heart hath deceived thee, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of [6]the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 17 And Ē'dŏm shall become an astonishment: every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof. 18 As in the overthrow of Sŏd'ŏm and Gō-mŏr'răh and the neighbor cities thereof, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man sojourn therein. 19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the [7]pride of Jordan [8]against the strong habitation: for I will suddenly make them run away from it; and whoso is chosen, him will I appoint over it: for who is like me, and who will appoint me a time? and who is the shepherd that will stand before me?

20 Therefore hear ye the counsel of Jĕ-hō'văh, that he hath taken against Ē'dŏm; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Tē'măn: Surely

[1] Or, *their king* [2] Or, *inherit* [3] Or, *Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys? thy valley floweth away* [4] Or, *they will leave no gleaning grapes; if thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough. For &c.*

[5] Or, *whose judgment was not* [6] Or, *Sela* [7] Or, *swelling* [8] Or, *unto the permanent pastures*

[1]they shall drag them away, *even* the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their [2]habitation [3]desolate over them. 21 The earth trembleth at the noise of their fall; there is a cry, the noise whereof is heard in the Red Sea. 22 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread out his wings against Bŏz'răh: and the heart of the mighty men of Ē'dŏm at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

23 Of Dă-măs'cŭs. Hā'măth is confounded, and Ăr'păd; for they have heard evil tidings, they are melted away: there is [4]sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet. 24 Dă-măs'cŭs is waxed feeble, she turneth herself to flee, and trembling hath seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken hold of her, as of a woman in travail. 25 How is the city of praise not forsaken, the city of my joy? 26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be brought to silence in that day, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. 27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Dă-măs'cŭs, and it shall devour the palaces of Běn-hā'dăd.

28 Of Kē'dăr, and of the kingdoms of Hā'zôr, which Něb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zăr king of Băb'ў-lŏn smote. Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Arise ye, go up to Kē'dăr, and destroy the children of the east. 29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take; they shall carry away for themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry unto them, Terror on every side! 30 Flee ye, wander far off, dwell in the depths, O ye inhabitants of Hā'zôr, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; for Něb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zăr king of Băb'ў-lŏn hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you. 31 Arise, get you up unto a nation that is at ease, that dwelleth without care, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; that have neither gates nor bars, that dwell alone. 32 And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter unto all winds them that have the corners *of their hair* cut off; and I will bring their calamity from every side of them, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 33 And Hā'zôr shall be a dwelling-place of jackals, a desolation for ever: no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man sojourn therein.

34 The word of Jĕ-hō'văh that came to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet concerning Ē'lăm, in the beginning of the reign of Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, saying, 35 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: Behold, I will break the bow of Ē'lăm, the chief of their might. 36 And upon Ē'lăm will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither [5]the outcasts of Ē'lăm shall not come. 37 And I will cause Ē'lăm to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life; and I will bring evil upon them, even my fierce anger, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them; 38 and I will set my throne in Ē'lăm, and will destroy from thence king and princes, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 39 But it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will [6]bring back the captivity of Ē'lăm, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

50 The word that Jĕ-hō'văh spake concerning Băb'ў-lŏn, concerning the land of the Chăl-dē'ăns, by Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet.

2 Declare ye among the nations and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Băb'ў-lŏn is taken, Bĕl is put to shame, Mĕ-rō'dăch is [7]dismayed; her images are put to shame, her idols are [7]dismayed. 3 For out

[1] Or, *the little ones of the flock shall drag them away* [2] Or, *pastures* [3] Or, *astonished at them* [4] Or, *care*
[5] Another reading is, *the everlasting outcasts* [6] Or, *return to* [7] Or, *broken down*

of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they are fled, they are gone, both man and beast. 4 In those days, and in that time, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the children of Ĭs'-rā-ĕl shall come, they and the children of Jū'dăh together; they shall go on their way weeping, and shall seek Jĕ-hō'văh their God. 5 They shall inquire concerning Zī'ŏn with their faces [1]thitherward, *saying*, Come ye, and [2]join yourselves to Jĕ-hō'văh in an everlasting covenant that shall not be forgotten.

6 My people have been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray; they have turned them away on the mountains; they have gone from mountain to hill; they have forgotten their resting-place. 7 All that found them have devoured them; and their adversaries said, We are not guilty, because they have sinned against Jĕ-hō'văh, the habitation of righteousness, even Jĕ-hō'văh, the hope of their fathers. 8 Flee out of the midst of Băb'ў-lŏn, and go forth out of the land of the Chăl-dē'ăns, and be as the he-goats before the flocks. 9 For, lo, I will stir up and cause to come up against Băb'ў-lŏn a company of great nations from the north country; and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of [3]an expert mighty man; [4]none shall return in vain. 10 And Chăl-dē'ă shall be a prey: all that prey upon her shall be satisfied, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

11 Because ye are glad, because ye rejoice, O ye that plunder my heritage, because ye are wanton as a heifer [5]that treadeth out *the grain*, and neigh as strong horses; 12 your mother shall be utterly put to shame; she that bare you shall be confounded: behold, she shall be the hindermost of the nations, a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert. 13 Because of the wrath of Jĕ-hō'văh she shall not be inhabited, but she shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Băb'ў-lŏn shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues. 14 Set yourselves in array against Băb'ў-lŏn round about, all ye that bend the bow; shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against Jĕ-hō'văh. 15 Shout against her round about: she hath [6]submitted herself; her bulwarks are fallen, her walls are thrown down; for it is the vengeance of Jĕ-hō'văh: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her. 16 Cut off the sower from Băb'ў-lŏn, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

17 Ĭs'rā-ĕl is a [7]hunted sheep; the lions have driven him away: first, the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă devoured him; and now at last Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn hath broken his bones. 18 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: Behold, I will punish the king of Băb'ў-lŏn and his land, as I have punished the king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă. 19 And I will bring Ĭs'rā-ĕl again to his [8]pasture, and he shall feed on Cär'mĕl and Bā'shăn, and his soul shall be satisfied upon the hills of Ē'phrā-ĭm and in Gĭl'ē-ăd. 20 In those days, and in that time, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the iniquity of Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Jū'dăh, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I leave as a remnant.

21 Go up against the land of [9]Mĕr-ā-thā'ĭm, even against it, and against the inhabitants of [10]Pē'kŏd: slay and [11]utterly destroy after them, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, and do according to all that I have commanded thee. 22 A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction. 23 How is the hammer of the whole earth

[1] Heb. *hitherward* [2] Or, *they shall join themselves* [3] Or, according to another reading, *a mighty man that maketh childless* [4] Or, *that returneth not* [5] Or, *at grass* [6] Heb. *given her hand* [7] Or, *scattered* [8] Or, *fold* [9] That is, *Double rebellion* [10] That is, *Visitation* [11] Heb. *devote*

cut asunder and broken! how is Băb'ў-lŏn become a desolation among the nations! 24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Băb'ў-lŏn, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against Jĕ-hō'văh. 25 Jĕ-hō'văh hath opened his armory, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation; for the Lord, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, hath a work *to do* in the land of the Chăl-dē'ăns. 26 Come against her from the utmost border; open her store-houses; cast her up as heaps, and [3]destroy her utterly; let nothing of her be left. 27 Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation. 28 The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Băb'ў-lŏn, to declare in Zī'ŏn the vengeance of Jĕ-hō'văh our God, the vengeance of his temple.

29 Call together [4]the archers against Băb'ў-lŏn, all them that bend the bow; encamp against her round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her; for she hath been proud against Jĕ-hō'văh, against the Holy One of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 30 Therefore shall her young men fall in her streets, and all her men of war shall be brought to silence in that day, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 31 Behold, I am against thee, [5]O thou proud one, saith the Lord, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts; for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee. 32 And [6]the proud one shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up; and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all that are round about him.

33 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: The children of ĭs'rā-ĕl and the children of Jū'dăh are oppressed together; and all that took them captive hold them fast; they refuse to let them go. 34 Their Redeemer is strong; Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts is his name: he will thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the earth, and disquiet the inhabitants of Băb'ў-lŏn. 35 A sword is upon the Chăl-dē'ăns, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, and upon the inhabitants of Băb'ў-lŏn, and upon her princes, and upon her wise men. 36 A sword is upon the [7]boasters, and they shall become fools; a sword is upon her mighty men, and they shall be dismayed. 37 A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that are in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword is upon her treasures, and they shall be robbed. 38 A drought is upon her waters, and they shall be dried up; for it is a land of graven images, and they are mad over [8]idols. 39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the [9]wolves shall dwell there, and the ostriches shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation. 40 As when God overthrew Sŏd'ŏm and Gŏ-mōr'răh and the neighbor cities thereof, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, so shall no man dwell there, neither shall any son of man sojourn therein.

41 Behold, a people cometh from the north; and a great nation and many kings shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth. 42 They lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, every one set in array, as a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Băb'ў-lŏn. 43 The king of Băb'ў-lŏn hath heard the tidings of them, and his hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of him, *and* pangs as of a woman in travail. 44 Behold, *the enemy* shall come up like a lion from the pride of the Jordan against the strong habitation: for I will suddenly make them run away from it; and whoso is

[1] Or, *from every quarter* [2] Or, *granaries* [3] Heb. *devote* [4] Or, *many* [5] Heb. *O Pride* [6] Heb. *Pride*
[7] Heb. *boastings* [8] Heb. *terrors* [9] Heb. *howling creatures*

chosen, him will I appoint over it: for who is like me? and who will appoint me a time? and who is the shepherd that can stand before me? 45 Therefore hear ye the counsel of Jĕ-hō'văh, that he hath taken against Băb'ў-lŏn; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chăl-dē'ăns: Surely they shall drag them away, *even* the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their habitation desolate over them. 46 At the noise of the taking of Băb'ў-lŏn the earth trembleth, and the cry is heard among the nations.

51 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I will raise up against Băb'ў-lŏn, and against them that dwell in [1]Lĕb'-kă-māi, a destroying wind. 2 And I will send unto Băb'ў-lŏn [2]strangers, that shall winnow her; and they shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about. 3 [3]Against *him that* bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against *him that* lifteth himself up in his coat of mail: and spare ye not her young men; [4]destroy ye utterly all her host. 4 And they shall fall down slain in the land of the Chăl-dē'ăns, and thrust through in her streets.

5 For ĭs'rā-ĕl is not [5]forsaken, nor Jū'dăh, of his God, of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts; though their land is full of guilt against the Holy One of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 6 Flee out of the midst of Băb'ў-lŏn, and save every man his life; be not cut off in her iniquity: for it is the time of Jĕ-hō'văh's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompense. 7 Băb'ў-lŏn hath been a golden cup in Jĕ-hō'văh's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. 8 Băb'ў-lŏn is suddenly fallen and destroyed: wail for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

9 We would have healed Băb'ў-lŏn, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country; for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies. 10 Jĕ-hō'văh hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zī'ŏn the work of Jĕ-hō'văh our God.

11 Make [6]sharp the arrows; [7]hold firm the [8]shields: Jĕ-hō'văh hath stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Mēdes; because his purpose is against Băb'ў-lŏn, to destroy it; for it is the vengeance of Jĕ-hō'văh, the vengeance of his temple. 12 Set up a standard against the walls of Băb'ў-lŏn, make the watch strong, set the watchmen, prepare the ambushes; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath both purposed and done that which he spake concerning the inhabitants of Băb'ў-lŏn. 13 O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, the measure of thy [9]covetousness. 14 Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts hath sworn by himself, *saying*, [10]Surely I will fill thee with men, as with the canker-worm; [11]and they shall lift up a shout against thee.

15 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding hath he stretched out the heavens. 16 When he uttereth his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasuries. 17 Every man is become brutish *and is* without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his image; for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. 18 They are vanity, a work of delusion: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. 19 The portion of Jacob is not like these; for he is the former of all things; and *Is'ra-el* is the tribe of his in-

[1] That is, *The heart of them that rise up against me* [2] Or, *winnowers* [3] Or, as otherwise read, *Let not the archer bend his bow, and let him not lift all &c.* [4] Heb. *devote ye* [5] Or, *widowed*
[6] Or, *bright* Heb. *clean* [7] Heb. *fill* [8] Or, *suits of armor* [9] Or, *dishonest gain* [10] Or, *Though I have filled* [11] Or, *yet*

heritance: Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts is his name.

20 Thou art my [1]battle-axe and weapons of war: and with thee will I break in pieces the nations; and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; 21 and with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; 22 and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and him that rideth therein; and with thee will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces the old man and the youth; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the virgin; 23 and with thee will I break in pieces the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke *of oxen*; and with thee will I break in pieces [2]governors and deputies. 24 And I will render unto Băb'ў-lŏn and to all the inhabitants of Chăl-dē'ă all their evil that they have done in Zĭ'ŏn in your sight, saith Jĕ-hō'vah.

25 Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, which destroyest all the earth; and I will stretch out my hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain. 26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

27 Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, [3]prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ăr'ă-răt, Mĭn'nі, and Ăsh'kĕ-năz: appoint a marshal against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillers. 28 [3]Prepare against her the nations, the kings of the Mēdes, the governors thereof, and all the deputies thereof, and all the land of their dominion. 29 And the land trembleth and is in pain; for the purposes of Jĕ-hō'văh against Băb'ў-lŏn do stand, to make the land of Băb'ў-lŏn a desolation, without inhabitant. 30 The mighty men of Băb'ў-lŏn have forborne to fight, they remain in their strongholds; their might hath failed; they are become as women: her dwelling-places are set on fire; her bars are broken. 31 One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to show the king of Băb'ў-lŏn that his city is taken on every quarter: 32 and the [4]passages are seized, and the [5]reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.

33 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: The daughter of Băb'ў-lŏn is like a threshing-floor at the time when it is trodden; yet a little while, and the time of harvest shall come for her. 34 Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zăr the king of Băb'ў-lŏn hath devoured [6]me, he hath crushed [6]me, he hath made [6]me an empty vessel, he hath, like a monster, swallowed [6]me up, he hath filled his maw with my delicacies; he hath cast [6]me out. 35 [7]The violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Băb'ў-lŏn, shall the [8]inhabitant of Zĭ'ŏn say; and, My blood be upon the inhabitants of Chăl-dē'ă, shall Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm say. 36 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her fountain dry. 37 And Băb'ў-lŏn shall become heaps, a dwelling-place for jackals, an astonishment, and a hissing, without inhabitant. 38 They shall roar together like young lions; they shall growl as lions' whelps. 39 When they are heated, I will make their feast, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 40 I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he-goats.

41 How is Shē'shăch taken! and the praise of the whole earth seized! how is Băb'ў-lŏn become [9]a desolation, without inhabitant. 30 The

[1] Or, *maul* [2] Or. *lieutenants* [3] Heb. *sanctify*
[4] Or, *fords* [5] Or, *marshes* Heb. *pools* [6] Another reading is, *us* [7] Heb. *My wrong and my flesh* [8] Heb. *inhabitress* [9] Or, *an astonishment*

lation among the nations! 42 The sea is come up upon Băb'ў-lŏn; she is covered with the [1]multitude of the waves thereof. 43 Her cities are become [2]a desolation, a dry land, and a desert, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass thereby. 44 And I will [3]execute judgment upon Bĕl in Băb'ў-lŏn, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up; and the nations shall not flow any more unto him: yea, the wall of Băb'ў-lŏn shall fall.

45 My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and save yourselves every man from the fierce anger of Jĕ-hō'văh. 46 And let not your heart faint, neither fear ye for the tidings that shall be heard in the land; for tidings shall come one year, and after that in another year *shall come* tidings, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler. 47 Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will execute judgment upon the graven images of Băb'ў-lŏn; and her whole land shall be confounded; and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her. 48 Then the heavens and the earth, and all that is therein, shall sing for joy over Băb'ў-lŏn; for the destroyers shall come unto her from the north, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 49 [4]As Băb'ў-lŏn hath caused the slain of Ĭs'rā-ĕl to fall, so at Băb'ў-lŏn shall fall the slain of all the [5]land.

50 Ye that have escaped the sword, go ye, stand not still; remember Jĕ-hō'văh from afar, and let Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm come into your mind. 51 We are confounded, because we have heard reproach; confusion hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of Jĕ-hō'văh's house. 52 Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that I will execute judgment upon her graven images; and through all her land the wounded shall groan. 53 Though Băb'ў-lŏn should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall destroyers come unto her, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

54 The sound of a cry from Băb'ў-lŏn, and of great destruction from the land of the Chăl-dē'ăns! 55 For Jĕ-hō'văh layeth Băb'ў-lŏn waste, and destroyeth out of her the great voice; and their waves roar like many waters; the noise of their voice is uttered: 56 for the destroyer is come upon her, even upon Băb'ў-lŏn, and her mighty men are taken, their bows are broken in pieces; for Jĕ-hō'văh is a God of recompenses, he will surely requite. 57 And I will make drunk her princes and her wise men, her governors and her deputies, and her mighty men; and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name is Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. 58 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: [6]The broad walls of Băb'ў-lŏn shall be utterly [7]overthrown, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the peoples shall labor for vanity, and the nations for the fire; and they shall be weary.

59 The word which Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet commanded Sĕ-rā'ĭăh the son of Nĕ-rī'ăh, the son of Măh-sē'ĭăh, when he went with Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh the king of Jū'dăh to Băb'ў-lŏn in the fourth year of his reign. Now Sĕ-rā'ĭăh was [8]chief chamberlain. 60 And Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh wrote in [9]a book all the evil that should come upon Băb'ў-lŏn, even all these words that are written concerning Băb'ў-lŏn. 61 And Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh said to Sĕ-rā'ĭăh, When thou comest to Băb'ў-lŏn, [10]then see that thou read all these words, 62 and say, O Jĕ-hō'văh, thou hast spoken concerning this place, to cut it off, that none shall dwell therein, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever. 63 And it shall be,

[1] Or, *tumult* [2] Or, *an astonishment* [3] Heb. *visit upon* [4] Or, *Both Babylon is to fall, O ye slain of Israel, and at &c.* [5] Or, *earth* [6] Or, *The walls of broad Babylon made bare* [7] Or, *quartermaster* [8] Or, *one book* [9] Or, *and shalt see, and read . . . then shalt thou say &c.*

when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of the Eū-phrā'tēs: 64 and thou shalt say, Thus shall Băb'ў-lŏn sink, and shall not rise again because of the evil that I will bring upon her; and they shall be weary.

Thus far are the words of Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh.

52 Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh was one and twenty years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and his mother's name was Hă-mū'tăl the daughter of Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh of Lĭb'năh. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jĕ-hō'văh, according to all that Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm had done. 3 For through the anger of Jĕ-hō'văh did it come to pass in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm and Jū'dăh, until he had cast them out from his presence.

And Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh rebelled against the king of Băb'ў-lŏn. 4 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn came, he and all his army, against Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it round about. 5 So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh. 6 In the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. 7 Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden (now the Chăl-dē'ăns were against the city round about); and they went toward the Ar'ă-băh. 8 But the army of the Chăl-dē'ăns pursued after the king, and overtook Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh in the plains of Jĕr'ĭ-chō; and all his army was scattered from him. 9 Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Băb'ў-lŏn to Rĭb'lăh in the land of Hā'măth; and he [1]gave judgment upon him. 10 And the king of Băb'ў-lŏn slew the sons of Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Jū'dăh in Rĭb'lăh. 11 And he put out the eyes of Zĕd-ĕ-kī'ăh; and the king of Băb'ў-lŏn bound him in fetters, and carried him to Băb'ў-lŏn, and put him in prison till the day of his death.

12 Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nĕb-ū-chăd-rez'zär, king of Băb'ў-lŏn, came Nĕb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the guard, who stood before the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, into Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 13 And he burned the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, even [2]every great house, burned he with fire. 14 And all the army of the Chăl-dē'ăns, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm round about. 15 Then Nĕb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the guard carried away captive of the poorest of the people, and the residue of the people that were left in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and the residue of the [3]multitude. 16 But Nĕb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the guard left of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen.

17 And the pillars of brass that were in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and the bases and the brazen sea that were in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, did the Chăl-dē'ăns break in pieces, and carried all the brass of them to Băb'ў-lŏn. 18 The pots also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away. 19 And the cups, and the firepans, and the basins, and the pots, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the bowls—that which was of gold, in gold, and

[1] Heb. *spake judgments with him* [2] Or, *every great man's house* [3] Or, *artificers*

that which was of silver, in silver, —the captain of the guard took away. 20 The two pillars, the one sea, and the twelve brazen bulls that were under the bases, which king Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn had made for the house of Jĕ-hō'vāh—the brass of all these vessels was without weight. 21 And as for the pillars, the height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits; and a line of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof was four fingers: it was hollow. 22 And a capital of brass was upon it; and the height of the one capital was five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the capital round about, all of brass: and the second pillar also had like unto these, and pomegranates. 23 And there were ninety and six pomegranates [1]on the sides; all the pomegranates were a hundred upon the network round about.

24 And the captain of the guard took Sĕ-rā'ĭăh the chief priest, and Zĕph-ă-nī'ăh the second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold: 25 and out of the city he took an [2]officer that was set over the men of war; and seven men of them that saw the king's face, that were found in the city; and the scribe of the captain of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city. 26 And Nĕb'ū-zăr-ā'dăn the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Băb'ў-lŏn to Rĭb'lăh. 27 And the king of Băb'ў-lŏn smote them, and put them to death at Rĭb'lăh in the land of Hā'măth. So Jū'dăh was carried away captive out of his land.

28 This is the people whom Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zăr carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand Jews and three and twenty; 29 in the eighteenth year of Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zăr he carried away captive from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm eight hundred thirty and two persons; 30 in the three and twentieth year of Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zăr Nĕb'-ū-zăr-ā'dăn the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons were four thousand and six hundred.

31 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jĕ-hoi'ă-chĭn king of Jū'dăh, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that Ē'vĭl-mĕ-rō'dăch king of Băb'ў-lŏn, in the *first* year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jĕ-hoi'ă-chĭn king of Jū'dăh, and brought him forth out of prison; 32 and he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Băb'ў-lŏn, 33 and changed his prison garments. And *Je-hoi'a-chin* did eat bread before him continually all the days of his life: 34 and for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him by the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

[1] Or, *on the outside* Heb. *towards the four winds* [2] Or, *eunuch*

THE LAMENTATIONS
OF JEREMIAH

The Sorrows of Captive Zion

1 How doth the city sit solitary,
that was full of people!
She is become as a widow,
that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among
the provinces is become
tributary!

2 She weepeth sore in the night,
and her tears are on her
cheeks;
Among all her lovers she hath
none to comfort her:
All her friends have dealt
treacherously with her; they
are become her enemies.

3 Jū'dăh is gone into [1]captivity
because of affliction, and be-
cause of great servitude;
She dwelleth among the na-
tions, she findeth no rest:
All her persecutors overtook
her within the straits.
4 The ways of Zī'ŏn do mourn,
because none come to the
[2]solemn assembly;
All her gates are desolate, her
priests do sigh:
Her virgins are afflicted, and
she herself is in bitterness.
5 Her adversaries are become
the head, her enemies pros-
per;
For Jĕ-hō'văh hath afflicted
her for the multitude of her
transgressions:
Her young children are gone
into captivity before the ad-
versary.
6 And from the daughter of Zī'ŏn
all her [3]majesty is departed:
Her princes are become like
harts that find no pasture,
And they are gone without
strength before the pursuer.
7 Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm remembereth in
the days of her affliction and
of her [4]miseries all her pleas-
ant things that were from the
days of old:
When her people fell into the
hand of the adversary, and
none did help her,
The adversaries saw her, they
did mock at her [5]desolations.
8 Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm hath grievously
sinned; therefore she [6]is be-
come as an unclean thing;
All that honored her despise
her, because they have seen
her nakedness:
Yea, she sigheth, and turneth
backward.
9 Her filthiness was in her skirts;
she remembered not her lat-
ter end;
Therefore is she come down
wonderfully; she hath no
comforter:
Behold, O Jĕ-hō'văh, my af-
fliction; for the enemy hath
magnified himself.
10 The adversary hath spread out
his hand upon all her pleas-
ant things:
For she hath seen that the na-
tions are entered into her
sanctuary,
Concerning whom thou didst
command that they should
not enter into thine assembly.
11 All her people sigh, they seek
bread;
They have given their pleasant
things for food to refresh the
soul:
See, O Jĕ-hō'văh, and behold;
for I am become abject.

12 Is it nothing to you, all ye that
pass by?
Behold, and see if there be any
sorrow like unto my sorrow,
which is brought upon me,
[7]Wherewith Jĕ-hō'văh hath af-
flicted *me* in the day of his
fierce anger.
13 From on high hath he sent fire
into my bones, and it pre-
vaileth against them;
He hath spread a net for my
feet, he hath turned me back:
He hath made me desolate and
faint all the day.
14 The yoke of my transgressions
is bound by his hand;
They are knit together, they
are come up upon my neck;
he hath made my strength
to [8]fail:
The Lord hath delivered me
into their hands, [9]against
whom I am not able to stand.
15 The Lord hath set at nought all
my mighty men in the midst
of me;
He hath called a [!]solemn as-
sembly against me to crush
my young men:
The Lord hath trodden as in a
winepress the virgin daugh-
ter of Jū'dăh.
16 For these things I weep; mine
eye, mine eye runneth down
with water;

[1] Or, *exile* [2] Or, *appointed feast* [3] Or, *beauty* [4] Or, *wanderings* [5] Heb. *ceasings* [6] Or, *is removed*
[7] Or, *Whom Jehovah hath afflicted* [8] Heb. *stumble* [9] Or, *from whom I am not able to rise up*

Because the comforter that
should refresh my soul is far
from me:
My children are desolate, be-
cause the enemy hath pre-
vailed.
17 Zĭ'ŏn spreadeth forth her
hands; there is none to com-
fort her:
Jĕ-hō'văh hath commanded
concerning Jacob, that they
that are round about him
should be his adversaries:
Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm is among them as
an unclean thing.
18 Jĕ-hō'văh is righteous; for I
have rebelled against his
commandment:
Hear, I pray you, all ye peoples,
and behold my sorrow:
My virgins and my young men
are gone into captivity.
19 I called for my lovers, *but* they
deceived me:
My priests and mine elders
gave up the ghost in the city,
While they sought them food
to refresh their souls.

20 Behold, O Jĕ-hō'văh; for I am
in distress; my heart is trou-
bled;
My heart is turned within me;
for I have grievously re-
belled:
Abroad the sword bereaveth, at
home there is as death.
21 They have heard that I sigh;
there is none to comfort
me;
All mine enemies have heard
of my trouble; they are glad
that thou hast done it:
Thou wilt bring the day that
thou hast proclaimed, and
they shall be like unto me.
22 Let all their wickedness come
before thee;
And do unto them, as thou hast
done unto me for all my
transgressions:
For my sighs are many, and my
heart is faint.

2 How hath the Lord covered the
daughter of Zĭ'ŏn with a
cloud in his anger!
He hath cast down from heaven
unto the earth the beauty of
Ĭs'rā-ĕl,
And hath not remembered his
footstool in the day of his
anger.
2 The Lord hath swallowed up
all the habitations of Jacob,
and hath not pitied:
He hath thrown down in his
wrath the strongholds of the
daughter of Jū'dăh;
He hath brought them down to
the ground; he hath profaned
the kingdom and the princes
thereof.
3 He hath cut off in fierce anger
[1]all the horn of Ĭs'rā-ĕl;
He hath drawn back his right
hand from before the enemy:
And he hath burned up Jacob
like a flaming fire, which de-
voureth round about.
4 He hath bent his bow like an
enemy, he hath stood with
his right hand as an adver-
sary,
And hath slain all that were
pleasant to the eye:
[2]In the tent of the daughter of
Zĭ'ŏn he hath poured out his
wrath like fire.
5 The Lord is become as an
enemy, he hath swallowed
up Ĭs'rā-ĕl;
He hath swallowed up all her
palaces, he hath destroyed
his strongholds;
And he hath multiplied in the
daughter of Jū'dăh mourn-
ing and lamentation.
6 And he hath violently taken
away his [3]tabernacle, as if it
were of a garden; he hath
destroyed his place of assem-
bly:
Jĕ-hō'văh hath caused [4]solemn
assembly and sabbath to be
forgotten in Zĭ'ŏn,
And hath despised in the in-
dignation of his anger the
king and the priest.
7 The Lord hath cast off his altar,
he hath abhorred his sanctu-
ary;

[1] Or, *every horn* [2] Or, *On* [3] Or, *booth* Or, *hedge* [4] Or, *appointed feast*

He hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces:
They have made a noise in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, as in the day of a solemn assembly.
8 Jĕ-hō'văh hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zī'ŏn;
He hath stretched out the line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from [1]destroying:
And he hath made the rampart and wall to lament; they languish together.
9 Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars:
Her king and her princes are among the nations where the law is not;
Yea, her prophets find no vision from Jĕ-hō'văh.
10 The elders of the daughter of Zī'ŏn sit upon the ground, they keep silence;
They have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth:
The virgins of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm hang down their heads to the ground.

11 Mine eyes do fail with tears, my heart is troubled;
My liver is poured upon the earth, because of the [2]destruction of the daughter of my people,
Because the young children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city.
12 They say to their mothers, Where is grain and wine?
When they swoon as the wounded in the streets of the city,
When their soul is poured out into their mothers' bosom.
13 What shall I [3]testify unto thee? what shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm?
What shall I compare to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zī'ŏn?
For thy breach is great like the sea: who can heal thee?
14 Thy prophets have seen for thee false and foolish visions;
And they have not uncovered thine iniquity, to bring back thy captivity,
But have seen for thee false [4]oracles and [5]causes of banishment.
15 All that pass by clap their hands at thee;
They hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, *saying*,
Is this the city that men called The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?
16 All thine enemies have opened their mouth wide against thee;
They hiss and gnash the teeth; they say, We have swallowed her up;
Certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it.
17 Jĕ-hō'văh hath done that which he purposed; he hath [6]fulfilled his word that he commanded in the days of old;
He hath thrown down, and hath not pitied:
And he hath caused the enemy to rejoice over thee; he hath exalted the horn of thine adversaries.
18 Their heart cried unto the Lord:
O wall of the daughter of Zī'ŏn, let tears run down like a river day and night;
Give thyself no respite; let not the apple of thine eye cease.
19 Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches;
Pour out thy heart like water before the face of the Lord:
Lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger at the head of every street.

20 See, O Jĕ-hō'văh, and behold to whom thou hast done thus!

[1] Heb. *swallowing up* [2] Or, *breach* [3] Or, *take to witness for thee*
[4] Heb. *burdens* [5] Or, *things to draw thee aside* [6] Or, *finished*

Shall the women eat their fruit,
the children that are dandled
in the hands?
Shall the priest and the prophet
be slain in the sanctuary of
the Lord?
21 The youth and the old man lie
on the ground in the streets;
My virgins and my young men
are fallen by the sword:
Thou hast slain them in the day
of thine anger; thou hast
slaughtered, *and* not pitied.
22 Thou hast called, as in the day
of a solemn assembly, my
terrors on every side;
And there was none that es-
caped or remained in the day
of Jĕ-hō'văh's anger:
Those that I have dandled and
brought up hath mine enemy
consumed.

3 I am the man that hath seen
affliction by the rod of his
wrath.
2 He hath led me and caused me
to walk in darkness, [1]and not
in light.
3 Surely against me he turneth
his hand again and again all
the day.
4 My flesh and my skin hath he
[2]made old; he hath broken
my bones.
5 He hath builded against me,
and compassed me with gall
and travail.
6 He hath made me to dwell in
dark places, as those that
have been long dead.
7 He hath walled me about, that
I cannot go forth; he hath
made my chain heavy.
8 Yea, when I cry, and call for
help, he shutteth out my
prayer.
9 He hath walled up my ways
with hewn stone; he hath
made my paths crooked.
10 He is unto me as a bear lying
in wait, as a lion in secret
places.
11 He hath turned aside my ways,
and pulled me in pieces; he
hath made me desolate.
12 He hath bent his bow, and set
me as a mark for the arrow.
13 He hath caused the [3]shafts of
his quiver to enter into my
reins.
14 I am become a derision to all
my people, and their song
all the day.
15 He hath filled me with bitter-
ness, he hath sated me with
wormwood.
16 He hath also broken my teeth
with gravel stones; he hath
covered me with ashes.
17 And thou hast [4]removed my
soul far off from peace; I for-
gat prosperity.
18 And I said, My strength is per-
ished, and mine expectation
from Jĕ-hō'văh.
19 Remember mine affliction and
my [5]misery, the wormwood
and the gall.
20 My soul hath them still in re-
membrance, and is bowed
down within me.
21 This I recall to my mind; there-
fore have I hope.
22 *It is of* Jĕ-hō'văh's loving-kind-
nesses that we are not con-
sumed, because his compas-
sions fail not.
23 They are new every morning;
great is thy faithfulness.
24 Jĕ-hō'văh is my portion, saith
my soul; therefore will I
hope in him.
25 Jĕ-hō'văh is good unto them
that wait for him, to the soul
that seeketh him.
26 It is good that a man should
hope and quietly wait for the
salvation of Jĕ-hō'văh.
27 It is good for a man that he
bear the yoke in his youth.
28 [6]Let him sit alone and keep si-
lence, because he hath laid it
upon him.
29 Let him put his mouth in the
dust, if so be there may be
hope.
30 Let him give his cheek to him
that smiteth him; let him

[1] Or, *without light* [2] Or, *worn out* [3] Heb. *sons* [4] Or, *cast off* [5] Or, *wandering* Or, *outcast state* [6] Or, *He sitteth &c.* (so through ver. 28-30)

be filled full with reproach.
31 For the Lord will not cast off for ever.
32 For though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.
33 For he doth not afflict [1]willingly, nor grieve the children of men.
34 To crush under foot all the prisoners of the earth,
35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High,
36 To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord [2]approveth not.
37 Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?
38 Out of the mouth of the Most High cometh there not evil and good?
39 Wherefore doth a living man complain, [3]a man for the punishment of his sins?

40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to Jĕ-hō'văh.
41 Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.
42 We have transgressed and have rebelled; thou hast not pardoned.
43 Thou hast [4]covered with anger and pursued us; thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied.
44 Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, so that no prayer can pass through.
45 Thou hast made us an offscouring and refuse in the midst of the peoples.
46 All our enemies have opened their mouth wide against us.
47 Fear and the pit are come upon us, [5]devastation and destruction.
48 Mine eye runneth down with streams of water, for the destruction of the daughter of my people.
49 Mine eye poureth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission,
50 Till Jĕ-hō'văh look down, and behold from heaven.
51 Mine eye affecteth my soul, because of all the daughters of my city.
52 They have chased me sore like a bird, they that are mine enemies without cause.
53 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and have cast a stone upon me.
54 Waters flowed over my head; I said, I am cut off.

55 I called upon thy name, O Jĕ-hō'văh, out of the lowest dungeon.
56 Thou heardest my voice; hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.
57 Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee; thou saidst, Fear not.
58 O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life.
59 O Jĕ-hō'văh, thou hast seen my wrong; judge thou my cause.
60 Thou hast seen all their vengeance and all their devices against me.
61 Thou hast heard their reproach, O Jĕ-hō'văh, and all their devices against me,
62 The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day.
63 Behold thou their sitting down, and their rising up; I am their song.
64 Thou wilt render unto them a recompense, O Jĕ-hō'văh, according to the work of their hands.
65 Thou wilt give them [6]hardness of heart, thy curse unto them.
66 Thou wilt pursue them in anger, and destroy them from under the heavens of Jĕ-hō'văh.

4 How is the gold become dim! *how* is the most pure gold changed!

[1] Heb. *from his heart* [2] Heb. *seeth not* [3] Or, *a man that is in his sins* [4] Or, *covered thyself* [5] Or, *tumult* [6] Or, *blindness* Heb. *covering*

The stones of the sanctuary are
poured out at the head of
every street.
2 The precious sons of Zī'ŏn,
[1]comparable to fine gold,
How are they esteemed as
earthen pitchers, the work
of the hands of the potter!
3 Even the jackals draw out the
breast, they give suck to
their young ones:
The daughter of my people is
become cruel, like the os-
triches in the wilderness.
4 The tongue of the sucking child
cleaveth to the roof of his
mouth for thirst:
The young children ask bread,
and no man breaketh it unto
them.
5 They that did feed delicately
are desolate in the streets:
They that were brought up in
scarlet embrace dunghills.
6 For [2]the iniquity of the daugh-
ter of my people is greater
than [3]the sin of Sŏd'ŏm,
That was overthrown as in a
moment, and no hands [4]were
laid upon her.
7 Her [5]nobles were purer than
snow, they were whiter than
milk;
They were more ruddy in body
than [6]rubies, their polishing
was as of sapphire.
8 Their visage is [7]blacker than a
coal; they are not known in
the streets:
Their skin cleaveth to their
bones; it is withered, it is
become like a stick.
9 They that are slain with the
sword are better than they
that are slain with hunger;
For these [8]pine away, stricken
through, for want of the
fruits of the field.
10 The hands of the pitiful women
have boiled their own chil-
dren;
They were their food in the de-
struction of the daughter o
my people.
11 Jĕ-hō'văh hath accomplished
his wrath, he hath poured
out his fierce anger;
And he hath kindled a fire in
Zī'ŏn, which hath devoured
the foundations thereof.
12 The kings of the earth believed
not, neither all the inhabi-
tants of the world,
That the adversary and the
enemy would enter into the
gates of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.
13 *It is* because of the sins of her
prophets, *and* the iniquities
of her priests,
That have shed the blood of
the just in the midst of her
14 They wander as blind men in
the streets, they are polluted
with blood,
So that men cannot touch their
garments.
15 Depart ye, they cried unto
them, Unclean! depart, de-
part, touch not!
[9]When they fled away and wan-
dered, men said among the
nations, They shall no more
sojourn *here*.
16 The [10]anger of Jĕ-hō'văh hath
scattered them; he will no
more regard them:
They respected not the persons
of the priests, they favored
not the elders.
17 Our eyes do yet fail *in looking*
for our vain help:
In our watching we have watch-
ed for a nation that could not
save.
18 They hunt our steps, so that
we cannot go in our streets:
Our end is near, our days are
fulfilled; for our end is come.
19 Our pursuers were swifter than
the eagles of the heavens:
They chased us upon the moun-
tains, they laid wait for us
in the wilderness.
20 The breath of our nostrils, the
anointed of Jĕ-hō'văh, was
taken in their pits;

[1] Heb. *that may be weighed against* [2] Or, *the punishment of the iniquity* [3] Or, *the punishment of the sin* [4] Or, *fell* See 2 S. 3.29 [5] Or, *Nazirites* [6] Or, *corals* [7] Heb. *darker than blackness* [8] Heb. *flow away*
[9] Or, *Yea* [10] Heb. *face*

Of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the nations.

21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Ē'dŏm, that dwellest in the land of Ŭz:
The cup shall pass through unto thee also; thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.
22 [1]The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zī'ŏn; he will no more carry thee away into captivity:
He will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Ē'dŏm; he will uncover thy sins.

5 Remember, O Jĕ-hō'văh, what is come upon us:
Behold, and see our reproach.
2 Our inheritance is turned unto strangers,
Our houses unto aliens.
3 We are orphans and fatherless;
Our mothers are as widows.
4 We have drunken our water for money;
Our wood [2]is sold unto us.
5 Our pursuers are upon our necks:
We are weary, and have no rest.
6 We have given the hand to the Ē-gŭp'tiăns,
And to the Ăs-sŭr'ĭ-ăns, to be satisfied with bread.
7 Our fathers sinned, and are not;
And we have borne their iniquities.
8 Servants rule over us:
There is none to deliver us out of their hand.
9 We get our bread at the peril of our lives,
Because of the sword of the wilderness.
10 Our skin is [3]black like an oven,
Because of the burning heat of famine.
11 They ravished the women in Zī'ŏn.
The virgins in the cities of Jū'dăh.
12 Princes were hanged up by their hand:
The faces of elders were not honored.
13 The young men bare the mill;
And the children stumbled under the wood.
14 The elders have ceased from the gate,
The young men from their music.
15 The joy of our heart is ceased;
Our dance is turned into mourning.
16 The crown is fallen from our head:
Woe unto us! for we have sinned.
17 For this our heart is faint;
For these things our eyes are dim;
18 For the mountain of Zī'ŏn, which is desolate:
The [4]foxes walk upon it.

19 Thou, O Jĕ-hō'văh, [5]abidest for ever;
Thy throne is from generation to generation.
20 Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever,
And forsake us so long time?
21 Turn thou us unto thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh, and we shall be turned;
Renew our days as of old.
22 [6]But thou hast utterly rejected us;
Thou art very wroth against us.

[1] Or, *Thine iniquity hath an end cometh for price* [2] Heb. [3] Or, *hot* [4] Or, *jackals* [5] Or, *sittest as King* [6] Or, *Unless thou . . . and art &c.*

THE BOOK OF
EZEKIEL

Vision of Four Cherubim

1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, as I was among the [1]captives by the river Chē'bär, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. 2 In the fifth *day* of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jē-hoi'ă-chin's captivity, 3 the word of Jē-hō'văh came expressly unto Ē-zē'kĭ-ĕl the priest, the son of Bū'zī, in the land of the Chăl-dē'ăns by the river Chē'bär; and the hand of Jē-hō'văh was there upon him.

4 And I looked, and, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, a great cloud, with a fire [2]infolding itself, and a brightness round about it, and out of the midst thereof [3]as it were glowing [4]metal, out of the midst of the fire. 5 And out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. 6 And every one had four faces, and every one of them had four wings. 7 And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished brass. 8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings *thus*: 9 their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward. 10 As for the likeness of their faces, they had the face of a man; and they four had the face of a lion on the right side; and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four had also the face of an eagle. 11 [5]And their faces and their wings were separate above; two *wings* of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. 12 And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; they turned not when they went. 13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches: *the fire* went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. 14 And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

15 Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold, one wheel upon the earth beside the living creatures, for each of the four faces thereof. 16 The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto a beryl: and they four had one likeness; and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel [6]within a wheel. 17 When they went, they went [7]in their four directions: they turned not when they went. 18 As for their [8]rims, they were high and dreadful; and they four had their rims full of eyes round about. 19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. 20 Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went; thither was the spirit to go: and the wheels were lifted up [9]beside them; for the spirit [10]of the living creature was in the wheels. 21 When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those

[1] Heb. *captivity* [2] Or, *flashing continually* [3] Or, *as amber to look upon* [4] Or, *amber* [5] Or, *And* thus were *their faces; and their wings were &c.*

[6] Heb. *in the midst of four sides* [7] Heb. *on their four sides* [8] Or, *felloes* [9] Or, *over against* [10] Or, *of life*

were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up [1]beside them: for the spirit [2]of the living creature was in the wheels.

22 And over the head of the living creature there was the likeness of a firmament, like the terrible [3]crystal to look upon, stretched forth over their heads above. 23 And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two which covered [4]on this side, and every one had two which covered [4]on that side, their bodies. 24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a noise of tumult like the noise of a host: when they stood, they let down their wings. 25 And there was a voice above the firmament that was over their heads: when they stood, they let down their wings.

26 And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone; and upon the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man upon it above. 27 And I saw as it were glowing metal, as the appearance of fire within it round about, from the appearance of his loins and upward; and from the appearance of his loins and downward I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness round about [5]him. 28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Jĕhō'vāh. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

2 And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak with thee. 2 And the Spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet; and I heard him that spake unto me. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, to nations that are rebellious, which have rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me even unto this very day. 4 And the children are impudent and stiffhearted: [6]I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'vāh. 5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear (for they are a rebellious house), yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. 6 And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house. 7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear; for they are most rebellious.

8 But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that which I give thee. 9 And when I looked, behold, a hand was put forth unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; 10 and he spread it before me: and it was written within and without; and there were written therein lamentations, and

3 mourning, and woe. 1 And he said unto me, Son of man, eat that which thou findest; eat this roll, and go, speak unto the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat the roll. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

4 And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and speak with my words unto them. 5 For thou art not sent to a people [7]of a strange

[1] Or, *over against* [2] Or, *of life* [3] Or, *ice* [4] Or, *for them* [5] Or, *it* [6] Or, *unto whom I send thee* [7] Heb. *deep of lip and heavy of tongue*

speech and of a hard language, but to the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; 6 not to many peoples [1]of a strange speech and of a hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, if I sent thee to them, they would hearken unto thee. 7 But the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl are of a hard forehead and of a stiff heart. 8 Behold, I have made thy face hard against their faces, and thy forehead hard against their foreheads. 9 As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house. 10 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thy heart, and hear with thine ears. 11 And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

12 Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great rushing, *saying*, Blessed be the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh from his place. 13 And *I heard* the noise of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the noise of the wheels [2]beside them, even the noise of a great rushing. 14 So the Spirit lifted me up, and took me away; and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; and the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh was strong upon me. 15 Then I came to them of the captivity at Tĕl-ā'bĭb, that [3]dwelt by the river Chĕ'bär, [4]and to where they [3]dwelt; and I sat there overwhelmed among them seven days.

16 And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. 18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thy hand. 19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. 20 Again, when a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thy hand. 21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning; and thou hast delivered thy soul.

22 And the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the [5]plain, and I will there talk with thee. 23 Then I arose, and went forth into the [5]plain: and, behold, the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river Chĕ'bär; and I fell on my face. 24 Then the Spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet; and he spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thy house. 25 But thou, son of man, behold, they shall lay bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them: 26 and I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover; for they are a rebellious house. 27 But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: He that heareth, let him hear; and he that

[1] Heb. *deep of lip and heavy of tongue*
[2] Or, *over against*
[3] Or, *sat*
[4] Another reading is, *and I sat where they sat*
[5] Or, *valley*

forbeareth, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.

4 Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and portray upon it a city, even Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: 2 and lay siege against it, and build forts against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps also against it, and plant battering rams against it round about. 3 And take thou unto thee an iron [1]pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face toward it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Ĭs'ră-ĕl.

4 Moreover lie thou upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Ĭs'ră-ĕl upon it; *according to* the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it, thou shalt bear their iniquity. 5 For I have appointed the years of their iniquity to be unto thee a number of days, even three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Ĭs'ră-ĕl. 6 And again, when thou hast accomplished these, thou shalt lie on thy right side, and shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Jū'dăh: forty days, each day for a year, have I appointed it unto thee. 7 And thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, with thine arm uncovered; and thou shalt prophesy against it. 8 And, behold, I lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to the other, till thou hast accomplished the days of thy siege.

9 Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof; *according to* the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, even three hundred and ninety days, shalt thou eat thereof. 10 And thy food which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shĕk'ĕls a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it. 11 And thou shalt drink water by measure, the sixth part of a hĭn: from time to time shalt thou drink. 12 And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it in their sight with dung that cometh out of man. 13 And Jĕ-hō'văh said, Even thus shall the children of Ĭs'ră-ĕl eat their bread unclean, among the nations whither I will drive them. 14 Then said I, Ah Lord Jĕ-hō'văh! behold, my soul hath not been polluted; for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn of beasts; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth. 15 Then he said unto me, See, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread thereon. 16 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with fearfulness; and they shall drink water by measure, and in dismay: 17 that they may want bread and water, and be dismayed one with another, and pine away in their iniquity.

5 And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp sword; *as* a barber's razor shalt thou take it unto thee, and shalt cause it to pass upon thy head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and [2]divide the hair. 2 A third part shalt thou burn in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and thou shalt take a third part, and smite with the sword round about it; and a third part thou shalt scatter to the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them. 3 And thou shalt take [3]thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts. 4 And of these again shalt thou take, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; therefrom shall a fire come forth into all the house of Ĭs'ră-ĕl.

5 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: This is Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; I have set her in the midst of the nations, and countries are round about her.

[1] Or, *flat plate*
[2] Heb. *divide them*
[3] Heb. *thence*

6 And she hath [1]rebelled against
mine ordinances in doing wicked-
ness more than the nations, and
against my statutes more than the
countries that are round about her;
for they have rejected mine ordi-
nances, and as for my statutes,
they have not walked in them.
7 Therefore thus saith the Lord
Jĕ-hō'văh: Because ye are turbu-
lent more than the nations that are
round about you, and have not
walked in my statutes, neither
have kept mine ordinances, nei-
ther have done after the ordi-
nances of the nations that are
round about you; 8 therefore thus
saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Beh ld,
I, even I, am against thee; and I
will execute judgments in the midst
of thee in the sight of the nations.
9 And I will do in thee that which
I have not done, and whereunto I
will not do any more the like, be-
cause of all thine abominations.
10 Therefore the fathers shall eat
the sons in the midst of thee, and
the sons shall eat their fathers;
and I will execute judgments on
thee; and the whole remnant of
thee will I scatter unto all the
winds. 11 Wherefore, as I live,
saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, surely,
because thou hast defiled my sanc-
tuary with all thy detestable things,
and with all thine abominations,
therefore will I also [2]diminish *thee*;
neither shall mine eye spare, and
I also will have no pity. 12 A third
part of thee shall die with the pes-
tilence, and with famine shall they
be consumed in the midst of thee;
and a third part shall fall by the
sword round about thee; and a
third part I will scatter unto all the
winds, and will draw out a sword
after them.

13 Thus shall mine anger be ac-
complished, and I will cause my
wrath toward them to [3]rest, and I
shall be comforted: and they shall
know that I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have
spoken in my zeal, when I have ac-
complished my wrath upon them.

[1] Or, *changed mine ordinances into wicked-ness* [2] Or, *withdraw mine eye that it shall not spare* Another reading is, *hew* thee *down* [3] Or, *cease*

14 Moreover I will make thee a
desolation and a reproach among
the nations that are round about
thee, in the sight of all that pass
by. 15 So it shall be a reproach
and a taunt, an instruction and an
astonishment, unto the nations
that are round about thee, when I
shall execute judgments on thee
in anger and in wrath, and in
wrathful rebukes (I, Jĕ-hō'văh
have spoken it); 16 when I shall
send upon them the evil arrows of
famine, that are for destruction,
which I will send to destroy you:
And I will increase the famine upon
on you, and will break your staff of
bread; 17 and I will send upon you
famine and evil beasts, and they
shall bereave thee; and pestilence
and blood shall pass through thee;
and I will bring the sword upon
thee: I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have spoken it.

6 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh
came unto me, saying, 2 Son
of man, set thy face toward the
mountains of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and prophesy
[4]unto them, 3 and say, Ye moun-
tains of ĭs'rā-ĕl, hear the word of
the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Thus saith
the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh to the moun-
tains and to the hills, to the [5]wa-
tercourses and to the valleys: Be-
hold, I, even I, will bring a sword
upon you, and I will destroy your
high places. 4 And your altars
shall become desolate, and your
sun-images shall be broken; and
I will cast down your slain men be-
fore your idols. 5 And I will lay
the dead bodies of the children of
ĭs'rā-ĕl before their idols; and
will scatter your bones round about
your altars. 6 In all your dwell-
ing-places the cities shall be laid
waste, and the high places shall be
desolate; that your altars may be
laid waste and [6]made desolate, and
your idols may be broken and cease,
and your sun-images may be hewn
down, and your works may be
[7]abolished. 7 And the slain shall
fall in the midst of you, and ye
shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

8 Yet will I leave a remnant, in

[4] Or, *against* [5] Or, *ravines* [6] Or, *bea their guilt* [7] Heb. *blotted out*

that ye shall have some that escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries. 9 And those of you that escape shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captive, how that [1]I have been broken with their lewd heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which play the harlot after their idols: and they shall loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations. 10 And they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'-văh: I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.

11 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'-văh: Smite with thy hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas! because of all the evil abominations of the house of Is'rā-ĕl; for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence. 12 He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is [2]besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my wrath upon them. 13 And ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh, when their slain men shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, on all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick [3]oak, the places where they offered sweet savor to all their idols. 14 And I will stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate and waste, [4]from the wilderness toward Dĭb'lăh, throughout all their habitations: and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

7 Moreover the word of Jĕ-hō'-văh came unto me, saying, 2 And thou, son of man, thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh unto the land of Is'rā-ĕl, An end: the end is come upon the four corners of the land. 3 Now is the end upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways; and I will bring upon thee all thine abominations. 4 And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity; but I will bring thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

5 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'-văh: An evil, an only evil; behold, it cometh. 6 An end is come, the end is come; it awaketh against thee; behold, it cometh. 7 [5]Thy doom is come unto thee, O inhabitant of the land: the time is come, the day is near, *a day of* tumult, and not *of* joyful shouting, [6]upon the mountains. 8 Now will I shortly pour out my wrath upon thee, and accomplish mine anger against thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways; and I will bring upon thee all thine abominations. 9 And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will bring upon thee according to thy ways; and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I, Jĕ-hō'-văh, do smite.

10 Behold, the day, behold, it cometh: thy doom is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded. 11 Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness; [7]none of them *shall remain*, nor of their multitude, nor of their wealth: neither shall there be [8]eminency among them. 12 The time is come, the day draweth near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for wrath is upon all the multitude thereof. 13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, [9]although they be yet alive: for the vision is touching the whole multitude thereof, [10]none shall return; neither shall any strengthen himself [11]in the iniquity of his life.

14 They have blown the trumpet, and have made all ready; but none goeth to the battle; for my

[1] Or, *I have broken for myself their &c.* [2] Or, *preserved* [3] Or, *terebinth* [4] Or, *more than*
[5] Or, *The turn* Or, *The crowning time* [6] Or, *from* [7] Or, *not from them, nor from their multitude, nor from their wealth* [8] Or, *wailing for them* [9] Heb. *though their life be yet among the living* [10] Or, *it shall not turn back* [11] Or, *whose life is in his iniquity*

wrath is upon all the multitude thereof. 15 The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that is in the field shall die with the sword; and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him. 16 But those of them that escape shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them moaning, every one in his iniquity. 17 All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water. 18 They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads. 19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be as an unclean thing; their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of Jĕ-hō'vāh: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels; because it hath been the stumblingblock of their iniquity. 20 As for the beauty of his ornament, [1]he set it in majesty; but they made the images of their abominations *and* their detestable things [2]therein: therefore have I made it unto them as an unclean thing. 21 And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall profane it. 22 My face will I turn also from them, and they shall profane my [3]secret *place*; and robbers shall enter into it, and profane it.

23 Make the chain; for the land is full of [4]bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. 24 Wherefore I will bring the worst of the nations, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pride of the strong to cease; and [5]their holy places shall be profaned. 25 [6]Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. 26 Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumor shall be upon rumor; and they shall seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders. 27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'vāh.

8 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, as I sat in my house, and the elders of Jū'dăh sat before me, that the hand of the Lord Jĕ-hō'vāh fell there upon me. 2 Then I beheld, and, lo, a likeness as the appearance of fire; from the appearance of his loins and downward, fire; and from his loins and upward, as the appearance of brightness, [7]as it were glowing metal. 3 And he put forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, to the door of the gate of the inner *court* that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy. 4 And, behold, the glory of the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl was there, according to the [8]appearance that I saw in the plain.

5 Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold, northward of the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry. 6 And he said unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl do commit here, [9]that I should go far off from my sanctuary? But [10]thou shalt again see yet other great abominations.

7 And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold, a hole in the wall. 8 Then

[1] Or, *they turned it to pride; and they &c.* [2] Or, *thereof* [3] Or, *secret* treasure [4] Heb. *judgment of blood* [5] Or, *they that sanctify them* [6] Or, *Distress*
[7] Or, *as amber to look upon* [8] Or, *vision* [9] Or, *to get them far off* [10] Or, *turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations* So also in ver. 13,15

said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold, a door. 9 And he said unto me, Go in, and see the wicked abominations that they do here. 10 So I went in and saw; and behold, every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Is'rā-ĕl, portrayed upon the wall round about. 11 And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Is'rā-ĕl; and in the midst of them stood Jā-ăz-ă-nī'ăh the son of Shā'phăn, every man with his censer in his hand; and the odor of the cloud of incense went up. 12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the elders of the house of Is'rā-ĕl do in the dark, every man in his chambers of imagery? for they say, Jĕ-hō'văh seeth us not; Jĕ-hō'văh hath forsaken the land. 13 He said also unto me, Thou shalt again see yet other great abominations which they do.

14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of Jĕ-hō'văh's house which was toward the north; and behold, there sat the women weeping for Tăm'mŭz. 15 Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? thou shalt again see yet greater abominations than these.

16 And he brought me into the inner court of Jĕ-hō'văh's house; and behold, at the door of the temple of Jĕ-hō'văh, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of Jĕ-hō'văh, and their faces toward the east; and they were worshipping the sun toward the east. 17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Jū'dăh that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have turned again to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. 18 Therefore will I also deal in wrath: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

9 Then he cried in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, [1]Cause ye them that have charge over the city to draw near, every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. 2 And behold, six men came from the way of the upper gate, which lieth toward the north, every man with his [2]slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man in the midst of them clothed in linen, with a writer's inkhorn [3]by his side. And they went in, and stood beside the brazen altar.

3 And the glory of the God of Is'rā-ĕl was gone up from the chĕr'ŭb, whereupon it was, to the threshold of the house: and he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writer's inkhorn [3]by his side. 4 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry over all the abominations that are done in the midst thereof. 5 And to the others he said in my hearing, Go ye through the city after him, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity; 6 slay [4]utterly the old man, the young man and the virgin, and little children and women; but come not near any man upon whom is the mark: and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the [5]old men that were before the house. 7 And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and smote in the city. 8 And it came to pass, while they were smiting, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord Jĕ-hō'văh! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Is'rā-ĕl in thy pouring out of thy wrath upon Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm?

9 Then said he unto me, The

[1] Or, *Draw ye near that &c.* [2] Or, *battle axe* [3] Heb. *upon his loins* [4] Heb. *to destruction* [5] Or, *elders*

iniquity of the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl and Jū'dăh is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of [1]wresting *of judgment*: for they say, Jĕ-hō'văh hath forsaken the land, and Jĕ-hō'văh seeth not. 10 And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will bring their way upon their head. 11 And, behold, the man clothed in linen, who had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

10 Then I looked, and behold, in the firmament that was over the head of the chĕr'ū-bĭm there appeared above them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne. 2 And he spake unto the man clothed in linen, and said, Go in between the whirling *wheels*, even under the chĕr'ŭb, and fill both thy hands with coals of fire from between the chĕr'ū-bĭm, and [2]scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight. 3 Now the chĕr'ū-bĭm stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court. 4 And the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh mounted up from the chĕr'ŭb, *and stood* over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of Jĕ-hō'văh's glory. 5 And the sound of the wings of the chĕr'ū-bĭm was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of [3]God Almighty when he speaketh. 6 And it came to pass, when he commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, Take fire from between the whirling *wheels*, from between the chĕr'ū-bĭm, that he went in, and stood beside a wheel. 7 And the chĕr'ŭb stretched forth his hand from between the chĕr'ū-bĭm unto the fire that was between the chĕr'ū-bĭm, and took *thereof*, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed in linen, who took it and went out. 8 And there appeared in the chĕr'ū-bĭm the form of a man's hand under their wings.

9 And I looked, and behold, four wheels beside the chĕr'ū-bĭm, one wheel beside one chĕr'ŭb, and another wheel beside another chĕr'ŭb; and the appearance of the wheels was like unto a [4]beryl stone. 10 And as for their appearance, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been [5]within a wheel. 11 When they went, they went [6]in their four directions: they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went. 12 And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes round about, *even* the wheels that they four had. 13 As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing, the whirling *wheels*. 14 And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of the chĕr'ŭb, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

15 And the chĕr'ū-bĭm mounted up: this is the living creature that I saw by the river Chē'bär. 16 And when the chĕr'ū-bĭm went, the wheels went beside them; and when the chĕr'ū-bĭm lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the wheels also turned not from beside them. 17 When they stood, these stood; and when they mounted up, these mounted up with them: for the spirit [7]of the living creature was in them.

18 And the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh went forth from over the threshold of the house, and stood over the chĕr'ū-bĭm. 19 And the chĕr'ū-bĭm lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight when they went forth, and the wheels [8]beside them: and they stood at the door of the east gate of Jĕ-hō'văh's house; and the glory of the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl was over them above.

[1] Or, *perverseness* [2] Or, *sprinkle* [3] Heb. *El Shaddai*
[4] Or, *stone of Tarshish* [5] Heb. *in the midst of* [6] Heb. *on their four sides* [7] Or *of life* See ch. 1.21 [8] Or, *over against*

20 This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Is'rā-ĕl by the river Chē'bär; and I knew that they were chĕr'û-bĭm. 21 Every one had four faces, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings. 22 And as for the likeness of their faces, they were the faces which I saw by the river Chē'bär, their appearances and themselves; they went every one straight forward.

11 Moreover the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of Jĕ-hō'văh's house, which looketh eastward: and behold, at the door of the gate five and twenty men; and I saw in the midst of them Jā-ăz-ă-nī'ăh the son of Āz'zŭr, and Pĕl-ă-tī'ăh the son of Bĕ-nā'ĭăh, princes of the people. 2 And he said unto me, Son of man, these are the men that devise iniquity, and that give wicked counsel in this city; 3 that say, [1]*The time* is not near to build houses: this *city* is the caldron, and we are the flesh. 4 Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man.

5 And the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh fell upon me, and he said unto me, Speak, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Thus have ye said, O house of Is'rā-ĕl; for I know the things that come into your mind. 6 Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain. 7 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and this *city* is the caldron; but [2]ye shall be brought forth out of the midst of it. 8 Ye have feared the sword; and I will bring the sword upon you, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh. 9 And I will bring you forth out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you. 10 Ye shall fall by the sword; I will judge you in the border of Is'rā-ĕl; and ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 11 This *city* shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof; I will judge you in the border of Is'rā-ĕl; 12 and ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh: for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither have ye executed mine ordinances, but have done after the ordinances of the nations that are round about you.

13 And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that Pĕl-ă-tī'ăh the son of Bĕ-nā'ĭăh died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord Jĕ-hō'văh! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Is'rā-ĕl?

14 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 15 Son of man, thy brethren, even thy brethren, the men of thy [3]kindred, and all the house of Is'rā-ĕl, all of them, *are they* unto whom the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm have said, Get you far from Jĕ-hō'văh; unto us is this land given for a possession. 16 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Whereas I have removed them far off among the nations, and whereas I have scattered them among the countries, [4]yet will I be to them a sanctuary for a little while in the countries where they are come. 17 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Is'rā-ĕl. 18 And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. 19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh; 20 that they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. 21 But as for them whose heart

[1] Or, *Is not* the time *near &c.?* [2] Another reading is, *I will bring you*

[3] Heb. *redemption* See Lev. 25.25, &c.
[4] Or, *yet have I been* Or, *and have been*

walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

22 Then did the chĕr'û-bĭm lift up their wings, and the wheels were [1]beside them; and the glory of the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl was over them above. 23 And the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city. 24 And the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me in the vision by the Spirit of God into Chăl-dē'ă, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me. 25 Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that Jĕ-hō'văh had showed me.

12 The word of Jĕ-hō'văh also came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of the rebellious house, that have eyes to see, and see not, that have ears to hear, and hear not; for they are a rebellious house. 3 Therefore, thou son of man, prepare thee stuff for [2]removing, and remove by day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight: it may be they will [3]consider, though they are a rebellious house. 4 And thou shalt bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for [2]removing; and thou shalt go forth thyself at even in their sight, as when men go forth into exile. 5 Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby. 6 In their sight shalt thou bear it upon thy shoulder, and carry it forth in the dark; thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the land: for I have set thee for a sign unto the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl.

7 And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for removing, and in the even I digged through the wall with my hand; I brought it forth in the dark, and bare it upon my shoulder in their sight.

8 And in the morning came the word of Jĕ-hō'văh unto me, saying, 9 Son of man, hath not the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl, the rebellious house, said unto thee, What dost thou? 10 Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, This [4]burden *concerneth* the prince in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, and all the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl [5]among whom they are. 11 Say, I am your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them; they shall go into exile, into captivity. 12 And the prince that is among them shall bear upon his shoulder in the dark, and shall go forth: they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall cover his face, because he shall not see the land with his eyes. 13 My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare; and I will bring him to Băb'ў-lŏn to the land of the Chăl-dē'ăns; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there. 14 And I will scatter toward every wind all that are round about him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out the sword after them. 15 And they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh, when I shall disperse them among the nations, and scatter them through the countries. 16 But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the nations whither they come; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

17 Moreover the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came to me, saying, 18 Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with fearfulness; 19 and say unto the people of the land, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh concerning the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and the land of ĭs'rā-ĕl: They shall eat their bread with fearfulness, and drink their water in dismay, that her land may be desolate, *and despoiled of* [6]all that is therein, because of the

[1] Or, *over against*
[2] Or, *exile*
[3] Or, *perceive that they are*
[4] Or, *oracle*
[5] Or, *that are among them*
[6] Heb. *the fulness thereof*

violence of all them that dwell therein. 20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be a desolation; and ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

21 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 22 Son of man, what is this proverb that ye have in the land of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth? 23 Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Ĭs'rā-ĕl; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the [1]fulfilment of every vision. 24 For there shall be no more any false vision nor flattering divination within the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 25 For I am Jĕ-hō'văh; I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall be performed; it shall be no more deferred: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I speak the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

26 Again the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came to me, saying, 27 Son of man, behold, they of the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of times that are far off. 28 Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: There shall none of my words be deferred any more, but the word which I shall speak shall be performed, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

13 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Ĭs'rā-ĕl that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own heart, Hear ye the word of Jĕ-hō'văh: 3 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, [2]and have seen nothing! 4 O Ĭs'rā-ĕl, thy prophets have been like foxes in the waste places. 5 Ye have not gone up into the [3]gaps, neither built up the wall for the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, to stand in the battle in the day of Jĕ-hō'văh. 6 They have seen falsehood and lying divination, that say, Jĕ-hō'văh saith; but Jĕ-hō'văh hath not sent them: and they [4]have made men to hope that the word would be confirmed. 7 Have ye not seen a false vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, in that ye say, Jĕ-hō'văh saith; albeit I have not spoken?

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Because ye have spoken falsehood, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against [5]you, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh. 9 And my hand shall be against the prophets that see false visions, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the [6]council of my people, neither shall they be written in the [6]writing of the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, neither shall they enter into the land of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and ye shall know that I am the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh. 10 Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there is no peace; and when one buildeth up [7]a wall, behold, they daub it with [8]untempered *mortar*: 11 say unto them that daub it with untempered *mortar*, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it. 12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it? 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my wrath; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in wrath to consume it. 14 So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered *mortar*, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be uncovered; and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I

[1] Heb. *word* *they have not seen*
[2] Or, *and* things which
[3] Or, *breaches*
[4] Or, *have hoped*
[5] Or, *secret*
[6] Or, *register*
[7] Or, *a slight wall*
[8] Or, *whitewash*
So in ver. 11, 14, 15

am Jĕ-hō'văh. 15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered *mortar*; and I will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it; 16 *to wit*, the prophets of Ĭs'rā-ĕl that prophesy concerning Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and that see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

17 And thou, son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, that prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them, 18 and say, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Woe to the women that sew pillows upon all [1]elbows, and make kerchiefs for the head of *persons of* every stature to hunt souls! [2]Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and save souls alive [3]for yourselves? 19 And ye have profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hearken unto lies.

20 Wherefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I am against your pillows, [4]wherewith ye there hunt the souls [5]to make *them* fly, and I will tear them from your arms; and I will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt [5]to make *them* fly. 21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 22 Because with lies ye have grieved the heart of the righteous, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, [6]and be saved alive: 23 therefore ye shall no more see false visions, nor divine divinations: and I will deliver my people out of your hand; and ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

14 Then came certain of the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl unto me, and sat before me. 2 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 3 Son of man, these men have [7]taken their idols into their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them? 4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Every man of the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl that taketh his idols into his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I Jĕ-hō'văh will answer him [8]therein according to the multitude of his idols; 5 that I may take the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

6 Therefore say unto the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Return ye, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations. 7 For every one of the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, or of the strangers that sojourn in Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that separateth himself from me, and taketh his idols into his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet to inquire [9]for himself of me; I Jĕ-hō'văh will answer him by myself: 8 and I will set my face against that man, and will make him an astonishment, for a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 9 And if the prophet be [10]deceived and speak a word, I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 10 And they shall bear [11]their iniquity: the ini-

[1] Heb. *joints of the hands* . . . *and ye save &c.* [2] Or, *Ye hunt* . . . *and ye save &c.* [3] Or, *that are yours* [4] Or, *where ye hunt* [5] Or, *as birds* [6] Or, *by promising him life*

[7] Heb. *caused to come up* [8] Or, *accordingly thereto* Another reading is, *he is come to the multitude &c.* [9] Or, *of him concerning me* [10] Or, *enticed* [11] Or, *the punishment of their iniquity*

quity of the prophet shall be even as the iniquity of him that seeketh *unto him*; 11 that the house of Is'-ra-el may go no more astray from me, neither defile themselves any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord Je-ho'vah.

12 And the word of Je-ho'vah came unto me, saying, 13 Son of man, when a land sinneth against me by committing a trespass, and I stretch out my hand upon it, and break the staff of the bread thereof, and send famine upon it, and cut off from it man and beast; 14 though these three men, Noah, Dan'iel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord Je-ho'vah. 15 If I cause evil beasts to pass through the land, and they [1]ravage it, and it be made desolate, so that no man may pass through because of the beasts; 16 though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord Je-ho'vah, they should deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only should be delivered, but the land should be desolate. 17 Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, [2]Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off from it man and beast; 18 though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord Je-ho'vah, they should deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only should be delivered themselves. 19 Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my wrath upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast; 20 though Noah, Dan'iel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord Je-ho'vah, they should deliver neither son nor daughter; they should but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

21 For thus saith the Lord Je-ho'vah: How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Je-ru'sa-lem, the sword, and the famine, and the evil beasts, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast! 22 Yet, behold, therein shall be left [3]a remnant that shall be carried forth, both sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings; and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Je-ru'sa-lem, even concerning all that I have brought upon it. 23 And they shall comfort you, when ye see their way and their doings; and ye shall know that I have not done [4]without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord Je-ho'vah.

15 And the word of Je-ho'vah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, what is the vine-tree more than any tree, the vine-branch which [5]is among the trees of the forest? 3 Shall wood be taken thereof to make any work? or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon? 4 Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire hath devoured both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned: is it profitable for any work? 5 Behold, when it was whole, it was [6]meet for no work: how much less, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned, shall it yet be [6]meet for any work! 6 Therefore thus saith the Lord Je-ho'vah: As the vine-tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so [7]will I give the inhabitants of Je-ru'sa-lem. 7 And I will set my face against them; they [8]shall go forth from the fire, but the fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I am Je-ho'vah, when I set my face against them. 8 And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, saith the Lord Je-ho'vah.

16 Again the word of Je-ho'vah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, cause Je-ru'sa-lem to know her abominations; 3 and say, Thus saith the Lord Je-ho'vah unto Je-ru'sa-lem: [9]Thy birth and

[1] Heb. *bereave*
[2] Or, *Let the sword go*
[3] Heb. *they that escape*
[4] Or, *in vain*
[5] Or, *was*
[6] Heb. *made into*
[7] Or, *have I given*
[8] Or, *have gone forth*
[9] Or, *Thine origin*

thy nativity is of the land of the Cā'năan-ĭte; the Ăm'ôr-ĭte was thy father, and thy mother was a Hĭt'tĭte. 4 And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to cleanse thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. 5 No eye pitied thee, to do any of these things unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, for that thy person was abhorred, in the day that thou wast born.

6 And when I passed by thee, and saw thee weltering in thy blood, I said unto thee, *Though thou art* in thy blood, live; yea, I said unto thee, *Though thou art* in thy blood, live. 7 I [1]caused thee to multiply as that which groweth in the field, and thou didst increase and wax great, and thou attainedst to [2]excellent ornament; thy breasts were fashioned, and thy hair was grown; yet thou wast naked and bare. 8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I sware unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, and thou becamest mine. 9 Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil. 10 I clothed thee also with broidered work, and shod thee with [3]sealskin, and I [4]girded thee about with fine linen, and covered thee with silk. 11 And I decked thee with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck. 12 And I put a ring upon thy nose, and ear-rings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thy head. 13 Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and broidered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil; and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper unto royal estate. 14 And thy renown went forth among the nations for thy beauty; for it was perfect, through my majesty which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

15 But thou didst trust in thy beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy whoredoms on every one that passed by; his it was. 16 And thou didst take of thy garments, and madest for thee high places decked with divers colors, and playedst the harlot upon them: *the like things* shall not come, neither shall it be *so*. 17 Thou didst also take thy [5]fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest for thee [6]images of men, and didst play the harlot with them; 18 and thou tookest thy broidered garments, and coveredst them, and didst set mine oil and mine incense before them. 19 My bread also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, wherewith I fed thee, thou didst even set it before them for a sweet savor; and *thus* it was, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh. 20 Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Were thy whoredoms a small matter, 21 that thou hast slain my children, and delivered them up, in [7]causing them to pass through *the fire* unto them? 22 And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast weltering in thy blood.

23 And it is come to pass after all thy wickedness (woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh), 24 that thou hast built unto thee a vaulted place, and hast made thee a lofty place in every street. 25 Thou hast built thy lofty place a[1]

[1] Heb. *made thee a myriad* [2] Heb. *ornament of ornaments* [3] Or, *porpoise-skin* [4] Or, *bound thee with* attire of *fine linen*

[5] Or, *beautiful vessels* [6] Or, *male image* [7] Or, *setting them apart* Heb. *making them pass over*

the head of every way, and hast made thy beauty an abomination, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredom. 26 Thou hast also committed fornication with the E-gyp'tians, thy neighbors, great of flesh; and hast multiplied thy whoredom, to provoke me to anger. 27 Behold therefore, I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine [1]ordinary *food*, and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Phi-lis'tines, that are ashamed of thy lewd way. 28 Thou hast played the harlot also with the As-syr'i-ans, because thou wast insatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet thou wast not satisfied. 29 Thou hast moreover multiplied thy whoredom unto the land of [2]traffic, unto Chal-de'a; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.

30 How weak is thy heart, saith the Lord Je-ho'vah, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an impudent harlot; 31 in that thou buildest thy vaulted place at the head of every way, and makest thy lofty place in every street, and hast not been as a harlot, [3]in that thou scornest hire. 32 A wife that committeth adultery! that taketh strangers instead of her husband! 33 They give gifts to all harlots; but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and bribest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredoms. 34 And thou art different from *other* women in thy whoredoms, in that none followeth thee to play the harlot; and whereas thou givest hire, and no hire is given unto thee, therefore thou art different.

35 Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of Je-ho'vah: 36 Thus saith the Lord Je-ho'vah, Because thy [4]filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness uncovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers; and because of all the idols of thy abominations, and for the blood of thy children, that thou didst give unto them; 37 therefore behold, I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all them that thou hast loved, with all them that thou hast hated; I will even gather them against thee on every side, and will uncover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness. 38 And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will bring upon thee the blood of wrath and jealousy. 39 I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thy vaulted place, and break down thy lofty places; and they shall strip thee of thy clothes, and take thy fair jewels; and they shall leave thee naked and bare. 40 They shall also bring up a company against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords. 41 And they shall burn thy houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women; and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou shalt also give no hire any more. 42 So will I cause my wrath toward thee to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry. 43 Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast raged against me in all these things; therefore, behold, I also will bring thy way upon thy head, saith the Lord Je-ho'vah: and [5]thou shalt not commit this lewdness with all thine abominations.

44 Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use *this* proverb against thee, saying, As is the mother, so is her daughter. 45 Thou art the daughter of thy mother, that loatheth her husband and her children; and thou art the sister of thy sisters, who loathed their husbands and their children: your mother was a Hit'tite, and your father an Am'or-ite. 46 And thine elder sister is Sa-ma'ri-a, that

[1] Or, *allowance* [2] Or, *Canaan* [3] Or, *that scoffeth at* her *hire* [4] Heb. *brass* [5] Or, *hast thou not committed &c.?*

dwelleth at thy left hand, she and her daughters; and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sŏd'ŏm and her daughters. 47 Yet hast thou not walked in their ways, nor done after their abominations; but, as *if that were* a very little *thing*, thou wast more corrupt than they in all thy ways. 48 As I live, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, Sŏd'ŏm thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters. 49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sŏd'ŏm: pride, fulness of bread, and prosperous ease was in her and in her daughters; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. 50 And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away [1]as I saw *good*. 51 Neither hath Să-mā'rĭ-à committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters by all thine abominations which thou hast done. 52 Thou also, bear thou thine own shame, in that thou hast given judgment for thy [2]sisters; through thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they, they are more righteous than thou: yea, be thou also confounded, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters.

53 And I will [3]turn again their captivity, the captivity of Sŏd'ŏm and her daughters, and the captivity of Să-mā'rĭ-à and her daughters, and the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them; 54 that thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be ashamed because of all that thou hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them. 55 And thy sisters, Sŏd'ŏm and her daughters, shall return to their former estate; and Să-mā'rĭ-à and her daughters shall return to their former estate; and thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate. 56 For thy sister Sŏd'ŏm was not mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy pride, 57 before thy wickedness was uncovered, as at the time of the reproach of the daughters of Sўr'ĭ-à, and of all that are round about her, the daughters of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes, that do despite unto thee round about. 58 Thou hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 59 For thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: I will also deal with thee as thou hast done, who hast despised the oath in breaking the covenant.

60 Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant. 61 Then shalt thou remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder *sisters* and thy younger; and I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not by thy covenant. 62 And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh; 63 that thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more, because of thy shame, when I have forgiven thee all that thou hast done, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

17 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; 3 and say, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: A great eagle with great wings and long pinions, full of feathers, which had divers colors, came unto Lĕb'ă-nŏn, and took the top of the cedar: 4 he cropped off the topmost of the young twigs thereof, and carried it unto [4]a land of traffic; he set it in a city of merchants. 5 He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in [5]a fruitful soil; he placed it beside [6]many waters; he set it as a willow-tree. 6 And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots

[1] Or, *when I saw it* [2] Or, *sister*
[3] Or, *return to*
[4] Or, *the land of Canaan* [5] Heb. *a field of seed* [6] Or, *great*

thereof were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

7 There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and, behold, this vine did bend its roots toward him, and shot forth its branches toward him, from the beds of its plantation, that he might water it. 8 It was planted in a good [1]soil by [2]many waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine. 9 Say thou, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh: Shall it prosper? shall he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit thereof, that it may wither; that all its fresh springing leaves may wither? and not by a strong arm or much people can it be raised from the roots thereof. 10 Yea, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the beds where it grew.

11 Moreover the word of Jĕ-hō′văh came unto me, saying, 12 Say now to the rebellious house, Know ye not what these things mean? tell them, Behold, the king of Băb′ĭ-lŏn came to Jĕ-ru′sa-lĕm, and took the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and brought them to him to Băb′ĭ-lŏn. 13 And he took of the seed royal, and made a covenant with him; he also brought him under an oath, and took away the mighty of the land; 14 that the kingdom might be [3]base, that it might not lift itself up, but that by keeping his covenant it might stand. 15 But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Ē′gypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such things? shall he break the covenant, and yet escape? 16 As I live, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh, surely in the place where the king dwelleth that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he brake, even with him in the midst of Băb′ĭ-lŏn he shall die. 17 Neither shall Phā′raōh with his mighty army and great company help him in the war, when they cast up mounds and build forts, to cut off many persons. 18 For he hath despised the oath by breaking the covenant; and behold, he had given his hand, and yet hath done all these things; he shall not escape. 19 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh: As I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, I will even bring it upon his own head. 20 And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Băb′ĭ-lŏn, and will enter into judgment with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me. 21 And all his fugitives in all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward every wind: and ye shall know that I, Jĕ-hō′văh, have spoken it.

22 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh: I will also take of the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I will plant it upon a high and lofty mountain: 23 in the mountain of the height of Ĭs′rā-ĕl will I plant it; and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all birds of every wing; in the shade of the branches thereof shall they dwell. 24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I, Jĕ-hō′văh, have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I, Jĕ-hō′văh, have spoken and have done it.

18 The word of Jĕ-hō′văh came unto me again, saying, 2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb [4]concerning the land of Ĭs′rā-ĕl, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? 3 As I live, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh, ye

[1] Heb. *field* [2] Or, *great* [3] Heb. *low* [4] Or, *in*

shall not have *occasion* any more to use this proverb in Is'rā-ĕl. 4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

5 But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, 6 and hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Is'rā-ĕl, neither hath defiled his neighbor's wife, neither hath come near to a woman in her impurity, 7 and hath not wronged any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath taken nought by robbery, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; 8 he that hath not given forth upon interest, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true justice between man and man, 9 hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept mine ordinances, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

10 If he beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood, and [1]that doeth any one of these things, 11 and that doeth not any of those *duties*, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbor's wife, 12 hath wronged the poor and needy, hath taken by robbery, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination, 13 hath given forth upon interest, and hath taken increase; shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely [2]die; his blood shall be upon him.

14 Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins, which he hath done, and [3]feareth, and doeth not such like; 15 that hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Is'rā-ĕl, hath not defiled his neighbor's wife, 16 neither hath wronged any, hath not taken aught to pledge, neither hath taken by robbery, but hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; 17 that hath withdrawn his hand from the poor, that hath not received interest nor increase, hath executed mine ordinances, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live. 18 As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, robbed his brother, and did that which is not good among his people, behold, he shall die [4]in his iniquity.

19 Yet say ye, Wherefore doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live. 20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die: the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

21 But if the wicked turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 22 None of his transgressions that he hath committed shall be remembered against him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. 23 Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked? saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh; and not rather that he should return from his way, and live? 24 But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds that he hath done shall be remembered: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

25 Yet ye say, The way of the

[1] Or, *that doeth to a brother any of these*
[2] Heb. *be put to death*
[3] Another reading is, *seeth*, or, *considereth*
[4] Or, *for*

Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Is'rā-ĕl: Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal? 26 When the righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, [1]and dieth [2]therein; [3]in his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. 27 Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. 28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 29 Yet saith the house of Is'rā-ĕl, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Is'rā-ĕl, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal? 30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Is'rā-ĕl, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh. Return ye, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; [4]so iniquity shall not be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, wherein ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Is'rā-ĕl? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: wherefore turn yourselves, and live.

19 Moreover, take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Is'rā-ĕl, 2 and say, What was thy mother? A lioness: she couched among lions, in the midst of the young lions she nourished her whelps. 3 And she brought up one of her whelps: he became a young lion, and he learned to catch the prey; he devoured men. 4 The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit; and they brought him with hooks unto the land of E'gўpt. 5 Now when she saw that she had waited, and her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, and made him a young lion. 6 And he went up and down among the lions; he became a young lion, and he learned to catch the prey; he devoured men. 7 And he knew their [5]palaces, and laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the fulness thereof, because of the noise of his roaring. 8 Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces; and they spread their net over him; he was taken in their pit. 9 And they put him in a cage with hooks, and brought him to the king of Băb'ў-lŏn; they brought him into strongholds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Is'rā-ĕl.

10 Thy mother was like a vine, [6]in thy blood, planted by the waters: it was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters. 11 And it had strong rods for the sceptres of them that bare rule, and [7]their stature was exalted among the [8]thick boughs, and [9]they were seen in [7]their height with the multitude of [7]their branches. 12 But it was plucked up in fury, it was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up its fruit: its strong rods were broken off and withered; the fire consumed them. 13 And now it is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty land. 14 And fire is gone out of [10]the rods of its branches, it hath devoured its fruit, so that there is in it no strong rod to be a sceptre to rule. This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

20 And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth *month*, the tenth *day* of the month, that certain of the elders of Is'rā-ĕl came to inquire of Jĕ-hō'văh, and sat before me. 2 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 3 Son of man, speak unto the elders of Is'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Is it to inquire of me that ye are come? As I live, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, I will not be inquired of by you. 4 Wilt thou judge them,

[1] Or, *he shall die* [2] Or, *because of it* [3] Or, *for* [4] Or, *so shall they not be a stumbling-block of iniquity unto you* [5] Heb. *stumblingblock* [6] Or, *widows* [7] Or, *in thy likeness* [8] Heb. *hts* [9] Or, *clouds* [10] Heb. *he was* [11] Or, *a rod*

son of man, wilt thou judge them? Cause them to know the abominations of their fathers; 5 and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jĕhō'văh: In the day when I chose Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and [1]sware unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known unto them in the land of Ē'ğўpt, when I [1]sware unto them, saying, I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God; 6 in that day I [1]sware unto them, to bring them forth out of the land of Ē'ğўpt into a land that I had searched out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands. 7 And I said unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Ē'ğўpt; I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God. 8 But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me; they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Ē'ğўpt. Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Ē'ğўpt. 9 But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, among which they were, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Ē'ğўpt.

10 So I caused them to go forth out of the land of Ē'ğўpt, and brought them into the wilderness. 11 And I gave them my statutes, and [2]showed them mine ordinances, which if a man do, he shall live [3]in them. 12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that [4]I am Jĕ-hō'văh that sanctifieth them. 13 But the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they rejected mine ordinances, which if a man keep, he shall live [3]in them; and my sabbaths they greatly profaned. Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them in the wilderness, to consume them. 14 But I wrought for my name's sake that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out. 15 Moreover also I [1]sware unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands; 16 because they rejected mine ordinances, and walked not in my statutes, and profaned my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols. 17 Nevertheless mine eye spared them, and I destroyed them not, neither did I make a full end of them in the wilderness.

18 And I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their ordinances, nor defile yourselves with their idols: 19 I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God; walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them; 20 and hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God. 21 But the children rebelled against me; they walked not in my statutes, neither kept mine ordinances to do them which if a man do, he shall live [3]in them; they profaned my sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness. 22 Nevertheless I withdrew my hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them forth. 23 Moreover I [1]sware unto them in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the nations, and disperse them through the countries; 24 because they had not executed mine ordinances, but had rejected my statutes, and had profaned my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols. 25 Moreover also I gave them statutes that were not good, and ordi

[1] Heb. *lifted up my hand* [2] Heb. *made them to know* [3] Or, *by* [4] Or, *I, Jehovah, do sanctify them*

nances [1]wherein they should not live; 26 and I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they [2]caused to pass through *the fire* all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

27 Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: In this moreover have your fathers blasphemed me, in that they have committed a trespass against me. 28 For when I had brought them into the land, which I [3]sware to give unto them, then they [4]saw every high hill, and every thick tree, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering; there also they made their sweet savor, and they poured out there their drink-offerings. 29 Then I said unto them, What meaneth the high place [5]whereunto ye go? So the name thereof is called [6]Bā'măh unto this day. 30 Wherefore say unto the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Do ye pollute yourselves after the manner of your fathers? and play ye the harlot after their abominations? 31 and when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, do ye pollute yourselves with all your idols unto this day? and shall I be inquired of by you, O house of ĭs'rā-ĕl? As I live, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, I will not be inquired of by you; 32 and that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all, in that ye say, We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.

33 As I live, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, surely with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, will I be king over you. 34 And I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out; 35 and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there will I enter into judgment with you face to face. 36 Like as I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Ē'gўpt, so will I enter into judgment with you, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh. 37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; 38 and I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me; I will bring them forth out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter into the land of ĭs'rā-ĕl: and ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 39 As for you, O house of ĭs'rā-ĕl, thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Go ye, serve every one his idols, [7]and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me; but my holy name shall ye no more profane with your gifts, and with your idols.

40 For in my holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of ĭs'rā-ĕl, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, there shall all the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl, all of them, serve me in the land: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the [8]first-fruits of your [9]oblations, with all your holy things. 41 [10]As a sweet savor will I accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you in the sight of the nations. 42 And ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh, when I shall bring you into the land of ĭs'rā-ĕl, into the country which I [3]sware to give unto your fathers. 43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have polluted yourselves; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have

[1] Or, *whereby* [2] Or, *set apart all* See Ex. 13.12 [3] Heb. *lifted up my hand* [4] Or, *looked out for* [5] Or, *whereunto ye go, and the name whereof . . . day?* [6] That is, *High place*
[7] Or, *but hereafter surely ye shall hearken unto me and &c.* [8] Or, *chief* [9] Or, *tribute* [10] Or, *With*

committed. 44 And ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh, when I have dealt with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of ĭs'rā-ĕl, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

*45 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 46 Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop *thy word* toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the field in the South; 47 and say to the forest of the South, Hear the word of Jĕ-hō'văh: Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burnt thereby. 48 And all flesh shall see that I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have kindled it; it shall not be quenched. 49 Then said I, Ah Lord Jĕ-hō'văh! they say of me, Is he not a speaker of parables?

†21 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face toward Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and drop *thy word* toward the sanctuaries, and prophesy against the land of ĭs'rā-ĕl; 3 and say to the land of ĭs'rā-ĕl, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I am against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked. 4 Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north: 5 and all flesh shall know that I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have drawn forth my sword out of its sheath; it shall not return any more. 6 Sigh therefore, thou son of man; with the breaking of thy loins and with bitterness shalt thou sigh before their eyes. 7 And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt say, Because of the tidings, for it cometh; and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall [1]faint, and all knees shall be weak as water: behold, it cometh, and it shall be done, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

8 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 9 Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Say, A sword, a sword, it is sharpened, and also furbished; 10 it is sharpened that it may make a slaughter; it is furbished that it may be as lightning: shall we then make mirth? [2]the rod of my son, it contemneth every tree. 11 And it is given to be furbished, that it may be handled: the sword, it is sharpened, yea, it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the slayer. 12 Cry and wail, son of man; for it is upon my people, it is upon all the princes of ĭs'rā-ĕl: [3]they are delivered over to the sword with my people; smite therefore upon thy thigh. 13 For there is a trial; and [4]what if even the rod that contemneth shall be no more? saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh. 14 Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite thy hands together; and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the deadly wounded: it is the sword of the great one that is deadly wounded, which [5]entereth into their chambers. 15 I have set the [6]threatening sword against all their gates, that their heart may melt, and their stumblings be multiplied: ah! it is made as lightning, it is pointed for slaughter. 16 [7]Gather thee together, go to the right, set thyself in array, go to the left, [8]whithersoever thy face is set. 17 I will also smite my hands together, and I will cause my wrath to rest: I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have spoken it.

18 The word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me again, saying, 19 Also,

*[Ch. 21.1 in Heb.] †[Ch. 21.6 in Heb.]

[1] Or, *be dim* [2] Or, *it contemneth the rod of my son, as every tree* [3] Or, *terrors by reason of the sword are upon my people* [4] Or, *what if* the sword *contemn even the rod? it shall be no more &c.* [5] Or, *compasseth them about* [6] Or, *glittering* [7] Heb. *Make thyself one* [8] Or, *whither is thy face set?*

thou son of man, appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Băb'ȳ-lŏn may come; they twain shall come forth out of one land: and mark out a [1]place, mark it out at the head of the way to the city. 20 Thou shalt appoint a way for the sword to come to Răb'băh of the children of Ăm'mŏn, and to Jū'dăh in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm the fortified. 21 For the king of Băb'ȳ-lŏn stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he shook the arrows to and fro, he consulted the tĕr'ă-phĭm, he looked in the liver. 22 In his right hand was the divination *for* Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, to set battering rams, to open the mouth [2]in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to set battering rams against the gates, to cast up mounds, to build forts. 23 And it shall be unto them as a false divination in their sight, who have sworn oaths unto them; but he bringeth iniquity to remembrance, that they may be taken.

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand. 25 And thou, O deadly wounded wicked one, the prince of ĭs'rā-ĕl, whose day is come, in the time of the [3]iniquity of the end, 26 thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: [4]Remove the mitre, and take off the crown; this *shall be* [5]no more the same; exalt that which is low, and abase that which is high. 27 [6]I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: this also shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it *him*.

28 And thou, son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh concerning the children of Ăm'mŏn, and concerning their reproach; and say thou, A sword, a sword is drawn, for the slaughter it is furbished, [7]to cause it to devour, that it may be as lightning; 29 while they see for thee false visions, while they divine lies unto thee, to lay thee upon the necks of the wicked that are deadly wounded, whose day is come in the time of the [3]iniquity of the end. 30 Cause it to return into its sheath. In the place where thou wast created, in the land of [8]thy birth, will I judge thee. 31 And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee; I will blow upon thee with the fire of my wrath; and I will deliver thee into the hand of brutish men, skilful to destroy. 32 Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; thou shalt be no more remembered: for I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have spoken it.

22 Moreover the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 2 And thou, son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? [9]then cause her to know all her abominations. 3 And thou shalt say, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: A city that sheddeth blood in the midst of her, that her time may come, and that maketh idols against herself to defile her! 4 Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed, and art defiled in thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come even unto thy years: therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the nations, and a mocking to all the countries. 5 Those that are near, and those that are far from thee, shall mock thee, thou [10]infamous one *and* full of tumult.

6 Behold, the princes of ĭs'rā-ĕl, every one according to his [11]power, have been in thee to shed blood. 7 In thee have they set light by father and mother; in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the sojourner; in thee have they wronged the fatherless and

[1] Heb. *hand* [2] Or, *for* [3] Or, *punishment* [4] Or, *I will remove &c.* [5] Heb. *not this* [6] Heb. *An overthrow, overthrow, overthrow, will I make it*
[7] Or, *to the uttermost* [8] Or, *thine origin* [9] Or, *and* [10] Heb. *defiled of name* [11] Heb. *arm*

the widow. 8 Thou hast despised my holy things, and hast profaned my sabbaths. 9 Slanderous men have been in thee to shed blood; and in thee they have eaten upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they have committed lewdness. 10 In thee have they uncovered their fathers' nakedness; in thee have they humbled her that was unclean in her impurity. 11 And one hath committed abomination with his neighbor's wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter. 12 In thee have they taken bribes to shed blood; thou hast taken interest and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbors by oppression, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

13 Behold, therefore, I have smitten my hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee. 14 Can thy heart endure, or can thy hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have spoken it, and will do it. 15 And I will scatter thee among the nations, and disperse thee through the countries; and I will consume thy filthiness out of thee. 16 And thou shalt be profaned in thyself, in the sight of the nations; and thou shalt know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

17 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 18 Son of man, the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl is become dross unto me: all of them are brass and tin and iron and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are the dross of silver. 19 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Because ye are all become dross, therefore, behold, I will gather you into the midst of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm. 20 As they gather silver and brass and iron and lead and tin into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger and in my wrath, and I will lay you there, and melt you. 21 Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you with the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof. 22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have poured out my wrath upon you.

23 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou art a land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation. 25 There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they take treasure and precious things; they have made her widows many in the midst thereof. 26 Her priests have done violence to my law, and have profaned my holy things; they have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they caused men to discern between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. 27 Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, *and* to destroy souls, that they may get dishonest gain. 28 And her prophets have daubed for them with [1]untempered *mortar*, seeing false visions, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, when Jĕ-hō'văh hath not spoken. 29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery; yea, they have vexed the poor and needy; and have oppressed the sojourner wrongfully. 30 And I sought for a man among them, that should build up the wall, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none. 31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I brought upon their heads, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

[1] Or, *whitewash*

23 The word of Jĕ-hō'văh came again unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother: 3 and they played the harlot in Ē'gўpt; they played the harlot in their youth; there were their breasts pressed, and there was handled the bosom of their virginity. 4 And the names of them were Ō-hō'lăh the elder, and Ō-hŏl'ĭ-băh her sister: and they became mine, and they bare sons and daughters. And as for their names, Să-mā'rĭ-ā is [1]Ō-hō'lăh, and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm [2]Ō-hŏl'ĭ-băh.

5 And Ō-hō'lăh played the harlot when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ănș *her* neighbors, 6 who were clothed with blue, governors and [3]rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses. 7 And she bestowed her whoredoms upon them, the choicest men of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā all of them; and on whomsoever she doted, with all their idols she defiled herself. 8 Neither hath she left her whoredoms [4]since *the days* of Ē'gўpt; for in her youth they lay with her, and they handled the bosom of her virginity; and they poured out their whoredom upon her. 9 Wherefore I delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ănș, upon whom she doted. 10 These uncovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters; and her they slew with the sword: and she became a [5]byword among women; for they executed judgments upon her.

11 And her sister Ō-hŏl'ĭ-băh saw this, yet was she more corrupt in her doting than she, and in her whoredoms which were more than the whoredoms of her sister. 12 She doted upon the Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ănș, governors and rulers, *her* neighbors, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men. 13 And I saw that she was defiled; they both took one way. 14 And she increased her whoredoms; for she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chăl-dē'ănș portrayed with vermilion, 15 girded with girdles upon their loins, with flowing turbans upon their heads, all of them princes to look upon, after the likeness of the Băb-ў-lō'nĭ-ănș [6]in Chăl-dē'ā, the land of their nativity. 16 And [7]as soon as she saw them she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chăl-dē'ā. 17 And the Băb-ў-lō'nĭ-ănș came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and she was polluted with them, and her soul was alienated from them. 18 So she uncovered her whoredoms, and uncovered her nakedness: then my soul was alienated from her, like as my soul was alienated from her sister. 19 Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, remembering the days of her youth, wherein she had played the harlot in the land of Ē'gўpt. 20 And she doted upon their paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses. 21 Thus thou calledst to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth, in the handling of thy bosom by the Ē-gўp'tiănș for the breasts of thy youth.

22 Therefore, O Ō-hŏl'ĭ-băh, thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy soul is alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side: 23 the Băb-ў-lō'nĭ-ănș and all the Chăl-dē'ănș, Pē'kŏd and Shō'ā and Kō'ā, *and* all the Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ănș with them; desirable young men, governors and rulers all of them, princes and [8]men of renown, all of them riding upon horses. 24 And they shall come against thee with weapons, chariots, and [9]wagons, and with a company of peoples; they shall set themselves against thee with buckler and

[1] That is, *Her tent is in her* [2] That is, *My tent is in her* [3] Or, *deputies* See Jer. 51.23, &c. [4] Or, brought *from Egypt* [5] Heb. *name*

[6] Or, *the land of whose nativity is Chaldea* [7] Heb. *at the sight of her eyes* [8] Or, *counsellors* Heb. *called* [9] Or, *wheels*

shield and helmet round about: and I will commit the judgment unto them, and they shall judge thee according to their judgments. 25 And I will set my jealousy against thee, and they shall deal with thee in fury; they shall take away thy nose and thine ears; and thy residue shall fall by the sword: they shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy residue shall be devoured by the fire. 26 They shall also strip thee of thy clothes, and take away thy fair jewels. 27 Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom *brought* from the land of E'gўpt; so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember E'gўpt any more. 28 For thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand of them whom thou hatest, into the hand of them from whom thy soul is alienated; 29 and they shall deal with thee in hatred, and shall take away all thy labor, and shall leave thee naked and bare: and the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be uncovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

30 These things shall be done unto thee, for that thou hast played the harlot after the nations, and because thou art polluted with their idols. 31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her cup into thy hand. 32 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup, which is deep and large; thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; [1]it containeth much. 33 Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Să-mā'rĭ-ā. 34 Thou shalt even drink it and drain it out, and thou shalt gnaw the sherds thereof, and shalt tear thy breasts; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh. 35 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms. 36 Jĕ-hō'văh said moreover unto me: Son of man, wilt thou judge Ō-hō'lăh and Ō-hŏl'ĭ-băh? then declare unto them their abominations. 37 For they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands; and with their idols have they committed adultery; and they have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass through *the fire* unto them to be devoured. 38 Moreover this they have done unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths. 39 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of my house. 40 And furthermore ye have sent for men [2]that come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent, and, lo, they came; for whom thou didst wash thyself, paint thine eyes, and deck thyself with ornaments, 41 and sit upon a stately bed, with a table prepared before it, whereupon thou didst set mine incense and mine oil. 42 And the voice of a multitude being at ease was with her: and with men of the common sort were brought drunkards from the wilderness; and they put bracelets upon the hands of them *twain*, and beautiful crowns upon their heads.

43 Then said I [3]of her that was old in adulteries, Now will they play [4]the harlot with her, [5]and she *with them*. 44 And they went in unto her, as they go in unto a harlot: so went they in unto Ō-hō'lăh and unto Ō-hŏl'ĭ-băh, the lewd women. 45 And righteous men they shall judge them with the judgment of adulteresses, and with the judgment of women that shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands. 46 For thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: I will bring up a

1 Or, *too much to endure*

2 Or, *to come commit adulteries* 3 Or, *She that is old wil* 4 Heb. *her whoredom* 5 Or, *even with her*

company against them, and will give them to be tossed to and fro and robbed. 47 And the company shall stone them with stones, and despatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire. 48 Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness. 49 And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols; and ye shall know that I am the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

24 Again, in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, write thee the name of the day, *even* of this selfsame day: the king of Băb'ў-lŏn [1]drew close unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm this selfsame day. 3 And utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, Set on the caldron, set it on, and also pour water into it: 4 gather the pieces thereof into it, even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice bones. 5 Take the choice of the flock, and also a pile *of wood* for the bones under [2]*the caldron*; make it boil well; yea, let the bones thereof be boiled in the midst of it.

6 Wherefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Woe to the bloody city, to the caldron whose [3]rust is therein, and whose [3]rust is not gone out of it! take out of it piece after piece; no lot is fallen upon it. 7 For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the bare rock; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust. 8 That it may cause wrath to come up to take vengeance, I have set her blood upon the bare rock, that it should not be covered. 9 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Woe to the bloody city! I also will make the pile great. 10 Heap on the wood, make the fire hot, boil well the flesh, and make thick the broth, and let the bones be burned. 11 Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that it may be hot, and the brass thereof may burn, and that the filthiness of it may be molten in it, that the rust of it may be consumed. 12 She hath wearied [4]*herself* with toil; yet her great rust goeth not forth out of her; her rust [5]*goeth not forth* by fire. 13 [6]In thy filthiness is lewdness: because I have cleansed thee and thou wast not cleansed, thou shalt not be cleansed from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my wrath toward thee to rest. 14 I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have spoken it: it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

15 Also the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 16 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet thou shalt neither mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down. 17 Sigh, [7]but not aloud, make no mourning for the dead; bind thy headtire upon thee, and put thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not thy lips, and eat not the bread of men. 18 So I spake unto the people in the morning; and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

19 And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, that thou doest so? 20 Then I said unto them, The word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 21 Speak unto the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the pride of your power, the desire of your eyes, and [8]that which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left behind shall fall by the sword. 22 And ye shall do as I have done: ye shall not cover your lips, nor eat

1 Heb. *leaned upon* 2 Heb. *it* 3 Or, *scum*
4 Or, *me* 5 Or, *in the fire* 6 Or, *For thy filthy lewdness* 7 Heb. *be silent* 8 Heb. *the pity of your soul*

the bread of men. 23 And your tires shall be upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet: ye shall not mourn nor weep; but ye shall pine away in your iniquities, and moan one toward another. 24 Thus shall Ē-zē'kĭ-ĕl be unto you a sign; according to all that he hath done shall ye do: when this cometh, then shall ye know that I am the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

25 And thou, son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their [1]strength, the joy of their [2]glory, the desire of their eyes, and [3]that whereupon they set their heart, their sons and their daughters, 26 that in that day he that escapeth shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears? 27 In that day shall thy mouth be opened [4]to him that is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: so shalt thou be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

25 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face toward the children of Ăm'mŏn, and prophesy [5]against them: 3 and say unto the children of Ăm'mŏn, Hear the word of the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, when it was made desolate; and against the house of Jū'dăh, when they went into captivity: 4 therefore, behold, I will deliver thee to the children of the east for a possession, and they shall set their encampments in thee, and make their dwellings in thee; they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk. 5 And I will make Răb'băh a stable for camels, and the children of Ăm'mŏn a couching-place for flocks: and ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 6 For thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Because thou hast clapped thy hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced with all the despite of thy soul against the land of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; 7 therefore, behold, I have stretched out my hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the nations; and I will cut thee off from the peoples, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

8 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Because that Mō'ăb and Sē'ĭr do say, Behold, the house of Jū'dăh is like unto all the nations; 9 therefore, behold, I will open the side of Mō'ăb from the cities, from his cities which are [6]on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Bĕth-jĕsh'ĭ-mŏth, Bā'ăl-mē'ŏn, and Kĭr-ĭ-ă-thā'ĭm, 10 [7]unto the children of the east, *to go* against the children of Ăm'mŏn; and I will give them for a possession, that the children of Ăm'mŏn may not be remembered among the nations: 11 and I will execute judgments upon Mō'ăb; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

12 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Because that Ē'dŏm hath dealt against the house of Jū'dăh by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them; 13 therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, I will stretch out my hand upon Ē'dŏm, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Tē'măn; even unto Dē'dăn shall they fall by the sword. 14 And I will lay my vengeance upon Ē'dŏm by the hand of my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and they shall do in Ē'dŏm according to mine anger and according to my wrath; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

15 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Because the Phĭ-lĭs'tines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with despite of soul to destroy with perpetual enmity; 16 therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I will stretch out my hand upon the Phĭ-lĭs'tines, and I will cut off the Chĕr'ĕ-thites,

[1] Or, *stronghold* [2] Or, *beauty* [3] Heb. *the lifting up of their soul* [4] Or, *together with* [5] Or, *concerning*

[6] Or, *in every quarter* [7] Or, *together with the children of Ammon, unto the children of the east*

Ruin of Tyre foretold

and destroy the remnant of the sea coast. 17 And I will execute great vengeance upon them with wrathful rebukes; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

26 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *day* of the month, that the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, because that Tyre hath said against Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, Aha, she is broken *that was* the gate of the peoples; she is turned unto me; I shall be replenished, now that she is laid waste: 3 therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I am against thee, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth its waves to come up. 4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her a bare rock. 5 She shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh; and she shall become a spoil to the nations. 6 And her daughters that are in the field shall be slain with the sword: and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

7 For thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I will bring upon Tyre Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn, king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and a company, and much people. 8 He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field; and he shall make forts against thee, and cast up a mound against thee, and raise up the buckler against thee. 9 And he shall set his battering engines against thy walls, and with his [1]axes he shall break down thy towers. 10 By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the [2]wagons, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach. 11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets; he shall slay thy people with the sword; and the [3]pillars of thy strength shall go down to the ground. 12 And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise; and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses; and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the waters. 13 And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard. 14 And I will make thee a bare rock; thou shalt be a place for the spreading of nets; thou shalt be built no more: for I Jĕ-hō'văh have spoken it, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

15 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh to Tyre: Shall not the isles shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded groan, when the slaughter is made in the midst of thee? 16 Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones and lay aside their robes, and strip off their broidered garments: they shall clothe themselves with [4]trembling; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble every moment, and be astonished at thee. 17 And they shall take up a lamentation over thee, and say to thee, How art thou destroyed, that wast inhabited [5]by seafaring men, the renowned city, that was strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, that caused their terror to be on all that [6]dwelt there! 18 Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the isles that are in the sea shall be dismayed at thy departure.

19 For thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and the great waters shall cover thee; 20 then will I bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, to the people of old time and will make thee to dwell in the nether

1 Heb. *swords* 2 Or, *wheels* 3 Or, *obelisks* 4 Heb. *tremblings* 5 Or, being won *from the seas* 6 Or, *inhabited her*

parts of the earth, [1]in the places that are desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; [2]and I will set glory in the land of the living. 21 I will make thee [3]a terror, and thou shalt no more have any being; though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

27 The word of Jĕ-hō'văh came again unto me, saying, 2 And thou, son of man, take up a lamentation over Tyre; 3 and say unto Tyre, O thou that dwellest at the [4]entry of the sea, that art the merchant of the peoples unto many isles, thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Thou, O Tyre, hast said, I am perfect in beauty. 4 Thy borders are in the heart of the seas; thy builders have perfected thy beauty. 5 They have [5]made all thy planks of fir-trees from Sē'nĭr; they have taken a cedar from Lĕb'ă-nŏn to make a mast for thee. 6 Of the oaks of Bā'shăn have they made thine oars; they have made thy [6]benches of ivory inlaid in boxwood, from the isles of Kĭt'tĭm. 7 Of fine linen with broidered work from Ē'gŷpt was thy sail, that it might be to thee for an ensign; blue and purple from the isles of Ē-lī'shăh was thine awning. 8 The inhabitants of Sī'dŏn and Ăr'văd were thy rowers: thy wise men, O Tyre, were in thee, they were thy pilots. 9 The [7]old men of Gē'băl and the wise men thereof were in thee thy calkers: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to [8]deal in thy merchandise. 10 Pĕr'-si-ă and Lŭd and Pŭt were in thine army, thy men of war: they hanged the shield and helmet in thee; they set forth thy comeliness. 11 The men of Ăr'văd with thine army were upon thy walls round about, and valorous men were in thy towers; they hanged their shields upon thy walls round about; they have perfected thy beauty.

12 Tär'shĭsh was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all kinds of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded for thy wares. 13 Jā'văn, Tū'băl, and Mē'shĕch, they were thy traffickers; they traded the persons of men and vessels of brass for thy merchandise. 14 They of the house of Tō-gär'măh traded for thy wares with horses and war-horses and mules. 15 The men of Dē'dăn were thy traffickers; many isles were the mart of thy hand: they brought thee [9]in exchange horns of ivory and ebony. 16 Sȳr'ĭ-ă was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of thy handiworks: they traded for thy wares with [10]emeralds, purple, and broidered work, and fine linen, and coral, and rubies. 17 Jū'-dăh, and the land of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, they were thy traffickers: they traded for thy merchandise wheat of Mĭn'-nĭth, and [11]păn'năg, and honey, and oil, and balm. 18 Dă-măs'cŭs was thy merchant for the multitude of thy handiworks, by reason of the multitude of all kinds of riches, with the wine of Hĕl'bŏn, and white wool. 19 Vē'dăn and Jā'-văn traded[12]with yarn for thy wares: [13]bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were among thy merchandise. 20 Dĕ'dăn was thy trafficker in precious cloths for riding. 21 Ā-rā'-bĭ-ă, and all the princes of Kē'dăr, they were the merchants of thy hand; in lambs, and rams, and goats, in these were they thy merchants. 22 The traffickers of Shē'bă and Rā'ă-măh, they were thy traffickers; they traded for thy wares with the chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold. 23 Hā'răn and Căn'nĕh and Eden, the traffickers of Shē'bă, Ăssh'ŭr *and* Chĭl'măd, were thy traffickers. 24 These were thy traffickers in choice wares, in [14]wrappings of blue and broidered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords and made of

[1] Another reading is, *like* [2] Or, as otherwise read, *nor set* thy *glory &c.* [3] Or, *a destruction* Heb. *terrors* [4] Heb. *entrances* [5] Heb. *built* [6] Or, *deck* [7] Or, *elders* [8] Or, *exchange* [9] Or, *for a present* [10] Or, *carbuncles* [11] Perhaps, a kind of confection [12] Or, as otherwise read, *from Uzal* [13] Or, *wrought* [14] Or, *bales*

cedar, among thy merchandise.
25 The ships of Tär'shish were
thy caravans for thy merchandise:
and thou wast replenished, and
made very glorious in the heart of
the seas.

26 Thy rowers have brought thee
into great waters: the east wind
hath broken thee in the heart of
the seas. 27 Thy riches, and thy
wares, thy merchandise, thy mari-
ners, and thy pilots, thy calkers,
and the [1]dealers in thy merchan-
dise, and all thy men of war, that
are in thee, [2]with all thy company
which is in the midst of thee,
shall fall into the heart of the seas
in the day of thy ruin. 28 At the
sound of the cry of thy pilots the
[3]suburbs shall shake. 29 And all
that handle the oar, the mariners,
and all the pilots of the sea, shall
come down from their ships; they
shall stand upon the land, 30 and
shall cause their voice to be heard
over thee, and shall cry bitterly,
and shall cast up dust upon their
heads; they shall wallow them-
selves in the ashes: 31 and they
shall make themselves bald for
thee, and gird them with sack-
cloth, and they shall weep for thee
in bitterness of soul with bitter
mourning. 32 And in their wail-
ing they shall take up a lamenta-
tion for thee, and lament over thee,
saying, Who is there like Tyre,
like her that is brought to silence
in the midst of the sea? 33 When
thy wares went forth out of the
seas, thou filledst many peoples;
thou didst enrich the kings of the
earth with the multitude of thy
riches and of thy merchandise.
34 In the time that thou wast
broken by the seas in the depths
of the waters, thy merchandise
and all thy company did fall in the
midst of thee. 35 All the inhabi-
tants of the isles are astonished at
thee, and their kings are horribly
afraid; they are troubled in their
countenance. 36 The merchants
among the peoples hiss at thee;
thou art become [4]a terror, and
thou shalt nevermore have any
being.

28 The word of Jĕ-hō'văh
came again unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, say unto the prince
of Tyre, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-
hō'văh: Because thy heart is lifted
up, and thou hast said, I am a god,
I sit in the seat of God, in the
[5]midst of the seas; yet thou art
man, and not God, though thou
didst set thy heart as the heart of
God;—3 behold, thou art wiser
than Dăn'ĭĕl; there is no secret
that is hidden from thee; 4 by thy
wisdom and by thine understand-
ing thou hast gotten thee [6]riches,
and hast gotten gold and silver into
thy treasures; 5 by thy great wis-
dom *and* by thy traffic hast thou
increased thy [6]riches, and thy
heart is lifted up because of thy
[6]riches;—6 therefore thus saith
the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Because thou
hast set thy heart as the heart of
God, 7 therefore, behold, I will
bring strangers upon thee, the
terrible of the nations; and they
shall draw their swords against
the beauty of thy wisdom, and
they shall [7]defile thy brightness.
8 They shall bring thee down to
the pit; and thou shalt die the death
of them that are slain, in the heart
of the seas. 9 Wilt thou yet say
before him that slayeth thee, I am
God? but thou art man, and not
God, in the hand of him that
[8]woundeth thee. 10 Thou shalt die
the death of the uncircumcised by
the hand of strangers: for I have
spoken it, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

11 Moreover the word of Jĕ-
hō'văh came unto me, saying,
12 Son of man, take up a lamen-
tation over the king of Tyre, and
say unto him, Thus saith the Lord
Jĕ-hō'văh: Thou sealest up the
[9]sum, full of wisdom, and perfect
in beauty. 13 Thou wast in Eden,
the garden of God; every precious
stone was thy covering, the [10]sar-
dius, the topaz, and the diamond,
the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper,

[1] Or, *exchangers* [2] Or, *and in* [3] Or, *waves* [4] Or, *a destruction* Heb. *terrors*
[5] Heb. *heart* [6] Or, *power* [7] Or, *profane* [8] Or, *profaneth* [9] Or, *measure* Or, *pattern* [10] Or, *ruby*

the sapphire, the [1]emerald, and the [2]carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was in thee; in the day that thou wast created they were prepared. 14 Thou wast the anointed chĕr'ŭb that covereth: and I set thee, *so that* thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found in thee. 16 By the abundance of thy traffic they filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore have I cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee, O covering chĕr'ŭb, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17 Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I have cast thee to the ground; I have laid thee before kings, that they may behold thee. 18 By the multitude of thine iniquities, in the unrighteousness of thy traffic, thou hast profaned thy sanctuaries; therefore have I brought forth a fire from the midst of thee; it hath devoured thee, and I have turned thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. 19 All they that know thee among the peoples shall be astonished at thee: thou art become [3]a terror, and thou shalt nevermore have any being.

20 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 21 Son of man, set thy face toward Sī'dŏn, and prophesy against it, 22 and say, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I am against thee, O Sī'dŏn; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her. 23 For I will send pestilence into her, and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall [4]fall in the midst of her, with the sword upon her on every side; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 24 And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, nor a hurting thorn of any that are round about them, that did despite unto them; and they shall know that I am the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

25 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: When I shall have gathered the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the nations, then shall they dwell in their own land which I gave to my servant Jacob. 26 And they shall dwell securely therein; yea, they shall build houses, and plant vineyards, and shall dwell securely, when I have executed judgments upon all those that do them despite round about them; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh their God.

29 In the tenth year, in the tenth *month*, in the twelfth *day* of the month, the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against Phā'raōh king of Ē'gўpt, and prophesy against him, and against all Ē'gўpt; 3 speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I am against thee, Phā'raōh king of Ē'gўpt, the great monster that lieth in the midst of his rivers, that hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself. 4 And I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales; and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, with all the fish of thy rivers which stick unto thy scales. 5 And I will cast thee forth into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon the [5]open field; thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered; I have given thee for food to the beasts of the earth and to the birds of the heavens. 6 And all the inhabitants of Ē'gўpt shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh, because they have been a staff of reed to the house o:

[1] Or, *carbuncle* [2] Or, *emerald* [3] Or, *a destruction* Heb. *terrors* [4] Or, *be judged*
[5] Heb. *face of the field*

ĭs′rā-ĕl. 7 When they took hold of thee [1]by thy hand, thou didst break, and didst rend all their shoulders; and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakest, and madest all their loins to [2]be at a stand.

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh: Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and will cut off from thee man and beast. 9 And the land of Ē′gўpt shall be a desolation and a waste; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō′văh. Because he hath said, The river is mine, and I have made it; 10 therefore, behold, I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Ē′gўpt an utter waste and desolation, [3]from the tower of Sĕv′ē-nēh even unto the border of Ē-thĭ-ō′pĭ-ā. 11 No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years. 12 And I will make the land of Ē′gўpt a desolation in the midst of the countries that are desolate; and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be a desolation forty years; and I will scatter the Ē-gўp′tiăns among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

13 For thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh: At the end of forty years will I gather the Ē-gўp′tiăns from the peoples whither they were scattered; 14 and I will [4]bring back the captivity of Ē′gўpt, and will cause them to return into the land of Păth′rōs, into the land of their [5]birth; and they shall be there a [6]base kingdom. 15 It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it any more lift itself up above the nations: and I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations. 16 And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of ĭs′rā-ĕl, bringing iniquity to remembrance, when they turn to look after them: and they shall know that I am the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh.

17 And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month, the word of Jĕ-hō′văh came unto me, saying, 18 Son of man, Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz′zär king of Băb′ў-lŏn caused his army to serve a great service against Tўre: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was worn; yet had he no wages, nor his army, from Tўre, for the service that he had served against it. 19 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh: Behold, I will give the land of Ē′gўpt unto Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz′zär king of Băb′-ў-lŏn; and he shall carry off her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army. 20 I have given him the land of Ē′gўpt [7]as his recompense for which he served, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh.

21 In that day will I cause a horn to bud forth unto the house of ĭs′rā-ĕl, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō′văh.

30 The word of Jĕ-hō′văh came again unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh: Wail ye, Alas for the day! 3 For the day is near, even the day of Jĕ-hō′văh is near; it shall be a day of clouds, a time of the nations. 4 And a sword shall come upon Ē′gўpt, and anguish shall be in [8]Ē-thĭ-ō′pĭ-ā, when the slain shall fall in Ē′gўpt; and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down. 5 [8]Ē-thĭ-ō′pĭ-ā, and Pŭt, and Lŭd, and all the mingled people, and Cŭb, and the children of [9]the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

6 Thus saith Jĕ-hō′văh: They also that uphold Ē′gўpt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall

[1] Or, *by the handle* Another reading is, *with the hand* [2] Or, as some read, *shake* See Ps. 69.23 [3] Or, *from Migdol to Syene, and even &c.* [4] Or, *return to* [5] Or, *origin* Heb. *low*
[7] Or, *for his labor wherewith he served* [8] Heb. *Cush* [9] Or, *the land of the covenant*

come down: [1]from the tower of Sĕv'ĕ-nĕh shall they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'-văh. 7 And they shall be desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate; and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are wasted. 8 And they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh, when I have set a fire in Ē'gĭpt, and all her helpers are [2]destroyed. 9 In that day shall messengers go forth from before me in ships to make the careless Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-ăns afraid; and there shall be anguish upon them, as in the day of Ē'gĭpt; for, lo, it cometh.

10 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'-văh: I will also make the multitude of Ē'gĭpt to cease, by the hand of Nĕb-ū-chăd-rĕz'zăr king of Băb'ў-lŏn. 11 He and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought in to destroy the land; and they shall draw their swords against Ē'gĭpt, and fill the land with the slain. 12 And I will make the rivers dry, and will sell the land into the hand of evil men; and I will make the land desolate, and [3]all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have spoken it.

13 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'-văh: I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause the [4]images to cease from Mĕm'phĭs; and there shall be no more a prince from the land of Ē'gĭpt: and I will put a fear in the land of Ē'gĭpt. 14 And I will make Păth'rŏs desolate, and will set a fire in Zō'ăn, and will execute judgments upon No. 15 And I will pour my wrath upon Sĭn, the stronghold of Ē'gĭpt; and I will cut off the multitude of No. 16 And I will set a fire in Ē'gĭpt: Sĭn shall be in great anguish, and No shall be broken up; and Mĕm'-phĭs *shall have* adversaries [5]in the day-time. 17 The young men of Ā'vĕn and of Pī-bē'sĕth shall fall by the sword; and these *cities* shall go into captivity. 18 At Tē-hăph'nĕ-hēs also the day shall [6]withdraw itself, when I shall break there the yokes of Ē'gĭpt, and the pride of her power shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity. 19 Thus will I execute judgments upon Ē'gĭpt; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

20 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *month*, in the seventh *day* of the month, that the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of Phā'raōh king of Ē'gĭpt; and, lo, it hath not been bound up, to apply *healing* medicines, to put a bandage to bind it, that it be strong to hold the sword. 22 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I am against Phā'raōh king of Ē'gĭpt, and will break his arms, the strong *arm*, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand. 23 And I will scatter the Ē-gўp'tiăns among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries. 24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break the arms of Phā'raōh, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded man. 25 And I will hold up the arms of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn; and the arms of Phā'-raōh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Ē'gĭpt. 26 And I will scatter the Ē-gўp'tiăns among the nations, and disperse them through the countries; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

31 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third *month*, in the first *day* of the month that the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, say unto Phā'raōh king of Ē'gĭpt, and to his multitude: Whom art thou like in thy greatness? 3 Behold the Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ăn was a cedar in Lĕb'

[1] Or, *from Migdol to Syene* [2] Heb. *broken* [3] Heb. *the fulness thereof* [4] Or, *things of nought* See Ps. 96.5 [5] Or, *all the day*

[6] Another reading is, *be dark*

ă-nŏn with fair branches, and with a forest-like shade, and of high stature; and its top was among the [1]thick boughs. 4 The waters nourished it, the deep made it to grow: the rivers thereof ran round about its plantation; and it sent out its channels unto all the trees of the field. 5 Therefore its stature was exalted above all the trees of the field; and its boughs were multiplied, and its branches became long by reason of [2]many waters, when it shot *them* forth. 6 All the birds of the heavens made their nests in its boughs; and under its branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young; and under its shadow dwelt all great nations. 7 Thus was it fair in its greatness, in the length of its branches; for its root was by [2]many waters. 8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide it; the fir-trees were not like its boughs, and the plane-trees were not as its branches; nor was any tree in the garden of God like unto it in its beauty. 9 I made it fair by the multitude of its branches, so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied it.

10 Therefore thus [3]said the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Because thou art exalted in stature, and he hath set his top among the [1]thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height; 11 I will even deliver him into the hand of the mighty one of the nations; he shall surely deal with him; I have driven him out for his wickedness. 12 And strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the watercourses of the land; and all the peoples of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him. 13 Upon his ruin all the birds of the heavens shall dwell, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches; 14 to the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves in their stature, neither set their top among the thick boughs, nor that their mighty ones stand up in their height, *even* all that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

15 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: In the day when he went down to Shē'ōl I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the rivers thereof; and the great waters were stayed; and I caused Lĕb'ă-nŏn [4]to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him. 16 I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to Shē'ōl with them that descend into the pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lĕb'ă-nŏn, all that drink water, were comforted in the nether parts of the earth. 17 They also went down into Shē'ōl with him unto them that are slain by the sword; yea, they that were his arm, *that* dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the nations.

18 To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with them that are slain by the sword. This is Phā'raōh and all his multitude, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

32 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first *day* of the month, that the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, take up a lamentation over Phā'raōh king of Ē'gўpt, and say unto him, Thou wast likened unto a young lion of the nations: yet art thou as a monster in the seas; and thou didst break forth [5]with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers. 3 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: I will spread out my net upon thee with a company

[1] Or, *clouds* [2] Or, *great* [3] Or, *saith* [4] Heb. *to be black* [5] Or, *in*

of many peoples; and they shall bring thee up in my net. 4 And I will leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the birds of the heavens to settle upon thee, and I will satisfy the beasts of the whole earth with thee. 5 And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy [1]height. 6 I will also water with thy blood the land wherein thou swimmest, even to the mountains; and the watercourses shall be full of thee. 7 And when I shall extinguish thee, I will cover the heavens, and make the stars thereof [2]dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give its light. 8 All the bright lights of heaven will I make [2]dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh. 9 I will also vex the hearts of many peoples, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known. 10 Yea, I will make many peoples amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall.

11 For thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: The sword of the king of Băb'ў-lŏn shall come upon thee. 12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall; the terrible of the nations are they all: and they shall bring to nought the pride of Ē'gўpt, and all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed. 13 I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside [3]many waters; neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them. 14 Then will I [4]make their waters clear, and cause their rivers to run like oil, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh. 15 When I shall make the land of Ē'gўpt desolate and waste, a land destitute of [5]that whereof it was full, when I shall smite all them that dwell therein, then shall they know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 16 This is the lamentation wherewith they shall lament; the daughters of the nations shall lament therewith; over Ē'gўpt, and over all her multitude, shall they lament therewith, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

17 It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth *day* of the month, that the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 18 Son of man, wail for the multitude of Ē'gўpt, and cast them down, even her, and the daughters of the famous nations, unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit. 19 Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised. 20 They shall fall in the midst of them that are slain by the sword: [6]she is delivered to the sword; draw her away and all her multitudes. 21 The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of Shē'ōl with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie still, even the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.

22 Ăssh'ŭr is there and all her company; her graves are round about her; all of them slain, fallen by the sword; 23 whose graves are set in the uttermost parts of the pit, and her company is round about her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who caused terror in the land of the living.

24 There is Ē'lăm and all her multitude round about her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth, who caused their terror in the land of the living, and have borne their shame with them that go down to the pit. 25 They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude; her graves are round about her; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for their terror was caused in the land of the living, and they

[1] Or, as otherwise read, *worms* [2] Or, *to mourn* [3] Or, *great* [4] Heb. *cause their waters to settle* [5] Heb. *the fulness thereof*
[6] Or, *the sword is appointed*

have borne their shame with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of them that are slain.

26 There is Mē′shĕch, Tū′băl, and all their multitude; their graves are round about them; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for they caused their terror in the land of the living. 27 [1]And they shall not lie with the mighty that are fallen of the uncircumcised, that are gone down to Shē′ōl with their weapons of war, and have laid their swords under their heads, and their iniquities are upon their bones; for *they were* the terror of the mighty in the land of the living. 28 But thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with them that are slain by the sword.

29 There is Ē′dŏm, her kings and all her princes, who [2]in their might are laid with them that are slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit. 30 There are the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Sī-dō′nī-ăns, who are gone down with the slain; [3]in the terror which they caused by their might they are put to shame; and they lie uncircumcised with them that are slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.

31 Phā′raōh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, [4]even Phā′raōh and all his army, slain by the sword, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh. 32 For I have put [5]his terror in the land of the living; and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised, with them that are slain by the sword, even Phā′raōh and all his multitude, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh.

33 And the word of Jĕ-hō′văh came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and set him for their watchman; 3 if, when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; 4 then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning, if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him; whereas if he had taken warning, he would have delivered his soul. 6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned, and the sword come, and take any person from among them; he is taken away [6]in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

7 So thou, son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Ĭs′rā-ĕl; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. 8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked men, thou shalt surely die, and thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way; that wicked man shall die [6]in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thy hand. 9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he turn not from his way; he shall die [6]in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul.

10 And thou, son of man, say unto the house of Ĭs′rā-ĕl: Thus ye speak, saying, [7]Our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we pine away [6]in them; how then can we live? 11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Ĭs′rā-ĕl? 12 And thou, son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; and as for the

[1] Or, *And shall they not lie &c.?* [2] Or, *for all their might* [3] Or, *for all the terror* [4] Or, *Pharaoh and all his army are slain &c.* [5] Another reading is, *my*
[6] Or, *for* [7] Or, *Truly our transgressions &c.*

wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall he that is righteous be able to live thereby in the day that he sinneth. 13 When I say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his righteousness, and commit iniquity, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered; but [1]in his iniquity that he hath committed, [2]therein shall he die. 14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; 15 if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that which he had taken by robbery, walk in the statutes of life, committing no iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. 16 None of his sins that he hath committed shall be remembered against him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

17 Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal. 18 When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die [2]therein. 19 And when the wicked turneth from his wickedness, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby. 20 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, I will judge you every one after his ways.

21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, that one that had escaped out of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm came unto me, saying, The city is smitten. 22 Now the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh had been upon me in the evening, before he that was escaped came; and he had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.

23 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 24 Son of man, they that inhabit those waste places in the land of Ĭs'rā-ĕl speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we are many; the land is given us for inheritance. 25 Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes unto your idols, and shed blood: and shall ye possess the land? 26 Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbor's wife: and shall ye possess the land? 27 Thus shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: As I live, surely they that are in the waste places shall fall by the sword; and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured; and they that are in the strongholds and in the caves shall die of the pestilence. 28 And I will make the land a desolation and an astonishment; and the pride of her power shall cease; and the mountains of Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall be desolate, so that none shall pass through. 29 Then shall they know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh, when I have made the land a desolation and an astonishment, because of all their abominations which they have committed.

30 And as for thee, son of man, the children of thy people talk of thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from Jĕ-hō'văh. 31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but do them not; for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their gain. 32 And, lo, thou art unto them as [4]a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument; for they hear thy words, but they do them not. 33 And when this cometh to pass (behold, it cometh), then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

[1] Or, *for* [2] Or, *for it* [3] Or, *for it* (Heb. *them*)
[4] Or, *a love-song*

34 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of ĭs'rā-ĕl, prophesy, and say unto them, even to the shepherds, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Woe unto the shepherds of ĭs'rā-ĕl that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the sheep? 3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill the fatlings; but ye feed not the sheep. 4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought back that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with rigor have ye ruled over them. 5 And they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and they became food to all the beasts of the field, and were scattered. 6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my sheep were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and there was none that did search or seek *after them*.

7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of Jĕ-hō'văh: 8 As I live, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, surely forasmuch as my sheep became a prey, and my sheep became food to all the beasts of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my sheep; 9 therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of Jĕ-hō'văh: 10 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my sheep at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the sheep; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; and I will deliver my sheep from their mouth, that they may not be food for them.

11 For thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I myself, even I, will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will deliver them out of all places whither they have been scattered in [1]the cloudy and dark day. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them upon the mountains of ĭs'rā-ĕl, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture; and upon the mountains of the height of ĭs'rā-ĕl shall their fold be: there shall they lie down in a good fold; and on fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh. 16 I will seek that which was lost, and will bring back that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but the fat and the strong I will destroy; I will feed them in justice.

17 And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, the rams and the he-goats. 18 Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have fed upon the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture? and to have drunk of the clear waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet? 19 And as for my sheep, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet, and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh unto them: Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because ye thrust with side and with shoulder, and push all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad; 22 therefore will I save my flock,

[1] Heb. *the day of clouds and thick darkness*

and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. 24 And I, Jĕ-hō'văh, will be their God, and my servant David prince among them; I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have spoken it.

25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell securely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. 26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season; there shall be showers of blessing. 27 And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those that made bondmen of them. 28 And they shall no more be a prey to the nations, neither shall the beasts of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. 29 And I will raise up unto them a [1]plantation for renown, and they shall be no more [2]consumed with famine in the land, neither bear the shame of the nations any more. 30 And they shall know that I, Jĕ-hō'văh their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, are my people, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh. 31 And ye my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

35 Moreover the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against mount Sē'ĭr, and prophesy against it, 3 and say unto it, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I am against thee, O mount Sē'ĭr, and I will stretch out my hand against thee, and I will make thee a desolation and an astonishment. 4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate; and thou shalt know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 5 Because thou hast had a perpetual enmity, and hast given over the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl to the power of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of the [3]iniquity of the end; 6 therefore, as I live, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: since thou hast not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue thee. 7 Thus will I make mount Sē'ĭr an astonishment and a desolation; and I will cut off from it him that passeth through and him that returneth. 8 And I will fill its mountains with its slain: in thy hills and in thy valleys and in all thy watercourses shall they fall that are slain with the sword. 9 I will make thee a perpetual desolation, and thy cities shall not [4]be inhabited; and ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

10 Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; [5]whereas Jĕ-hō'văh was there: 11 therefore, as I live, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, I will do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast showed out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, [6]when I shall judge thee. 12 And thou shalt know [7]that I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have heard all thy revilings which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, [8]They are laid desolate, they are given us to devour. 13 And ye have magnified yourselves against me with your mouth, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard it. 14 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make

[1] Or, *plant* [2] Heb. *taken away* [3] Or, *punishment* [4] Another reading is, *return* [5] Or, *though* [6] Or, *according as* [7] Or, *that I am Jehovah: I have heard &c.* [8] Or, *It is*

thee desolate. 15 As thou didst rejoice over the inheritance of the house of Is'rā-ĕl, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount Sē'ĭr, and all Ē'dŏm, even all of it; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

36 And thou, son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Is'rā-ĕl, and say, Ye mountains of Is'rā-ĕl, hear the word of Jĕ-hō'văh. 2 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha! and, The ancient high places are ours in possession; 3 therefore prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Because, even because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the nations, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and the evil report of the people; 4 therefore, ye mountains of Is'rā-ĕl, hear the word of the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the cities that are forsaken, which are become a prey and derision to the residue of the nations that are round about; 5 therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the nations, and against all Ē'dŏm, that have appointed my land unto themselves for a possession with the joy of all their heart, with despite of soul, to cast it out for a prey. 6 Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Is'rā-ĕl, and say unto the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my wrath, because ye have borne the shame of the nations: 7 therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: I have [1]sworn, *saying*, Surely the nations that are round about you, they shall bear their shame.

8 But ye, O mountains of Is'rā-ĕl, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people Is'rā-ĕl; for they are at hand to come. 9 For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown; 10 and I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Is'rā-ĕl, even all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the waste places shall be builded; 11 and I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited after your former estate, and will do better *unto you* than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 12 Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people Is'rā-ĕl; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them of children. 13 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Because they say unto you, Thou *land* art a devourer of men, and hast been a bereaver of thy [2]nation; 14 therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither [3]bereave thy [2]nation any more, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh; 15 neither will I [4]let thee hear any more the shame of the nations, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the peoples any more, neither shalt thou cause thy [2]nation to stumble any more, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

16 Moreover the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 17 Son of man, when the house of Is'rā-ĕl dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their way and by their doings: their way before me was as the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity. 18 Wherefore I poured out my wrath upon them for the blood which they had poured out upon the land, and because they had defiled it with their idols; 19 and I scattered them

[1] Heb. *lifted up my hand*

[2] Another reading is, *nations* [3] Another reading is, *cause to stumble* [4] Or, *proclaim against thee*

among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. 20 And when they came unto the nations, whither they went, they profaned my holy name; in that men said of them, These are the people of Jĕ-hō'văh, and are gone forth out of his land. 21 But I had regard for my holy name, which the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl had profaned among the nations, whither they went.

22 Therefore say unto the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: [1]I do not *this* for your sake, O house of ĭs'rā-ĕl, but for my holy name, which ye have profaned among the nations, whither ye went. 23 And I will sanctify my great name, which hath been profaned among the nations, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, when I shall be sanctified in you before [2]their eyes. 24 For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your own land. 25 And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep mine ordinances, and do them. 28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. 29 And I will save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the grain, and will multiply it, and lay no famine upon you. 30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye may receive no more the reproach of famine among the nations. 31 Then shall ye remember your evil ways, and your doings that were not good; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

32 Not for your sake [3]do I *this*, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 33 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: In the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be builded. 34 And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, whereas it was a desolation in the sight of all that passed by. 35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited. 36 Then the nations that are left round about you shall know that I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have builded the ruined places, and planted that which was desolate: I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have spoken it, and I will do it.

37 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: For this, moreover, will I be inquired of by the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl, to do it for them: I will increase them with men like a flock. 38 As the [4]flock for sacrifice, as the flock of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm in her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

37 The hand of Jĕ-hō'văh was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. 2 And he caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many [5]in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh,

[1] Or, *I work not for &c.* [2] Or, according to another reading, *your*
[3] Or, *do I work* [4] Heb. *flock of holy things*
[5] Heb. *upon the face of the valley*

thou knowest. 4 Again he said unto me, Prophesy over these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of Jĕ-hō'văh. 5 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh unto these bones: Behold, I will cause [1]breath to enter into you, and ye shall live. 6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put [1]breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a [2]noise, and, behold, an earthquake; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 And I beheld, and, lo, there were sinews upon them, and flesh came up, and skin covered them above; but there was no breath in them. 9 Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the [3]wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the [3]wind, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Come from the four winds, O [4]breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: behold, they say, Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off. 12 Therefore prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, O my people; and I will bring you into the land of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 13 And ye shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh, when I have opened your graves, and caused you to come up out of your graves, O my people. 14 And I will put my [3]Spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I will place you in your own land: and ye shall know that I, Jĕ-hō'văh, have spoken it and performed it, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

15 The word of Jĕ-hō'văh came again unto me, saying, 16 And thou, son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Jū'dăh, and for the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ē'phrā-ĭm, and [5]*for* all the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl his companions: 17 and join them for thee one to another into one stick, that they may become one in thy hand. 18 And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not show us what thou meanest by these? 19 say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ē'phrā-ĭm, and the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl his companions; and I will put them [6]with it, *even* with the stick of Jū'dăh, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in my hand. 20 And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thy hand before their eyes. 21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I will take the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl from among the nations, whither they are gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: 22 and I will make them one nation in the land, upon the mountains of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; and one king shall be king to them all; and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all; 23 neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will save them [7]out of all their dwelling-places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

24 And my servant David shall

[1] Or, *spirit*
[2] Or, *thundering*
[3] Or, *breath* [4] Or, *wind* Or, *spirit*
[5] Or, *of* [6] Or, *together with him unto* (or, *to be*) *the stick of Judah* [7] Or, with a slight change of text, *from all their backslidings*

be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in mine ordinances, and observe my statutes, and do them. 25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, they, and their children, and their children's children, for ever: and David my servant shall be their prince for ever. 26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will [1]place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. 27 My tabernacle also shall be [2]with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 28 And the nations shall know that [3]I am Jĕ-hō'văh that sanctifieth ĭs'rā-ĕl, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

38 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face toward Gŏg, of the land of Mā'gŏg, the [4]prince of Rōsh, Mē'shĕch, and Tū'băl, and prophesy against him, 3 and say, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, I am against thee, O Gŏg, [4]prince of Rōsh, Mē'shĕch, and Tū'băl: 4 and I will turn thee about, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them handling swords: 5 Pēr'sĭ-ā, Cūsh, and Pŭt with them, all of them with shield and helmet; 6 Gō'mĕr, and all his hordes; the house of Tō-gär'măh in the uttermost parts of the north, and all his hordes; even many peoples with thee.

7 Be thou prepared, yea, prepare thyself, thou, and all thy companies that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a [5]guard unto them. 8 After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is [6]brought back from the sword, that is gathered out of many peoples, upon the mountains of ĭs'rā-ĕl, which have been a continual waste; but it is brought forth out of the peoples, and they shall dwell securely, all of them. 9 And thou shalt ascend, thou shalt come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy hordes, and many peoples with thee.

10 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: It shall come to pass in that day, that things shall come into thy mind, and thou shalt devise an evil device: 11 and thou shalt say, I will go up to [7]the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates; 12 to take the spoil and to take the prey; to turn thy hand against the waste places that are *now* inhabited, and against the people that are gathered out of the nations, that have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the [8]middle of the earth. 13 Shĕ'bā, and Dĕ'dăn, and the merchants of Tär'shish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take the spoil? hast thou assembled thy company to take the prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take great spoil?

14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and say unto Gŏg, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: In that day when my people ĭs'rā-ĕl dwelleth securely, shalt thou not know it? 15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the uttermost parts of the north, thou, and many peoples with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army; 16 and thou shalt come up against my people ĭs'rā-ĕl, as a cloud to cover the

1 Or, *give* it *them* 2 Or, *over* 3 Or, *I, Jehovah, do sanctify Israel* 4 Or, *chief prince of Meshech*

5 Or, *commander* 6 Or, *restored* 7 Or, *a open country* 8 Heb. *navel* See Judg. 9.3

land: it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring thee against my land, that the nations may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gŏg, before their eyes.

17 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'-văh: Art thou he of whom I spake in old time by my servants the prophets of ĭs'rā-ĕl, that prophesied in those days for *many* years that I would bring thee against them? 18 And it shall come to pass in that day, when Gŏg shall come against the land of ĭs'rā-ĕl, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'-văh, that my wrath shall come up into my nostrils. 19 For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of ĭs'rā-ĕl; 20 so that the fishes of the sea, and the birds of the heavens, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. 21 And I will call for a sword against him unto all my mountains, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: every man's sword shall be against his brother. 22 And with pestilence and with blood will I enter into judgment with him; and I will rain upon him, and upon his hordes, and upon the many peoples that are with him, an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 23 And I will magnify myself, and sanctify myself, and I will make myself known in the eyes of many nations; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh.

39 And thou, son of man, prophesy against Gŏg, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'-văh: Behold, I am against thee, O Gŏg, [1]prince of Rŏsh, Mĕ'shĕch, and Tū'băl: 2 and I will turn thee about, and will lead thee on, and will cause thee to come up from the uttermost parts of the north; and I will bring thee upon the mountains of ĭs'rā-ĕl; 3 and I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. 4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of ĭs'rā-ĕl, thou, and all thy hordes, and the peoples that are with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. 5 Thou shalt fall upon the open field; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh. 6 And I will send a fire on Mā'gŏg, and on them that dwell securely in the [2]isles; and they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh. 7 And my holy name will I make known in the midst of my people ĭs'rā-ĕl; neither will I suffer my holy name to be profaned any more: and the nations shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'-văh, the Holy One in ĭs'rā-ĕl. 8 Behold, it cometh, and it shall be done, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh; this is the day whereof I have spoken. 9 And they that dwell in the cities of ĭs'rā-ĕl shall go forth, and shall make fires of the weapons and burn them, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall make fires of them seven years; 10 so that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall make fires of the weapons; and they shall plunder those that plundered them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gŏg a place for burial in ĭs'rā-ĕl, the valley of them that pass through [3]on the east of the sea; and it shall stop them that pass through: and there shall they bury Gŏg and all his multitude; and they shall call it The valley of [4]Hā'mŏn-gŏg. 12 And seven months shall the

[1] Or, *chief prince of Meshech*
[2] Or, *coast-lands* [3] Or, *in front of*
[4] That is, *the multitude of Gog*

house of Is'rā-ĕl be burying them, that they may cleanse the land. 13 Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown in the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh. 14 And they shall set apart men of continual employment, that shall pass through the land, and, with them that pass through, those that bury them that remain upon the face of the land, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search. 15 And they that pass through the land shall pass through; and when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he [1]set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hā'mŏn-gŏg. 16 And [2]Hăm-ō'năh shall also be the name of a city. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

17 And thou, son of man, thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Speak unto the birds of every sort, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Is'rā-ĕl, that ye may eat flesh and drink blood. 18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bā'shăn. 19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. 20 And ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

21 And I will set my glory among the nations; and all the nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. 22 So the house of Is'rā-ĕl shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh their God, from that day and forward. 23 And the nations shall know that the house of Is'rā-ĕl went into captivity for their iniquity; because they trespassed against me, and I hid my face from them: so I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they fell all of them by the sword. 24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions did I unto them; and I hid my face from them.

25 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Now will I bring back the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Is'rā-ĕl; and I will be jealous for my holy name. 26 And they shall bear their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they shall dwell securely in their land, and none shall make them afraid; 27 when I have brought them back from the peoples, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations. 28 And they shall know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh their God, in that I caused them to go into captivity among the nations, and have gathered them unto their own land; and I will leave none of them any more there; 29 neither will I hide my face any more from them; for I have poured out my Spirit upon the house of Is'rā-ĕl, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

40 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth *day* of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day, the hand of Jĕ-hō'văh was upon me, and he brought me thither. 2 In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Is'rā-ĕl, and set me down upon a very high mountain, whereon was as it were the frame of a city on the south. 3 And he brought me thither; and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate. 4 And the man said unto me, Son of man,

[1] Heb. *build* [2] That is, *Multitude*

behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thy heart upon all that I shall show thee; for, to the intent that I may show them unto thee, art thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to the house of Is'ra-el.

5 And, behold, a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed six cubits long, of a cubit and a handbreadth each: so he measured the thickness of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed. 6 Then came he unto the gate which looketh toward the east, and went up the steps thereof: and he measured the threshold of the gate, one reed broad; [1]and the other threshold, one reed broad. 7 And every [2]lodge was one reed long, and one reed broad; and *the space* between the lodges was five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate toward the house was one reed. 8 [3]He measured also the porch of the gate toward the house, one reed. 9 Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the [4]posts thereof, two cubits; and the porch of the gate was toward the house. 10 And the lodges of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side; they three were of one measure: and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side. 11 And he measured the breadth of the opening of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits; 12 and a border before the lodges, one cubit *on this side*, and a border, one cubit on that side; and the lodges, six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side. 13 And he measured the gate from the roof of the one lodge to the roof of the other, a breadth of five and twenty cubits; door against door. 14 He made also posts, threescore cubits; and the court *reached* unto the posts, round about the gate.

15 And *from* the forefront of the gate at the entrance unto the forefront of the [5]inner porch of the gate were fifty cubits. 16 And there were closed windows to the lodges, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the [6]arches; and windows were round about inward; and upon *each* post were palm-trees.

17 Then brought he me into the outer court; and, lo, there were chambers and a pavement, made for the court round about: thirty chambers were upon the pavement. 18 And the pavement was by the [7]side of the gates, answerable unto the length of the gates, even the lower pavement. 19 Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court without, a hundred cubits, *both* on the east and on the north.

20 And the gate of the outer court whose prospect is toward the north, he measured the length thereof and the breadth thereof. 21 And the lodges thereof were three on this side and three on that side; and the posts thereof and the arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate: the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. 22 And the windows thereof, and the arches thereof, and the palm-trees thereof, were after the measure of the gate whose prospect is toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches thereof were before them. 23 And there was a gate to the inner court over against the *other* gate, *both* on the north and on the east; and he measured from gate to gate a hundred cubits.

24 And he led me toward the south; and, behold, a gate toward the south: and he measured the posts thereof and the arches thereof according to these measures. 25 And there were windows in it

[1] Or, *even one threshold*
[2] Or, *guard chamber*
[3] This verse is omitted in several Hebrew MSS.
[4] Or, *jambs* and so throughout this chapter, and 41.1, 3
[5] Or, *porch of the inner gate*
[6] Or, *colonnade* The meaning of the Hebrew word is uncertain
[7] Heb. *shoulder*

and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. 26 And there were seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof were before them; and it had palm-trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof. 27 And there was a gate to the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south a hundred cubits.

28 Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured the south gate according to these measures; 29 and the lodges thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about; it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad. 30 And there were arches round about, five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad. 31 And the arches thereof were toward the outer court; and palm-trees were upon the posts thereof: and the ascent to it had eight steps.

32 And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he measured the gate according to these measures; 33 and the lodges thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and there were windows therein and in the arches thereof round about; it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad. 34 And the arches thereof were toward the outer court; and palm-trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the ascent to it had eight steps.

35 And he brought me to the north gate: and he measured *it* according to these measures; 36 the lodges thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof: and there were windows therein round about; the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. 37 And the posts thereof were toward the outer court; and palm-trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the ascent to it had eight steps.

38 And a chamber with the door thereof was by the posts at the gates; there they washed the burnt-offering. 39 And [1]in the porch of the gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt-offering and the sin-offering and the trespass-offering. 40 And on the *one* side without, [2]as one goeth up to the entry of the gate toward the north, were two tables; and on the other side, which belonged to the porch of the gate, were two tables. 41 Four tables were on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon they slew *the sacrifices*. 42 And there were four tables for the burnt-offering, of hewn stone, a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half broad, and one cubit high; whereupon they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt-offering and the sacrifice. 43 And the [3]hooks, a handbreadth long, were fastened [4]within round about: and upon the tables was the flesh of the oblation.

44 And without the inner gate were [5]chambers for the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate; and their prospect was toward the south; one at the side of the east gate having the prospect toward the north. 45 And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect is toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house; 46 and the chamber whose prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar: these are the sons of Zā'dŏk, who from among the sons of Lē'vī come near to Jē-

[1] Or, *by* [2] Or, *at the stairs of the entry* [3] According to Vulg. and Syr., *ledges* [4] Or, *in the building* [5] The Sept. has, *two chambers in the inner court, one behind the gate that looketh toward the north, having its prospect toward the south, and one at the side of the gate toward the south, but looking toward the north*

hō'văh to minister unto him.
47 And he measured the court, a hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar was before the house.

48 Then he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.
49 The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits; [1]even by the steps whereby they went up to it: and there were pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

41 And he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the [2]tabernacle. 2 And the breadth of the entrance was ten cubits; and the [3]sides of the entrance were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side: and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits. 3 Then went he inward, and measured each post of the entrance, two cubits; and the entrance, six cubits; and the breadth of the entrance, seven cubits. 4 And he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple: and he said unto me, This is the most holy place.

5 Then he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of every side-chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side. 6 And the side-chambers were in three stories, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which belonged to the house for the side-chambers round about, that they might have hold *therein*, and not have hold in the wall of the house. 7 And [4]the side-chambers were broader as they encompassed *the house* higher and higher; for the encompassing of the house went higher and higher round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house *continued* upward; and so one went up *from* the lowest *chamber* to the highest by the middle *chamber*. 8 I saw also [5]that the house had [6]a raised basement round about: the foundations of the side-chambers were a full reed [7]of six great cubits. 9 The thickness of the wall, which was for the side-chambers, on the outside, was five cubits: and that which was left was the place of the side-chambers that belonged to the house. 10 And between the chambers was a breadth of twenty cubits round about the house on every side. 11 And the doors of the side-chambers were toward *the place* that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place that was left was five cubits round about.

12 And the building that was before the separate place at the side toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits. 13 So he measured the house, a hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, a hundred cubits long; 14 also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, a hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the building before the separate place which was at the back thereof, and the galleries thereof on the one side and on the other side, a hundred cubits; and the inner temple, and the porches of the court; 16 the thresholds, and the closed windows, and the galleries

[1] The Sept. has, *and by ten steps they &c.* [2] Heb. *tent* See Ex. 26.22-25 [3] Heb. *shoulders*

[4] Or, *there was an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side-chambers; for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house* [5] Or, *that the house was high round about* [6] Heb. *height* [7] Or, *of six cubits to the joining*

round about on their three stories, over against the threshold, ceiled with wood round about, and *from* the ground up to the windows (now the windows were covered), 17 to *the space* above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, [1]by measure. 18 And it was made with chĕr'ū-bĭm and palm-trees; and a palm-tree was between chĕr'ūb and chĕr'ūb, and every chĕr'ūb had two faces; 19 so that there was the face of a man toward the palm-tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm-tree on the other side. *Thus was it* made through all the house round about: 20 from the ground unto above the door were chĕr'ū-bĭm and palm-trees made; [2]thus was the wall of the temple.

21 As for the temple, the door-posts were squared; and as for the face of the sanctuary, the appearance *thereof* was [3]as the appearance *of the temple*. 22 The altar was of wood, three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits; and [4]the corners thereof, and the length thereof, and the walls thereof, were of wood: and he said unto me, This is the table that is before Jĕ-hō'văh. 23 And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors. 24 And the doors had two leaves *apiece*, two turning leaves: two *leaves* for the one door, and two leaves for the other. 25 And there were made on them, on the doors of the temple, chĕr'ū-bĭm and palm-trees, like as were made upon the walls; and there was a threshold of wood [5]upon the face of the porch without. 26 And there were closed windows and palm-trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch: thus were the side-chambers of the house, and the thresholds.

42 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the chamber that was over against the separate place, and which was over against the building toward the north. 2 Before the length of a hundred cubits was the north door, and the breadth was fifty cubits. 3 Over against the twenty *cubits* which belonged to the inner court, and over against the pavement which belonged to the outer court, was gallery against gallery [6]in the third story. 4 And before the chambers was a walk of ten cubits' breadth inward, a way of [7]one cubit; and their doors were toward the north. 5 Now the upper chambers were shorter; for the galleries took away from these, more than from the lower and the middlemost, in the building. 6 For they were in three stories, and they had not pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore *the uppermost* was straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground. 7 And the [8]wall that was without by the side of the chambers, toward the outer court before the chambers, the length thereof was fifty cubits. 8 For the length of the chambers that were in the outer court was fifty cubits: and, lo, before the temple were a hundred cubits. 9 And from under these chambers was the entry on the east side, as one goeth into them from the outer court.

10 In the thickness of the [8]wall of the court toward the east, before the separate place, and before the building, there were chambers. 11 And the way before them was like the appearance of *the way of* the chambers which were toward the north; [9]according to their length so was their breadth: and all their egresses were both according to their fashions, and according to their doors. 12 And according to the doors of the chambers that were toward the south

[1] Heb. *measures* [2] Another reading is, *And as for the wall of the temple, the door-posts were squared* [3] Or, *as the* former *appearance* [4] Or, *it had its corners; and &c.* [5] Or, *before the porch*

[6] Or, *in three stories* [7] According to Sept. & Syr., *a hundred cubits* [8] Or, *fence* [9] Or, *they were as long as they, and as broad as they*

was a door at the head of the way, even the way directly before the [1]wall toward the east, as one entereth into them.

13 Then said he unto me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the separate place, they are the holy chambers, where the priests that are near unto Jĕ-hō'văh shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meal-offering, and the sin-offering, and the trespass-offering; for the place is holy. 14 When the priests enter in, then shall they not go out of the holy place into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister; for they are holy: and they shall put on other garments, and shall approach to that which pertaineth to the people.

15 Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east, and measured it round about. 16 He measured on the east [2]side with the measuring reed five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about. 17 He measured on the north [2]side five hundred reeds with the measuring reed round about. 18 He measured on the south [2]side five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. 19 He turned about to the west [2]side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. 20 He measured it [3]on the four sides: it had a wall round about, the length five hundred, and the breadth five hundred, to make a separation between that which was holy and that which was common.

43 Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east. 2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl came from the way of the east: and his voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shined with his glory. 3 And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chē'bär; and I fell upon my face. 4 And the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. 5 And the Spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh filled the house.

6 And I heard one speaking unto me out of the house; and a man stood by me. 7 And he said unto me, Son of man, *this is* the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl for ever. And the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall no more defile my holy name, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, and by the dead bodies of their kings [4]*in* their high places; 8 in their setting of their threshold by my threshold, and their doorpost beside my door-post, and there was *but* the wall between me and them; and they have defiled my holy name by their abominations which they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger. 9 Now let them put away their whoredom, and the dead bodies of their kings, far from me; and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

10 Thou, son of man, show the house to the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the [5]pattern. 11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, make known unto them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the egresses thereof, and the entrances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof; and write it in their sight; that

[1] Or, *fence* [2] Heb. *wind*
[3] Heb. *toward the four winds*
[4] Or, according to another reading, *in their death*
[5] Or, *sum*

they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them. 12 This is the law of the house: upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

13 And these are the measures of the altar by cubits (the cubit is a cubit and a handbreadth): the [1]bottom shall be a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about a span; and this shall be the [2]base of the altar. 14 And from the bottom [3]upon the ground to the lower ledge shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser ledge to the greater ledge shall be four cubits, and the breadth a cubit. 15 And the [4]upper altar shall be four cubits; and from the [5]altar hearth and upward there shall be four horns. 16 And the altar hearth shall be twelve *cubits* long by twelve broad, square in the four sides thereof. 17 And the ledge shall be fourteen *cubits* long by fourteen broad in the four sides thereof; and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and the bottom thereof shall be a cubit round about; and the steps thereof shall look toward the east.

18 And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon. 19 Thou shalt give to the priests the Lē'vītes that are of the seed of Zā'dŏk, who are near unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, a young bullock for a sin-offering. 20 And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the ledge, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou cleanse it and make atonement for it. 21 Thou shalt also take the bullock of the sin-offering, and it shall be burnt in the appointed place of the house, without the sanctuary. 22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a he-goat without blemish for a sin-offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse it with the bullock. 23 When thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish. 24 And thou shalt bring them near before Jĕ-hō'văh, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh. 25 Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat for a sin-offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish. 26 Seven days shall they make atonement for the altar and purify it; so shall they [6]consecrate it. 27 And when they have accomplished the days, it shall be that upon the eighth day, and forward, the priests shall make your burnt-offerings upon the altar, and your peace-offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

44 Then he brought me back by the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which looketh toward the east; and it was shut. 2 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, neither shall any man enter in by it; for Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, hath entered in by it; therefore it shall be shut. 3 As for the prince, he shall sit therein as prince to eat bread before Jĕ-hō'văh; he shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

4 Then he brought me by the way of the north gate before the house; and I looked, and, behold, the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh filled the house of Jĕ-hō'văh: and I fell upon my face. 5 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Son of man, [7]mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and

[1] Or, *hollow* Heb. *bosom* [2] Heb. *back* [3] Or, *at* [4] Heb. *Harel* [5] Heb. *Ariel* See Is. 29.1
[6] Heb. *fill the hands thereof* See Ex. 29.24
[7] Heb. *set thy heart upon*

hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and all the laws thereof; and [1]mark well the entrance of the house, with every egress of the sanctuary. 6 And thou shalt say to the rebellious, even to the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl, Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: O ye house of ĭs'rā-ĕl, let it suffice you of all your abominations, 7 in that ye have brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to profane it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant, [2]*to add* unto all your abominations. 8 And ye have not kept the charge of my holy things; but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

9 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any foreigners that are among the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 10 But the Lē'vītes that went far from me, when ĭs'rā-ĕl went astray, that went astray from me after their idols, they shall bear their iniquity. 11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the house, and ministering in the house: they shall slay the burnt-offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them. 12 Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and became a stumblingblock of iniquity unto the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl; therefore have I lifted up my hand against them, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, and they shall bear their iniquity. 13 And they shall not come near unto me, to execute the office of priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, unto the things that are most holy; but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed. 14 Yet will I make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

15 But the priests the Lē'vītes, the sons of Zā'dŏk, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me; and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: 16 they shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge. 17 And it shall be that, when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and [2]within. 18 They shall have linen tires upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with *anything that causeth* sweat. 19 And when they go forth into the outer court, even into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they minister, and lay them in the holy chambers; and they shall put on other garments, that they sanctify not the people with their garments. 20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only cut off the hair of their heads. 21 Neither shall any of the priests drink wine, when they enter into the inner court. 22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away; but they shall take virgins of the seed of the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl, or a widow that is the widow of a priest. 23 And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the common, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. 24 And in a controversy they shall stand to judge; according to mine ordinances shall they judge it: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all my

[1] Heb. *set thy heart upon* [2] Or, *in all* [3] Or, *in the house*

appointed feasts; and they shall hallow my sabbaths. 25 And they shall go in to no dead person to defile themselves; but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves. 26 And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days. 27 And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, into the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin-offering, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

28 And they shall have an inheritance: I am their inheritance; and ye shall give them no possession in ĭs'rā-ĕl; I am their possession. 29 They shall eat the meal-offering, and the sin-offering, and the trespass-offering; and every devoted thing in ĭs'rā-ĕl shall be theirs. 30 And the first of all the first-fruits of every thing, and every [1]oblation of everything, of all your oblations, shall be for the priest: ye shall also give unto the priests the first of your [2]dough, to cause a blessing to rest on thy house. 31 The priests shall not eat of anything that dieth of itself, or is torn, whether it be bird or beast.

45 Moreover, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto Jĕ-hō'văh, [3]a holy portion of the land; the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand *reeds*, and the breadth shall be [4]ten thousand: it shall be holy in all the border thereof round about. 2 Of this there shall be for the holy place five hundred *in length* by five hundred *in breadth*, square round about; and fifty cubits for the [5]suburbs thereof round about. 3 And of this measure shalt thou measure a length of five and twenty thousand, and a breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary, which is most holy. 4 It is a holy portion of the land; it shall be for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, that come near to minister unto Jĕ-hō'văh; and it shall be a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary. 5 And five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth, shall be unto the Lē'vites, the ministers of the house, for a possession unto themselves, *for* [6]twenty chambers. 6 And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, side by side with the oblation of the holy portion: it shall be for the whole house of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 7 And *whatsoever is* for the prince *shall be* on the one side and on the other side of the holy oblation and of the possession of the city, in front of the holy oblation and in front of the possession of the city, on the west side westward, and on the east side eastward; and in length answerable unto one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border. 8 [7]In the land it shall be to him for a possession in ĭs'rā-ĕl: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; but they shall give the land to the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl according to their tribes.

9 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: Let it suffice you, O princes of ĭs'rā-ĕl: remove violence and spoil, and execute justice and righteousness; take away your [8]exactions from my people, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh. 10 Ye shall have just balances, and a just ē'phăh and a just băth. 11 The ē'phăh and the băth shall be of one measure, that the băth may contain the tenth part of a hō'mēr, and the ē'phăh the tenth part of a hō'mēr: the measure thereof shall be after the hō'mēr. 12 And the shĕk'ĕl shall be twenty gē'rāhs; twenty shĕk'ĕls, five and twenty shĕk'ĕls, fifteen shĕk'ĕls, shall be your mā'nĕh.

13 This is the oblation that ye shall offer: the sixth part of an

[1] Or, *heave-offering* [2] Or, *coarse meal* [3] Heb. *holiness* [4] The Sept. has, *twenty* [5] Or, *open space* [6] The Sept. has, *cities to dwell in* [7] Or, *As touching* [8] Heb. *expulsions*

ē′phăh from a hō′mēr of wheat; and ye shall give the sixth part of an ē′phăh from a hō′mēr of barley: 14 and the set portion of oil, of the bāth of oil, the tenth part of a bāth out of the cōr, *which is* ten bāths, even a hō′mēr (for ten bāths are a hō′mēr); 15 and one lamb of the flock, out of two hundred, from the well-watered pastures of Ĭs′rā-ĕl; —for a meal-offering, and for a burnt-offering, and for peace-offerings, to make atonement for them, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh. 16 All the people of the land [1]shall give unto this oblation for the prince in Ĭs′rā-ĕl. 17 And it shall be the prince's part to give the burnt-offerings, and the meal-offerings, and the drink-offerings, in the feasts, and on the new moons, and on the sabbaths, in all the appointed feasts of the house of Ĭs′rā-ĕl: he shall prepare the sin-offering, and the meal-offering, and the burnt-offering, and the peace-offerings, to make atonement for the house of Ĭs′rā-ĕl.

18 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh: In the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish; and thou shalt cleanse the sanctuary. 19 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin-offering, and put it upon the door-posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court. 20 And so thou shalt do on the seventh *day* of the month for every one that erreth, and for him that is simple: so shall ye make atonement for the house.

21 In the first *month*, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. 22 And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bullock for a sin-offering. 23 And the seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt-offering to Jĕ-hō′văh, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a he-goat daily for a sin-offering. 24 And he shall prepare a meal-offering, an ē′phăh for a bullock, and an ē′phăh for a ram, and a hin of oil to an ē′phăh. 25 In the seventh *month*, in the fifteenth day of the month, in the feast, shall he do the like the seven days; according to the sin-offering, according to the burnt-offering, and according to the meal-offering, and according to the oil.

46 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh: The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath day it shall be opened, and on the day of the new moon it shall be opened. 2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate; and the priests shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. 3 And the people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate before Jĕ-hō′văh on the sabbaths and on the new moons. 4 And the burnt-offering that the prince shall offer unto Jĕ-hō′văh shall be on the sabbath day six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish; 5 and the meal-offering shall be an ē′phăh for the ram, and the meal-offering for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ē′phăh.

6 And on the day of the new moon it shall be a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish: 7 and he shall prepare a meal-offering, an ē′phăh for the bullock, and an ē′phăh for the ram, and for the lambs according as [2]he is able, and a hin of oil to an ē′phăh. 8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of the gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.

9 But when the people of the

1 Heb. *shall be for*

2 Heb. *his hand shall attain unto*

land shall come before Jĕ-hō'văh in the appointed feasts, he that entereth by the way of the north gate to worship shall go forth by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth straight before him. 10 And the prince, when they go in, shall go in in the midst of them; and when they go forth, they shall go forth *together*. 11 And in the feasts and in the [1]solemnities the meal-offering shall be an ē'phăh for a bullock, and an ē'phăh for a ram, and for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ē'phăh. 12 And when the prince shall prepare a freewill-offering, a burnt-offering or peace-offerings as a freewill-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh, one shall open for him the gate that looketh toward the east; and he shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, as he doth on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one shall shut the gate.

13 And thou shalt prepare a lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh daily: morning by morning shalt thou prepare it. 14 And thou shalt prepare a meal-offering with it morning by morning, the sixth part of an ē'phăh, and the third part of a hin of oil, to [2]moisten the fine flour; a meal-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh continually by a perpetual ordinance. 15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meal-offering, and the oil, morning by morning, for a continual burnt-offering.

16 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, it is his inheritance, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance. 17 But if he give of his inheritance a gift to one of his servants, it shall be his to the year of liberty; then it shall return to the prince; but as for his inheritance, it shall be for his sons. 18 Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance, to [3]thrust them out of their possession; he shall give inheritance to his sons out of his own possession, that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

19 Then he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers for the priests, which looked toward the north: and, behold, there was a place on the hinder part westward. 20 And he said unto me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass-offering and the sin-offering, *and* where they shall bake the meal-offering; that they bring them not forth into the outer court, to sanctify the people. 21 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court there was a court. 22 In the four corners of the court there were courts [4]inclosed, forty *cubits* long and thirty broad: these four in the corners were of one measure. 23 And there was a [5]wall round about in them, round about the four, and boiling-places were made under the [6]walls round about. 24 Then said he unto me, These are the boiling-houses, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

47 And he brought me back unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward (for the forefront of the house was toward the east); and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the house, on the south of the altar. 2 Then he brought me out by the way of the gate northward, and led me round by the way without unto the outer gate, by the way of *the gate* that looketh toward the

[1] Or, *appointed feasts* [2] Or, *mix with* [3] Heb. *oppress* [4] Or, *joined on* [5] Heb. *row* [6] Heb. *rows*

east; and, behold, there [1]ran out waters on the right side.

3 When the man went forth eastward with the line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the ankles. 4 Again he measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through *the waters*, waters that were to the loins. 5 Afterward he measured a thousand; *and it was* a river that I could not pass through; for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed through.

6 And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen *this?* Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the bank of the river. 7 Now when I had returned, behold, upon the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. 8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue forth toward the eastern region, and shall go down into the Ar'ă-băh; and they shall go toward the sea; into the sea *shall the waters go* which were made to issue forth; and the waters shall be healed. 9 And it shall come to pass, that every living creature which swarmeth, in every place whither the [2]rivers come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish; for these waters are come thither, [3]and *the waters of the sea* shall be healed, and everything shall live whithersoever the river cometh. 10 And it shall come to pass, that fishers shall stand by it: from Ĕn-ĕg'lă-im even unto Ĕn-ĕg'lă-im shall be a place for the spreading of nets; their fish shall be after their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many. 11 But the miry places thereof, and the marshes thereof, shall not be healed; they shall be [4]given up to salt. 12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow every tree for food, whose leaf shall not wither, neither shall the fruit thereof fail: it shall bring forth [5]new fruit every month, because the waters thereof issue out of the sanctuary; and the fruit thereof shall be for food, and the leaf thereof for healing.

13 Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'-văh: This shall be the border, whereby ye shall divide the land for inheritance according to the twelve tribes of Is'rā-ĕl: Joseph *shall have two* portions. 14 And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another; for I [6]sware to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance.

15 And this shall be the border of the land: On the north side, from the great sea, by the way of Hĕth'lŏn, unto the entrance of Zē'dăd; 16 Hā'măth, Bĕ-rō'thăh, Sĭb-rā'ĭm, which is between the border of Dă-măs'cŭs and the border of Hā'măth; [7]Hā'zĕr-hăt'-tĭ-cŏn, which is by the border of Hau'răn. 17 And the border from the sea, shall be Hā'zăr-ē'nŏn at the border of Dă-măs'cŭs; and on the north northward is the border of Hā'măth. This is the north side. 18 And the east side, between Hau'răn and Dă-măs'cŭs and Gĭl'ĕ-ăd and the land of Is'rā-ĕl, shall be the Jordan; from the *north* border unto the east sea shall ye measure. This is the east side. 19 And the south side southward shall be from Tā'mär as far as the waters of Mĕr-ī-bŏth-kā'dĕsh, to the brook *of E'gypt*, unto the great sea. This is the south side southward. 20 And the west side shall be the great sea, from the *south* border as far as over against the entrance of Hā'măth. This is the west side.

21 So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Is'rā-ĕl. 22 And it shall come to

[1] Or, *trickled forth*
[2] Heb. *two rivers*
[3] Or, *that all things may be healed and live*
[4] Or, *given for salt*
[5] Heb. *first-fruits*
[6] Heb. *lifted up my hand*
[7] Or, *the middle Hazer*

pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you and to the strangers that sojourn among you, who shall beget children among you; and they shall be unto you as the home-born among the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 23 And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'vāh.

48 Now these are the names of the tribes: From the north end, beside the way of Hĕth'lŏn to the entrance of Hā'māth, Hā'zär-ē'năn at the border of Dă-măs'-cŭs, northward beside Hā'māth (and they shall have their sides east *and* west), Dan, one *portion*. 2 And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side, Ăsh'ĕr, one *portion*. 3 And by the border of Ăsh'ĕr, from the east side even unto the west side, Năph'tă-lī, one *portion*. 4 And by the border of Năph'tă-lī, from the east side unto the west side, Mă-năs'sĕh, one *portion*. 5 And by the border of Mă-năs'sĕh, from the east side unto the west side, Ē'phră-ĭm, one *portion*. 6 And by the border of Ē'phră-ĭm, from the east side even unto the west side, Reu'bĕn, one *portion*. 7 And by the border of Reu'bĕn, from the east side unto the west side, Jū'dăh, one *portion*.

8 And by the border of Jū'dăh, from the east side unto the west side, shall be the oblation which ye shall offer, five and twenty thousand *reeds* in breadth, and in length as one of the portions, from the east side unto the west side: and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it. 9 The oblation that ye shall offer unto Jĕ-hō'vāh shall be five and twenty thousand *reeds* in length, and ten thousand in breadth. 10 And for these, even for the priests, shall be the holy oblation; toward the north five and twenty thousand *in length*, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south five and twenty thousand in length: and the sanctuary of Jĕ-hō'vāh shall be in the midst thereof. 11 [1]*It shall be* for the priests that are sanctified of the sons of Zā'dŏk, that have kept my charge, that went not astray when the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl went astray, as the Lē'vītes went astray. 12 And it shall be unto them an oblation from the oblation of the land, a thing most holy, by the border of the Lē'vītes.

13 And answerable unto the border of the priests, the Lē'vītes shall have five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all the length shall be five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand. 14 And they shall sell none of it, nor exchange it, nor shall the first-fruits of the land be alienated; for it is holy unto Jĕ-hō'vāh.

15 And the five thousand that are left in the breadth, in front of the five and twenty thousand, shall be for common use, for the city, for dwelling and for suburbs; and the city shall be in the midst thereof. 16 And these shall be the measures thereof: the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred. 17 And the city shall have suburbs: toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty. 18 And the residue in the length, answerable unto the holy oblation, shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward; and it shall be answerable unto the holy oblation; and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that labor in the city. 19 And they that labor in the city, out of all the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, shall till

[1] Or, *The sanctified* portion shall be *for the priests of the sons &c.*

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it. 20 All the oblation shall be five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand: ye shall offer the holy oblation four-square, with the possession of the city.

21 And the residue shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation and of the possession of the city; in front of the five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward in front of the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, answerable unto the portions, it shall be for the prince: and the holy oblation and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst thereof. 22 Moreover from the possession of the Lē'vītes, and from the possession of the city, being in the midst of that which is the prince's, between the border of Jū'dăh and the border of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, it shall be for the prince.

23 And as for the rest of the tribes: from the east side unto the west side, Bĕn'jă-mĭn, one *portion*. 24 And by the border of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, from the east side unto the west side, Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn, one *portion*. 25 And by the border of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn, from the east side unto the west side, ĭs'să-chär, one *portion*. 26 And by the border of ĭs'să-chär, from the east side unto the west side, Zĕb'ū-lŭn, one *portion*. 27 And by the border of Zĕb'ū-lŭn, from the east side unto the west side, Gad, one *portion*. 28 And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tā'mär unto the waters of Mĕr'ĭ-băth-kā'dĕsh, to the brook *of E'gypt*, unto the great sea. 29 This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of ĭs'rā-ĕl for inheritance, and these are their several portions, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

30 And these are the egresses of the city: On the north side four thousand and five hundred *reeds* by measure; 31 and the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of ĭs'rā-ĕl, three gates northward: the gate of Reu'bĕn, one; the gate of Jū'dăh, one; the gate of Lē'vi, one. 32 And at the east side four thousand and five hundred *reeds*, and three gates: even the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, one; the gate of Dan, one. 33 And at the south side four thousand and five hundred *reeds* by measure, and three gates: the gate of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn, one; the gate of ĭs'să-chär, one; the gate of Zĕb'ū-lŭn, one. 34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred *reeds*, with their three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Ăsh'ĕr, one; the gate of Năph'tă-lī, one. 35 It shall be eighteen thousand *reeds* round about: and the name of the city from that day shall be, [1]Jĕ-hō'văh is there.

[1] Heb. *Jehovah-shammah*

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

Daniel and his Three Friends refuse to take the King's Food

1 In the third year of the reign of Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm king of Jū'dăh came Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and besieged it. 2 And the Lord gave Jĕ-hoi'ă-kĭm king of Jū'dăh into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God; and he carried them into the land of Shĭ'när to the house of his god: and he brought the vessels into the treasure-house of his god. 3 And the king spake unto Ăsh'pĕ-năz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring in *certain* of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, even of the seed royal and of the nobles; 4 youths in whom was no blemish,

but well-favored, and skilful in all wisdom, and endued with knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability to stand in the king's palace; and that he should teach them the learning and the tongue of the Chăl-dē'ăns. 5 And the king appointed for them a daily portion of the king's dainties, and of the wine which he drank, and that they should be nourished three years; that at the end thereof they should stand before the king. 6 Now among these were, of the children of Jū'dăh, Dăn'ĭĕl, Hăn-ă-nī'ăh, Mĭsh'ă-ĕl, and Ăz-ă-rī'ăh. 7 And the prince of the eunuchs gave names unto them: unto Dăn'ĭĕl he gave *the name of* Bĕl-tē-shăz'zär; and to Hăn-a-nī'ăh, *of* Shā'drăch; and to Mĭsh'ă-ĕl, *of* Mē'shăch; and to Ăz-ă-rī'ăh, *of* Ă-bĕd'-nē-gō.

8 But Dăn'ĭĕl purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's dainties, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. 9 Now God made Dăn'ĭĕl to find kindness and compassion in the sight of the prince of the eunuchs. 10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Dăn'ĭĕl, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your food and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse looking than the youths that are of your own age? so would ye endanger my head with the king. 11 Then said Dăn'ĭĕl to [1]the steward whom the prince of the eunuchs had appointed over Dăn'ĭĕl, Hăn-ă-nī'ăh, Mĭsh'ă-ĕl, and Ăz-ă-rī'ăh: 12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us [2]pulse to eat, and water to drink. 13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the youths that eat of the king's dainties; and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

14 So he hearkened unto them in this matter, and proved them ten days. 15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer, and they were fatter in flesh, than all the youths that did eat of the king's dainties. 16 So [1]the steward took away their dainties, and the wine that they should drink, and gave them pulse.

17 Now as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Dăn'ĭĕl had understanding in all visions and dreams. 18 And at the end of the days which the king had [3]appointed for bringing them in, the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär. 19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Dăn'ĭĕl, Hăn-ă-nī'ăh, Mĭsh'ă-ĕl, and Ăz-ă-rī'ăh: therefore stood they before the king. 20 And in every matter of wisdom and understanding, concerning which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his realm. 21 And Dăn'ĭĕl continued even unto the first year of king Çў'rŭs.

2 And in the second year of the reign of Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär, Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär dreamed dreams; and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep went from him. 2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the enchanters, and the sorcerers, and the Chăl-dē'ăns, to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. 3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream. 4 Then spake the Chăl-dē'ăns to the king [4]in the Sўr'ĭ-ăn language, [5]O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation. 5 The king answered and said to the Chăl-dē'ăns, [6]The thing is gone from me: if ye make not known unto me the dream and the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces,

[1] Heb. *Hammelzar* [2] Or, *herbs*
[3] Heb. *said* [4] Or, *in Aramaic* [5] Ch 2.4-7.28 is in Aramaic [6] Or, *The word is gone forth from me*

and your houses shall be made a dunghill. 6 But if ye show the dream and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honor: therefore show me the dream and the interpretation thereof. 7 They answered the second time and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation. 8 The king answered and said, I know of a certainty that ye would [1]gain time, because ye see [2]the thing is gone from me. 9 But if ye make not known unto me the dream, there is but one law for you; for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can show me the interpretation thereof. 10 The Chăl-dē'ăns answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can show the king's matter, forasmuch as no king, [3]lord, or ruler, hath asked such a thing of any magician, or enchanter, or Chăl-dē'ăn. 11 And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is no other that can show it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh. 12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Băb'ȳ-lŏn. 13 So the decree went forth, and the wise men were to be slain; and they sought Dăn'ĭĕl and his companions to be slain.

14 Then Dăn'ĭĕl returned answer with counsel and prudence to Ā'rĭ-ŏch the captain of the king's guard, who was gone forth to slay the wise men of Băb'ȳ-lŏn; 15 he answered and said to Ā'rĭ-ŏch the king's captain, Wherefore is the decree so urgent from the king? Then Ā'rĭ-ŏch made the thing known to Dăn'ĭĕl. 16 And Dăn'ĭĕl went in, and desired of the king that he would [4]appoint him a time, [5]and he would show the king the interpretation.

17 Then Dăn'ĭĕl went to his house, and made the thing known to Hăn-ă-nī'ăh, Mĭsh'ă-ĕl, and Ăz-ă-rī'ăh, his companions: 18 that they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Dăn'ĭĕl and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Băb'ȳ-lŏn. 19 Then was the secret revealed unto Dăn'ĭĕl in a vision of the night. Then Dăn'ĭĕl blessed the God of heaven. 20 Dăn'ĭĕl answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever; for wisdom and might are his. 21 And he changeth the times and the seasons; he removeth kings, and setteth up kings; he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that have understanding; 22 he revealeth the deep and secret things; he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. 23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast now made known unto me what we desired of thee; for thou hast made known unto us the king's matter. 24 Therefore Dăn'ĭĕl went in unto Ā'rĭ-ŏch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Băb'ȳ-lŏn; he went and said thus unto him: Destroy not the wise men of Băb'ȳ-lŏn; bring me in before the king, and I will show unto the king the interpretation.

25 Then Ā'rĭ-ŏch brought in Dăn'ĭĕl before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the children of the captivity of Jū'dăh, that will make known unto the king the interpretation. 26 The king answered and said to Dăn'ĭĕl, whose name was Bĕl-tē-shăz'zär, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof? 27 Dăn'ĭĕl answered before the king, and said, The secret which the king hath

[1] Aram. *buy the time* [2] Or, *the word is gone forth from me: that if &c.* [3] Or, be he never so *great and powerful, hath &c.* [4] Or, *give him time*

[5] Or, *that he might*

demanded can neither wise men, enchanters, magicians, nor soothsayers, show unto the king; 28 but there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and he hath made known to the king Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these: 29 as for thee, O king, thy thoughts came *into thy mind* upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter; and he that revealeth secrets hath made known to thee what shall come to pass. 30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but to the intent that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that thou mayest know the thoughts of thy heart.

31 Thou, O king, sawest, and, behold, a great image. This image, which was mighty, and whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the aspect thereof was terrible. 32 As for this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of brass, 33 its legs of iron, its feet part of iron, and part of clay. 34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon its feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them in pieces. 35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, so that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great [1]mountain, and filled the whole earth.

36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. 37 Thou, O king, art king of kings, unto whom the God of heaven hath given the kingdom, the power, and the strength, and the glory; 38 and wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens hath he given into thy hand, and hath made thee to rule over them all: thou art the head of gold. 39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee; and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. 40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron, forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things; and as iron that crusheth all these, shall it break in pieces and crush. 41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with [2]miry clay. 42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly [3]broken. 43 And whereas thou sawest the iron mixed with [2]miry clay, they shall mingle themselves [4]with the seed of men; but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron doth not mingle with clay. 44 And in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the sovereignty thereof be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. 45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

46 Then the king Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär fell upon his face, and worshipped Dăn'ĭĕl, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odors unto him. 47 The king answered unto Dăn'ĭĕl, and said, Of a truth your God is the God of gods, and the Lord of kings, and a revealer of

[1] Or, *rock*
[2] Or, *earthenware*
[3] Or, *brittle*
[4] Or, *by*

secrets, seeing thou hast been able to reveal this secret. 48 Then the king made Dăn'ĭĕl great, and gave him many great gifts, and made him to rule over the whole province of Băb'ȳ-lŏn, and to be chief governor over all the wise men of Băb'ȳ-lŏn. 49 And Dăn'ĭĕl requested of the king, and he appointed Shā'drăch, Mē'shăch, and Ă-bĕd'-nĕ-gō, over the affairs of the province of Băb'ȳ-lŏn: but Dăn'ĭĕl was [1]in the gate of the king.

3 Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dū'rȧ, in the province of Băb'ȳ-lŏn. 2 Then Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär the king sent to gather together the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, the [2]judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the [3]sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär the king had set up. 3 Then the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, the [2]judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the [3]sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär had set up. 4 Then the herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, 5 that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, [4]dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär the king hath set up; 6 and whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. 7 Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär the king had set up.

8 Wherefore at that time certain Chăl-dē'ăns came near, and brought accusation against the Jews. 9 They answered and said to Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär the king, O king, live for ever. 10 Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image; 11 and whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. 12 There are certain Jews whom thou hast appointed over the affairs of the province of Băb'ȳ-lŏn: Shā'drăch, Mē'shăch, and Ă-bĕd'-nĕ-gō; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

13 Then Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär in *his* rage and fury commanded to bring Shā'drăch, Mē'shăch, and Ă-bĕd'-nĕ-gō. Then they brought these men before the king. 14 Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär answered and said unto them, Is it of purpose, O Shā'drăch, Mē'shăch, and Ă-bĕd'-nĕ-gō, that ye serve not my god, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? 15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made, *well*: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that god that shall deliver you out of my hands? 16 Shā'drăch, Mē'shăch, and Ă-bĕd'-nĕ-gō answered and said to the king, O Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär, [5]we have no need to answer thee in this matter. 17 [6]If it be *so*, our

[1] Or, *at the king's court* [2] Or, *chief soothsayers* [3] Or, *lawyers* [4] Or, *bagpipe*

[5] Or, *we are not careful* [6] Or, *Behold, our God, &c.* Or, *If our God whom we serve be able to deliver us, he will deliver us from . . . and out of thy hand, O king*

God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of thy hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

19 Then was Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shā'drăch, Mē'shăch, and Ā-bĕd'-nĕ-gō: *therefore* he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was wont to be heated. 20 And he commanded certain mighty men that were in his army to bind Shā'drăch, Mē'shăch, and Ā-bĕd'-nĕ-gō, *and* to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. 21 Then these men were bound in their hosen, their [1]tunics, and their mantles, and their *other* garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 22 Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shā'drăch, Mē'shăch, and Ā-bĕd'-nĕ-gō. 23 And these three men, Shā'drăch, Mē'shăch, and Ā-bĕd'-nĕ-gō, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär the king was astonished, and rose up in haste: he spake and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. 25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the aspect of the fourth is like a son of the gods. 26 Then Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär came near to the [2]mouth of the burning fiery furnace: he spake and said, Shā'drăch, Mē'shăch, and Ā-bĕd'-nĕ-gō, ye servants of the Most High God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shā'drăch, Mē'shăch, and Ā-bĕd'-nĕ-gō came forth out of the midst of the fire.

[1] Or, *turbans* [2] Aram. *door*

27 And the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, that the fire had no power upon their bodies, nor was the hair of their head singed, neither were their hosen changed, nor had the smell of fire passed on them.

28 Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär spake and said, Blessed be the God of Shā'drăch, Mē'shăch, and Ā-bĕd'-nĕ-gō, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and have yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. 29 Therefore I make a decree, that every people, nation, and language, which speak anything amiss against the God of Shā'drăch, Mē'shăch, and Ā-bĕd'-nĕ-gō, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill; because there is no other god that is able to deliver after this sort. 30 Then the king promoted Shā'drăch, Mē'shăch, and Ā-bĕd'-nĕ-gō in the province of Băb'ў-lŏn.

*4 Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär the king, unto all the peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied unto you. 2 It hath seemed good unto me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God hath wrought toward me. 3 How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

†4 I, Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär, was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace. 5 I saw a dream which made me afraid; and the [3]thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. 6 Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Băb'ў-lŏn before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream. 7 Then came in the magicians, the enchanters,

[3] Or, *imaginations*

*[Ch. 3.31 in Aram.] †[Ch. 4.1 in Aram.]

the Chăl-dē'ăns, and the soothsayers; and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof. 8 But at the last Dăn'iĕl came in before me, whose name was Bĕl-tē-shăz'zär, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and I told the dream before him, *saying,* 9 O Bĕl-tē-shăz'zär, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof. 10 Thus were the visions of my head upon my bed: I saw, and, behold, a tree in the midst of the earth; and the height thereof was great. 11 The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth. 12 The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was food for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the birds of the heavens dwelt in the branches thereof, and all flesh was fed from it. 13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and a holy one came down from heaven. 14 He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off its branches, shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from its branches. 15 Nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven: and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth: 16 let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him. 17 The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, and the [1]demand by the word of the holy ones; to the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the lowest of men. 18 This dream I, king Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär, have seen; and thou, O Bĕl-tē-shăz'zär, declare the interpretation, forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation; but thou art able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.

19 Then Dăn'iĕl, whose name was Bĕl-tē-shăz'zär, was stricken dumb for a while, and his thoughts troubled him. The king answered and said, Bĕl-tē-shăz'zär, let not the dream, or the interpretation, trouble thee. Bĕl-tē-shăz'zär answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine adversaries. 20 The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth; 21 whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was food for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the birds of the heavens had their habitation: 22 it is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong; for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth. 23 And whereas the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew down the tree, and destroy it; nevertheless leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field, and let it be wet with the dew of heaven; and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him; 24 this is the interpretation, O king, and it is the decree of the Most High, which is come upon my lord the king: 25 that thou shalt be driven from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and thou shalt be made to eat grass as oxen, and shalt be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven times

[1] Or, *matter*

shall pass over thee; till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. 26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule. 27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and [1]break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if there may be [2]a lengthening of thy tranquillity.

28 All this came upon the king Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär. 29 At the end of twelve months he was walking [3]in the royal palace of Băb'ў-lŏn. 30 The king spake and said, Is not this great Băb'ў-lŏn, which I have built for the royal dwelling-place, by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty? 31 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, *saying*, O king Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär, to thee it is spoken: The kingdom is departed from thee: 32 and thou shalt be driven from men; and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field; thou shalt be made to eat grass as oxen; and seven times shall pass over thee; until thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. 33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hair was grown like eagles' *feathers*, and his nails like birds' *claws*.

34 And at the end of the days I, Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär, lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored him that liveth for ever; for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom from generation to generation; 35 and all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can [4]stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? 36 At the same time mine understanding returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent greatness was added unto me. 37 Now I, Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven; for all his works are truth, and his ways justice; and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

5 Bĕl-shăz'zär the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. 2 Bĕl-shăz'zär, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; that the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, might drink therefrom. 3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, drank from them. 4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

5 In the same hour came forth the fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6 Then the king's [5]countenance was changed in him, and his thoughts troubled him; and the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another. 7 The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chăl-dē'ăns, and the soothsayers. The king spake and said to the wise men of Băb'ў-lŏn,

[1] Or, *redeem* [2] Or, as otherwise read, *a healing of thine error* [3] Aram. *upon*
[4] Aram. *strike* [5] Aram. *brightness*

Daniel interprets the Writing

Whosoever shall read this writing, and show me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. 8 Then came in all the king's wise men; but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation. 9 Then was king Bĕl-shăz'zär greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were perplexed.

10 *Now* the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever; let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed. 11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and the king Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär thy father, [1]the king, *I say*, thy father, made him master of the magicians, enchanters, Chăl-dē'ăns, and soothsayers; 12 forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and showing of dark sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Dăn'ĭĕl, whom the king named Bĕl-tē-shăz'zär. Now let Dăn'ĭĕl be called, and he will show the interpretation.

13 Then was Dăn'ĭĕl brought in before the king. The king spake and said unto Dăn'ĭĕl, Art thou that Dăn'ĭĕl, who art of the children of the captivity of Jū'dăh, whom the king my father brought out of Jū'dăh? 14 I have heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in thee. 15 And now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof; but they could not show the interpretation of the thing. 16 But I have heard of thee, that thou canst give interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

17 Then Dăn'ĭĕl answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; nevertheless I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation. 18 O thou king, the Most High God gave Nĕb-ū-chăd-nĕz'zär thy father the kingdom, and greatness, and glory, and majesty: 19 and because of the greatness that he gave him, all the peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew, and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he raised up, and whom he would he put down. 20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: 21 and he was driven from the sons of men, and his heart was made like the beasts', and his dwelling was with the wild asses; he was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; until he knew that the Most High God ruleth in the kingdom of men, and that he setteth up over it whomsoever he will. 22 And thou his son, O Bĕl-shăz'zär, hast not humbled thy heart, though thou knewest all this, 23 but hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou and thy lords, thy wives and thy concubines, have drunk wine from them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know; and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glori-

[1] Or, *thy father, O king*

fied. 24 Then was the part of the hand sent from before him, and this writing was inscribed.

25 And this is the writing that was inscribed: [1]MĔ'NĔ, MĔ'NĔ, TĔ'KĔL, Ū-PHÄR'SĬN. 26 This is the interpretation of the thing: MĔ'NĔ; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and brought it to an end. 27 TĔ'KĔL; thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. 28 [2]PĔ'RĔS; thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Mēdes and Pēr'si-ăns.

29 Then commanded Bĕl-shăz'zär, and they clothed Dăn'ĭĕl with purple, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 In that night Bĕl-shăz'zär the Chăl-dē'ăn king was slain. *31 And Dă-rī'ŭs the Mēde received the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old.

6 It pleased Dă-rī'ŭs to set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty satraps, who should be throughout the whole kingdom; 2 and over them three presidents, of whom Dăn'ĭĕl was one; that these satraps might give account unto them, and that the king should have no damage. 3 Then this Dăn'ĭĕl was distinguished above the presidents and the satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

4 Then the presidents and the satraps sought to find occasion against Dăn'ĭĕl as touching the kingdom; but they could find no occasion nor fault, forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. 5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Dăn'ĭĕl, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God. 6 Then these presidents and satraps [3]assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Dă-rī'ŭs, live for ever. 7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the deputies and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, have consulted together [4]to establish a royal statute, and to make a strong interdict, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. 8 Now, O king, establish the interdict, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Mēdes and Pēr'si-ăns, which [5]altereth not. 9 Wherefore king Dă-rī'ŭs signed the writing and the interdict.

10 And when Dăn'ĭĕl knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house (now his windows were open in his chamber toward Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm); and he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. 11 Then these men assembled together, and found Dăn'ĭĕl making petition and supplication before his God. 12 Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's interdict: Hast thou not signed an interdict, that every man that shall make petition unto any god or man within thirty days, save unto thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Mēdes and Pēr'si-ăns, which [5]altereth not. 13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Dăn'ĭĕl, who is of the children of the captivity of Jū'dăh, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the interdict that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day. 14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased, and set his heart on Dăn'ĭĕl to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to rescue him. 15 Then these men assembled together unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that it is a law of the Mēdes and Pēr'si-ăns, that

[1] That is, *Numbered, numbered, weighed, and divisions* [2] That is, *Divided* [3] Or, *came tumultuously* (and so in ver. 11,15)
*[Ch. 6.1 in Aram.]
[4] Or, *that the king should establish a statute, and make &c.* [5] Aram. *passeth not away*

no interdict nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Dăn'ĭĕl, and cast him into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Dăn'ĭĕl, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. 17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; [1]that nothing might be changed concerning Dăn'ĭĕl. 18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting; neither were [2]instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep fled from him.

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. 20 And when he came near unto the den to Dăn'ĭĕl, he cried with a lamentable voice; the king spake and said to Dăn'ĭĕl, O Dăn'ĭĕl, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? 21 Then said Dăn'ĭĕl unto the king, O king, live for ever. 22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me; forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. 23 Then was the king exceeding glad, and commanded that they should take Dăn'ĭĕl up out of the den. So Dăn'ĭĕl was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he had trusted in his God.

24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men that had accused Dăn'ĭĕl, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces, before they came to the bottom of the den.

25 Then king Dă-rī'ŭs wrote unto all the peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied unto you. 26 I make a decree, that in all the dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Dăn'ĭĕl; for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed; and his dominion shall be even unto the end. 27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Dăn'ĭĕl from the power of the lions.

28 So this Dăn'ĭĕl prospered in the reign of Dă-rī'ŭs, and in the reign of Çў'rŭs the Pĕr'sĭ-ăn.

7 In the first year of Bĕl-shăz'-zär king of Băb'ў-lŏn Dăn'ĭĕl [3]had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream and told the sum of the matters. 2 Dăn'ĭĕl spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of heaven brake forth upon the great sea. 3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. 4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon two feet as a man; and a man's heart was given to it. 5 And, behold, another beast, a second, like to a bear; and [4]it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. 6 After this I beheld, and, lo, another, like a leopard, which had upon its back four wings of a bird; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. 7 After this I saw in the night-visions, and, behold, a fourth beast, terrible and [5]powerful, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and

[1] Or, *that there might be no change of purpose*
[2] Or, *dancing girls*
[3] Aram. *saw*
[4] Or, as otherwise read, *it raised up one dominion*
[5] Or, *dreadful*

it had ten horns. 8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

9 I beheld till thrones were [1]placed, and one that was ancient of days did sit: his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, *and* the wheels thereof burning fire. 10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousands of thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. 11 I beheld at that time because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake; I beheld even till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed, and it was given [2]to be burned with fire. 12 And as for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

13 I saw in the night-visions, and, behold, there came with the clouds of heaven one like unto a son of man, and he came even to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

15 As for me, Dăn'ĭĕl, my spirit was grieved in the midst of [3]my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. 16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. 17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, that shall arise out of the earth. 18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. 19 Then I desired to know the truth concerning the fourth beast, which was diverse from all of them, exceeding terrible, whose teeth were of iron, and its nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet; 20 and concerning the ten horns that were on its head, and the other *horn* which came up, and before which three fell, even that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake great things, whose look was more stout than its fellows. 21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; 22 until the ancient of days came, and judgment was given [4]to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all the kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall [5]tread it down, and break it in pieces. 24 And as for the ten horns, out of this kingdom shall ten kings arise: and another shall arise after them; and he shall be diverse from the former, and he shall put down three kings. 25 And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High; and he shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and half a time. 26 But the judgment shall be set, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. 27 And the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High: his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve

[1] Or, *cast down* [2] Aram. *to the burning of fire* [3] Aram. *the sheath*
[4] Or, *for* [5] Or, *thresh it*

and obey him. 28 [1]Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Dăn'iĕl, my thoughts much troubled me, and my [2]countenance was changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

8 In the third year of the reign of king Bĕl-shăz'zăr a vision appeared unto me, even unto me, Dăn'iĕl, after that which appeared unto me at the first. 2 And I saw in the vision; now it was so, that when I saw, I was in Shū'shăn the [3]palace, which is in the province of Ē'lăm; and I saw in the vision, and I was by the river Ū'lāi. 3 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. 4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; and no beasts could stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and magnified himself.

5 And as I was considering, behold, a he-goat came from the west over the face of the whole earth, and [4]touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. 6 And he came to the ram that had the two horns, which I saw standing before the river, and ran upon him in the fury of his power. 7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with anger against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns; and there was no power in the ram to stand before him; but he cast him down to the ground, and trampled upon him; and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand. 8 And the he-goat magnified himself exceedingly: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and instead of it there came up four notable *horns* toward the four winds of heaven.

9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the glorious *land*. 10 And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and some of the host and of the stars it cast down to the ground, and trampled upon them. 11 Yea, it magnified itself, even to the prince of the host; and [5]it took away from him the continual *burnt-offering*, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. 12 And [6]the host was given over *to it* together with the continual *burnt-offering* through transgression; and it cast down truth to the ground, and it did *its pleasure* and prospered. 13 Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said unto that certain one who spake, How long shall be the vision *concerning* the continual *burnt-offering*, and the transgression that maketh desolate, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? 14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred evenings *and* mornings; then shall the sanctuary be [7]cleansed.

15 And it came to pass, when I, even I Dăn'iĕl, had seen the vision, that I sought [8]to understand it; and, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. 16 And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of* the Ū'lāi, which called, and said, Gā'brĭ-ĕl, make this man to understand the vision. 17 So he came near where I stood; and when he came, I was affrighted, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man; for the vision belongeth to the time of the end. 18 Now as he was speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face toward the ground; but he touched me, and set me [9]upright. 19 And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the latter time of the indignation;

[1] Aram. *Hitherto* [2] Aram. *brightness* [3] Or, *castle* [4] Heb. *none touched the ground* [5] Another reading is, *the continual* burnt-offering *was taken away from him* [6] Or, *a host was given to it against the &c.* Or, *a host was set over the &c.* [7] Heb. *justified* [8] Heb. *understanding* [9] Or, *where I had stood*

for it belongeth to the appointed time of the end. 20 The ram which thou sawest, that had the two horns, they are the kings of Mē'dĭ-ā and Pēr'sĭ-ā. 21 And the rough he-goat is the king of [1]Grēēce: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. 22 And as for that which was broken, in the place whereof four stood up, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not with his power. 23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. 24 And his power shall be mighty, but not [2]by his own power; and he shall [3]destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper and do *his pleasure*; and he shall [3]destroy the mighty ones and [4]the holy people. 25 And through his policy he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and in *their* security shall he [3]destroy many: he shall also stand up against the prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. 26 And the vision of the evenings and mornings which hath been told is true: but shut thou up the vision; for it belongeth to many days *to come*. 27 And I, Dăn'ĭĕl, fainted, and was sick certain days; then I rose up, and did the king's business: and I wondered at the vision, [5]but none understood it.

9 In the first year of Dă-rī'ŭs the son of Ă-hăs-ū-ē'rŭs, of the seed of the Mēdes, who was made king over the realm of the Chăl-dē'ăns, 2 in the first year of his reign I, Dăn'ĭĕl, understood by the books the number of the years whereof the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came to Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet, for the accomplishing of the desolations of Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm, even seventy years.

3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, [6]to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. 4 And I prayed unto Jĕ-hō'văh my God, and made confession, and said, Oh, Lord, the great and dreadful God, who keepeth covenant and lovingkindness with them that love him and keep his commandments, 5 we have sinned, and have dealt perversely, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even turning aside from thy precepts and from thine ordinances; 6 neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, that spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. 7 O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of face, as at this day; to the men of Jū'dăh, and to the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm, and unto all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. 8 O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. 9 To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness; [7]for we have rebelled against him; 10 neither have we obeyed the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. 11 Yea, all Ĭs'rā-ĕl have transgressed thy law, even turning aside, that they should not obey thy voice: therefore hath the curse been poured out upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Mō'sēs the servant of God; for we have sinned against him. 12 And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil; for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm. 13 As it is written in the law of Mō'sēs, all this evil is come upon us: yet have we not entreated the favor of Jĕ-hō'văh our God, that we should

[1] Heb. *Javan* [2] Or, *with his power* See ver. 22 [3] Or, *corrupt* [4] Heb. *people of the saints* [5] Or, *but there was none to make it understood* [6] Or, *to seek after prayer &c.* [7] Or, *though*

turn from our iniquities, and [1]have discernment in thy truth.
14 Therefore hath Jĕ-hō'văh watched over the evil, and brought it upon us; for Jĕ-hō'văh our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth, and we have not obeyed his voice. 15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of E'gўpt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. 16 O Lord, according to all thy [2]righteousness, let thine anger and thy wrath, I pray thee, be turned away from thy city Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, thy holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm and thy people are become a reproach to all that are round about us. 17 Now therefore, O our God, hearken unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. 18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not [3]present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies' sake. 19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God, because thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

20 And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people ĭs'rā-ĕl, and presenting my supplication before Jĕ-hō'văh my God for the holy mountain of my God; 21 yea, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gā'brĭ-ĕl, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, [4]being caused to fly swiftly, [5]touched me about the time of the evening oblation. 22 And he [6]instructed me, and talked with me, and said, O Dăn'ĭĕl, I am now come forth to give thee wisdom and understanding. 23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment went forth, and I am come to tell thee; for thou art [7]greatly beloved: therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision.

24 Seventy weeks are decreed upon thy people and upon thy holy city, [8]to finish [9]transgression, and [10]to make an end of sins, and to [11]make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up vision and [12]prophecy, and to anoint [13]the most holy. 25 Know therefore and discern, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm unto [14]the anointed one, the prince, shall be [15]seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: it shall be built again, with street and moat, even in troublous times. 26 And after the threescore and two weeks shall the anointed one be cut off, and [16]shall have nothing: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and even unto the end shall be war; desolations are determined. 27 And he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the [17]oblation to cease; and [18]upon the wing of abominations *shall come* one that maketh desolate; and even unto the full end, and that determined, shall *wrath* be poured out upon the desolate.

10 In the third year of Çў'rŭs king of Pĕr'sĭ-à a thing was revealed unto Dăn'ĭĕl, whose name was called Bĕl-tē-shăz'zär; and the thing was true, even a

[1] Or, *deal wisely* [2] Heb. *righteousnesses* [3] Heb. *cause to fall* [4] Or, *being sore wearied* [5] Or, *came near unto me* [6] Or, *made me to understand*

[7] Or, *very precious* Heb. *precious things* [8] Or, *to restrain* [9] Or, *the transgression* [10] Another reading is, *to seal up* [11] Or, *purge away* [12] Heb. *prophet* [13] Or, *a most holy place* [14] Heb. *Messiah* [15] Or, *seven weeks; and threescore and two weeks, it shall be &c.* [16] Or, *there shall be none belonging to him* [17] Or, *meal-offering* [18] Or, *upon the pinnacle of abominations* shall be *&c.*

great warfare: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision. 2 In those days I, Dăn'ĭĕl, was mourning three whole weeks. 3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine into my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. 4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is [1]Hĭd'dĕ-kĕl, 5 I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, a man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with pure gold of Ū'phăz: 6 his body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as flaming torches, and his arms and his feet like unto burnished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. 7 And I, Dăn'ĭĕl, alone saw the vision; for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. 8 So I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me; for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. 9 Yet heard I the voice of his words; and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I fallen into a deep sleep on my face, with my face toward the ground.

10 And, behold, a hand touched me, which [2]set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. 11 And he said unto me, O Dăn'ĭĕl, thou man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright; for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. 12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Dăn'ĭĕl; for from the first day that thou didst set thy heart to understand, and to humble thyself before thy God, thy words were heard: and I am come for thy words' sake. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Pĕr'sĭ-ȧ withstood me one and twenty days; but, lo, Mĭ'chȧ-ĕl, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I [3]remained there with the kings of Pĕr'sĭ-ȧ. 14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days; for the vision is yet for *many* days. 15 And when he had spoken unto me according to these words, I set my face toward the ground, and was dumb. 16 And, behold, one in the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by reason of the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I retain no strength. 17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither was there breath left in me.

18 Then there touched me again one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me. 19 And he said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he spake unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me. 20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I am come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Pĕr'sĭ-ȧ: and when I go forth, lo, the prince of [4]Grēēçe shall come. 21 But I will tell thee that which is inscribed in the writing of truth: and there is none that [5]holdeth with me [6]against these, but Mī'chȧ-ĕl your prince. 1 And

11 as for me, in the first year of Dă-rī'ŭs the Mēde, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him.

2 And now will I show thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Pĕr'sĭ-ȧ; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and when he is waxed strong through his riches, [7]he shall stir up all against the realm of [4]Grēēçe. 3 And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with

[1] That is, *Tigris* [2] Or, *set me tottering upon &c.* [3] Or, *was not needed* [4] Heb. *Javan* [5] Heb. *strengtheneth himself* [6] Or, *concerning these things* [7] Or, *all this shall stir up the realm*

great dominion, and do according to his will. 4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion wherewith he ruled; for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others besides these.

5 And the king of the south [1]shall be strong, and *one* of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion. 6 And at the end of years they shall join themselves together; and the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make [2]an agreement: but she shall not retain the strength of her arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm; but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in those times.

7 But out of a shoot from her roots shall one stand up in his [3]place, who shall come [4]unto the army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail. 8 And also their gods, with their [5]molten images, *and* with their goodly vessels of silver and of gold, shall he carry captive into Ē'ğўpt; and he shall [6]refrain some years from the king of the north. 9 And he shall come into the realm of the king of the south, but he shall return into his own land.

10 And his sons shall war, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces, [7]which shall come on, and overflow, and pass through; and [8]they shall return and war, even to his fortress. 11 And the king of the south shall be moved with anger, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north; and he shall set forth a great multitude, and the multitude shall be given into his hand. 12 And the multitude shall [9]be lifted up, and his heart shall be exalted; and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail. 13 And the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former; and he shall come on at the end of the times, *even* [10]*of* years, with a great army and with much substance. 14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the children of the violent among thy people shall lift themselves up to establish the vision; but they shall fall. 15 So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mound, and take [11]a well-fortified city: and the forces of the south shall not stand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to stand. 16 But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him; and he shall stand in the glorious land, and in his hand shall be destruction. 17 And he shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and with him [12]equitable conditions; and he shall perform them: and he shall give him the daughter of women, [13]to corrupt her; but [14]she shall not stand, neither be for him. 18 After this shall he turn his face unto the [15]isles, and shall take many: but a [16]prince shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; yea, moreover, he shall cause his reproach to turn upon him. 19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land; but he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found.

20 Then shall stand up in his [3]place one that shall cause an exactor to pass through the glory of the kingdom; but within few days he shall be [17]destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle. 21 And in his [3]place shall stand up a contemptible person, to whom they had not given the honor of the

[1] Or, *shall be strong; but* one *of his princes shall be &c.* [2] Or, *equitable conditions* [3] Or, *office* [4] Or, *against* [5] Or, *princes* [6] Or, *continue more years than &c.* [7] Or, *and he* [8] Or, *he* [9] Or, *be carried away* [10] Or, *for* [11] Or, *the fortified cities* [12] Or, *upright ones* [13] Or, *to destroy it* [14] Or, *it* [15] Or, *coast-lands* [16] Or, *captain* [17] Heb. *broken*

kingdom: but he shall come in
time of security, and shall obtain
the kingdom by flatteries. 22 And
the overwhelming forces shall be
overwhelmed from before him,
and shall be broken; yea, also the
prince of [1]the covenant. 23 And
after the league made with him he
shall work deceitfully; for he shall
come up, and shall become strong,
with a small people. 24 In time
of security shall he come even
upon the fattest places of the
province; and he shall do that
which his fathers have not done,
nor his fathers' fathers; he shall
scatter among them prey, and
spoil, and substance: yea, he
shall devise his devices against the
strongholds, even for a time. 25
And he shall stir up his power and
his courage against the king of the
south with a great army; and the
king of the south shall war in
battle with an exceeding great and
mighty army; but he shall not
stand; for they shall devise de-
vices against him. 26 Yea, they
that eat of his dainties shall [2]de-
stroy him, and his army shall over-
flow; and many shall fall down
slain. 27 And as for both these
kings, their hearts shall be to do
mischief, and they shall speak lies
at one table: but it shall not pros-
per; for yet the end shall be at the
time appointed.

28 Then shall he return into his
land with great substance; and his
heart *shall be* against the holy cov-
enant; and he shall do *his pleasure*,
and return to his own land. 29 At
the time appointed he shall re-
turn, and come into the south; but
it shall not be in the latter time as
it was in the former. 30 For ships
of Kit'tim shall come against him;
therefore he shall be grieved, and
shall return, and have indignation
against the holy covenant, and
shall do *his pleasure*: he shall even
return, and have regard unto them
that forsake the holy covenant.
31 And forces shall stand on his
part, and they shall profane the
sanctuary, even the fortress, and

[1] Or, *his covenant* [2] Heb. *break*

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the God of gods; and he sh
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complished; for that which is d
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[3] Heb. *make profane* [4] Or, *the teacher*
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whom he shall acknowledge and *increase*
glory or, *shall increase glory* [8] Heb *pus*

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ountries shall be overthrown; but
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2 He shall stretch forth his hand
lso upon the countries; and the
nd of Ē′gўpt shall not escape.
3 But he shall have power over
he treasures of gold and of silver,
nd over all the precious things of
′gўpt; and the Lĭb′ў-ăns and the
-thĭ-ō′pĭ-ăns shall be at his steps.
4 But tidings out of the east and
ut of the north shall trouble him;
nd he shall go forth with great
ury to destroy and [1]utterly to
weep away many. 45 And he
hall plant the tents of his palace
etween the sea and the glorious
oly mountain; yet he shall come
o his end, and none shall help him.

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ren of thy people; and there shall
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asting [2]contempt. 3 And [4]they
hat are wise shall shine as the
rightness of the firmament; and
hey that turn many to righteous-
ess as the stars for ever and ever.
4 But thou, O Dăn′ĭĕl, shut up the
words, and seal the book, even to
he time of the end: many shall
run to and fro, and knowledge
shall be increased.

5 Then I, Dăn′ĭĕl, looked, and,
behold, there stood other two, the
one on the brink of the river on
this side, and the other on the
brink of the river on that side.
6 And one said to the man clothed
in linen, who was above the
waters of the river, How long
shall it be to the end of these
wonders? 7 And I heard the man
clothed in linen, who was above the
waters of the river, when he held
up his right hand and his left hand
unto heaven, and sware by him
that liveth for ever that it shall be
for a time, times, and a half; and
when they have made an end of
breaking in pieces the power of the
holy people, all these things shall
be finished. 8 And I heard, but
I understood not: then said I, O
my lord, what shall be the [5]issue
of these things? 9 And he said,
Go thy way, Dăn′ĭĕl; for the
words are shut up and sealed till
the time of the end. 10 Many
shall purify themselves, and make
themselves white, and be refined;
but the wicked shall do wickedly;
and none of the wicked shall under-
stand; but [4]they that are wise
shall understand. 11 And from
the time that the continual *burnt-
offering* shall be taken away, and
the abomination that maketh deso-
late set up, there shall be a thou-
sand two hundred and ninety days.
12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and
cometh to the thousand three hun-
dred and five and thirty days.
13 But go thou thy way till the
end be; for thou shalt rest, and
shalt stand in thy lot, at the end of
the days.

[1] Heb. *to devote many as at* [2] Or, *abhorrence* [3] Or, *between the* [4] Or, *the teachers* [5] Or, *latter end*

THE BOOK OF HOSEA

Hosea's Wife and Children of Whoredom

The word of Jĕ-hō′văh that
came unto Hō-sē′a the son of
ē-ē′rĭ, in the days of Ŭz-zī′ăh,
ō′thăm, Ā′hăz, and Hĕz-ĕ-kī′ăh,
kings of Jū′dăh, and in the days of
Jĕr-ŏ-bō′ăm the son of Jō′ăsh,
king of Ĭs′râ-ĕl.

2 When Jĕ-hō′văh spake at the

first [1]by Hō-sē'ā, Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Hō-sē'ā, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredom and children of whoredom; for the land doth commit great whoredom, *departing* from Jĕ-hō'văh. 3 So he went and took Gō'mĕr the daughter of Dĭb'lă-ĭm; and she conceived, and bare him a son. 4 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto him, Call his name Jĕz'rē-ĕl; for yet a little while, and I will [2]avenge the blood of Jĕz'rē-ĕl upon the house of Jē'hū, and will cause the kingdom of the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl to cease. 5 And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Ĭs'rā-ĕl in the valley of Jĕz'rē-ĕl. 6 And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And *Je-ho'vah* said unto him, Call her name [3]Lō-ru'hă-măh; for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that I should in any wise pardon them. 7 But I will have mercy upon the house of Jū'dăh, and will save them by Jĕ-hō'văh their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen. 8 Now when she had weaned Lō-ru'hă-măh, she conceived, and bare a son. 9 And *Je-ho'vah* said, Call his name [4]Lō-ăm'mī; for ye are not my people, and I will not be [5]your *God*.

*10 Yet the number of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass that, [6]in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, it shall be said unto them, *Ye are* the sons of the living God. 11 And the children of Jū'dăh and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint themselves one head, and shall go up from the land; for great shall be the day of Jĕz'rē-ĕl. 1 Say ye unto your 2 brethren, [7]Ăm'mī; and to your sisters, [8]Ru'hă-măh.

2 Contend with your mother, contend; for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband; and let her put away her whoredoms from her face, and her adulteries from between her breasts; 3 lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst. 4 Yea, upon her children will I have no mercy; for they are children of whoredom; 5 for their mother hath played the harlot; she that conceived them hath done shamefully; for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my [9]drink. 6 Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and I will build a wall against her, that she shall not find her paths. 7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now.

8 For she did not know that I gave her the grain, and the new wine, and the oil, and multiplied unto her silver and gold, which they [10]used for Bā'ăl. 9 Therefore will I [11]take back my grain in the time thereof, and my new wine in the season thereof, and will pluck away my wool and my flax which should have covered her nakedness. 10 And now will I uncover her [12]lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of my hand. 11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feasts, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her [13]solemn assemblies. 12 And I will lay waste her vines and her fig-trees, whereof she hath said, These are my hire that my lovers have given me; and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. 13 And I will visit upon her

[1] Or, *with* [2] Heb. *visit* [3] That is, *That hath not obtained mercy* [4] That is, *Not my people* [5] Heb. *for you* [6] Or, *instead of that which was said* [7] That is, *My people* [8] That is, *That hath obtained mercy* [9] Heb. *drinks* [10] Or, *made into the* image of *Baal* [11] Or, *return, and take away* [12] Or, *shame* [13] Or, *appointed feasts*

*[Ch. 2.1 in Heb.]

the days of the Bā'ăl-ĭm, [1]unto which she burned incense, when she decked herself with her [2]earrings and her jewels, and went after her lovers, and forgat me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

14 Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak [3]comfortably unto her. 15 And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of [4]Ā'chôr for a door of hope; and she shall [5]make answer there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Ē'gўpt. 16 And it shall be at that day, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that thou shalt call me [6]Ĭsh'ī, and shalt call me no more [7]Bā'ăl-ī. 17 For I will take away the names of the Bā'ăl-ĭm out of her mouth, and they shall no more be [8]mentioned by their name. 18 And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of the heavens, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the land, and will make them to lie down safely. 19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in justice, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. 20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness; and thou shalt know Jĕ-hō'văh.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, I will answer, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth; 22 and the earth shall answer the grain, and the new wine, and the oil; and they shall answer [9]Jĕz'rĕ-ĕl. 23 And I will sow her unto me in the [10]earth; and I will have mercy upon [11]her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to [12]them that were not my people, Thou art my people;

[1] Or, *wherein she burned incense to them* [2] Or, *nose-rings* [3] Heb. *to her heart* [4] That is, *Troubling* [5] Or, *sing* [6] That is, *My husband* [7] That is, *My master* [8] Or, *remembered* [9] Or, That is, *Whom God soweth* [10] Or, *land* [11] Heb. *Lo-ruhamah* See ch. 1.6 [12] Heb. *Lo-ammi* See ch. 1.9, 10

and they shall say, *Thou art* my God.

3 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Go again, love a woman beloved [13]of *her* friend, and an adulteress, even as Jĕ-hō'văh loveth the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, though they turn unto other gods, and [14]love cakes of raisins. 2 So I bought her to me for fifteen *pieces* of silver, and a hō'mĕr of barley, and a [15]half-hō'mĕr of barley; 3 and I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be any man's wife: so will I also be toward thee. 4 For the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall abide many days without king, and without prince, and without sacrifice, and without [16]pillar, and without ĕph'ŏd or tĕr'ă-phim: 5 afterward shall the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl return, and seek Jĕ-hō'văh their God, and David their king, and shall come with fear unto Jĕ-hō'văh and to his goodness in the latter days.

4 Hear the word of Jĕ-hō'văh, ye children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor goodness, nor knowledge of God in the land. 2 There is nought but swearing and breaking faith, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery; they break out, and blood toucheth blood. 3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away. 4 Yet let no man strive, neither let any man reprove; for thy people are as they that strive with the priest. 5 And thou shalt stumble in the day, and the prophet also shall stumble with thee in the night; and I will destroy thy mother.

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, [17]I

[13] Or, *of* her *husband, yet an &c.* [14] Or, *them that love* [15] Heb. *lethech* [16] Or, *obelisk* [17] According to another reading, *I have rejected*

will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I also will forget thy children. 7 As they were multiplied, so they sinned against me: I will change their glory into shame. 8 They feed on the sin of my people, and set their heart on their iniquity. 9 And it shall be, like people, like priest; and I will punish them for their ways, and will requite them their doings. 10 And they shall eat, and not have enough; they shall play the harlot, and shall not increase; because they have left off taking heed to Jĕ-hō'văh.

11 Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the [1]understanding. 12 My people ask counsel at their stock, and their staff declareth unto them; for the spirit of whoredom hath caused them to err, and they have played the harlot, *departing* from under their God. 13 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and terebinths, because the shadow thereof is good: therefore your daughters play the harlot, and your [2]brides commit adultery. 14 I will not punish your daughters when they play the harlot, nor your [2]brides when they commit adultery; for *the men* themselves go apart with harlots, and they sacrifice with the prostitutes; and the people that doth not understand shall be overthrown.

15 Though thou, Ĭs'rā-ĕl, play the harlot, yet let not Jū'dăh [3]offend; and come not ye unto Gĭl'găl, neither go ye up to Bĕth-ā'vĕn, nor swear, As Jĕ-hō'văh liveth. 16 For Ĭs'rā-ĕl hath behaved himself stubbornly, like a stubborn heifer: now will Jĕ-hō'văh feed them as a lamb in a large place. 17 Ē'phrā-ĭm is joined to idols; let him alone. 18 [4]Their drink is become sour; they play the harlot continually; [5]her [6]rulers dearly love shame. 19 The wind hath wrapped her up in its [7]wings; and [8]they shall be put to shame because of their sacrifices.

5 Hear this, O ye priests, and hearken, O house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and give ear, O house of the king; for [9]unto you pertaineth the judgment; for ye have been a snare at Mĭz'păh, and a net spread upon Tā'bôr. 2 And the revolters are gone deep [10]in making slaughter; but I am a [11]rebuker of them all. 3 I know Ē'phrā-ĭm, and Ĭs'rā-ĕl is not hid from me; for now, O Ē'phrā-ĭm, thou hast played the harlot, Ĭs'rā-ĕl is defiled. 4 [12]Their doings will not suffer them to turn unto their God; for the spirit of whoredom is [13]within them, and they know not Jĕ-hō'văh. 5 And the [14]pride of Ĭs'rā-ĕl doth testify to his face: therefore Ĭs'rā-ĕl and Ē'phrā-ĭm shall stumble in their iniquity; Jū'dăh also shall stumble with them. 6 They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek Jĕ-hō'văh; but they shall not find him: he hath withdrawn himself from them. 7 They have dealt treacherously against Jĕ-hō'văh; for they have [15]borne strange children: now shall [16]the new moon devour them with their [17]fields.

8 Blow ye the cornet in Gĭb'ĕ-ăh, and the trumpet in Rā'măh: sound an alarm at Bĕth-ā'vĕn; [18]behind thee, O Bĕn'jă-mĭn. 9 Ē'phrā-ĭm shall become a desolation in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl have I made known that which shall surely be. 10 The princes of Jū'dăh are like them that remove the landmark: I will pour out my wrath upon them like water. 11 Ē'phrā-ĭm is oppressed, he is crushed in judgment; because he was content to walk after *man's* command.

[1] Heb. *heart* [2] Or, *daughters-in-law*
[3] Or, *become guilty*
[4] Or, *Their carouse is over*
[5] Or, *they are given up to love; her rulers are a shame* [6] Heb. *shields* [7] Or, *skirts*
[8] Or, as otherwise read, *their altars shall be put to shame* [9] Or, *against you is the judgment* [10] Or, *in corruption* [11] Heb. *rebuke*
[12] Or, *They will not frame their doings* [13] Or, *in the midst of* [14] Or, *excellency* [15] Or, *begotten* [16] Or, *a month* [17] Heb. *portions*
[18] Or, *After thee, Benjamin!*

12 [1]Therefore am I unto Ē'phrā-ĭm
as a moth, and to the house of
Jū'dăh as rottenness. 13 When
Ē'phrā-ĭm saw his sickness, and
Jū'dăh *saw* his wound, then went
Ē'phrā-ĭm to Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-â, and sent
to [2]king Jā'rĕb: but he is not able
to heal you, neither will he cure
you of your wound. 14 For I will
be unto Ē'phrā-ĭm as a lion, and
as a young lion to the house of
Jū'dăh: I, even I, will tear and go
away; I will carry off, and there
shall be none to deliver. 15 I will
go and return to my place, till they
[3]acknowledge their offence, and
seek my face: in their affliction
they will seek me [4]earnestly.

6 Come, and let us return unto
Jĕ-hō'văh; for he hath torn,
and he will heal us; he hath
smitten, and he will bind us up.
2 After two days will he revive us:
on the third day he will raise us
up, and we shall live before him.
3 And let us know, let us follow on
to know Jĕ-hō'văh: his going forth
is sure as the morning; and he will
come unto us as the rain, as the
latter rain that watereth the earth.
4 O Ē'phrā-ĭm, what shall I do
unto thee? O Jū'dăh, what shall
I do unto thee? for your [5]goodness
is as a morning cloud, and as the
dew that goeth early away. 5 There-
fore have I hewed them by the
prophets; I have slain them by the
words of my mouth: and [6]thy
judgments are *as* the light that
goeth forth. 6 For I desire [5]good-
ness, and not sacrifice; and the
knowledge of God more than
burnt-offerings. 7 But they [7]like
[8]Adam have transgressed the cove-
nant: there have they dealt treach-
erously against me. 8 Gĭl'ĕ-ăd
is a city of them that work iniquity;
it is stained with blood. 9 [9]And
as troops of robbers wait for a
man, so the company of priests
murder in the way toward Shĕ'-
chĕm; yea, they have committed
lewdness. 10 In the house of
Ĭs'rā-ĕl I have seen a horrible thing:
there whoredom is *found* in
Ē'phrā-ĭm, Ĭs'rā-el is defiled. 11
Also, O Jū'dăh, there is a harvest
appointed for thee, when I [10]bring
back the captivity of my people.

7 When I would heal Ĭs'rā-ĕl,
then is the iniquity of Ē'phrā-ĭm
uncovered, and the wickedness of
Să-mā'rĭ-â: for they commit false-
hood, and the thief entereth in,
and the troop of robbers [11]ravageth
without. 2 And they consider
not in their hearts that I remember
all their wickedness: now have
their own doings beset them about;
they are before my face. 3 They
make the king glad with their
wickedness, and the princes with
their lies. 4 They are all adul-
terers; they are as an oven
heated by the baker; he ceaseth
to stir *the fire*, from the kneading
of the dough, until it be leavened.
5 On the day of our king the
princes made [12]themselves sick
with the heat of wine; he stretched
out his hand with scoffers. 6 For
they have [13]made ready their heart
like an oven, while they lie in wait:
their baker sleepeth all the night;
in the morning it burneth as a
flaming fire. 7 They are all hot
as an oven, and devour their
judges; all their kings are fallen:
there is none among them that
calleth unto me.

8 Ē'phrā-ĭm, he mixeth himself
among the peoples; Ē'phrā-ĭm is a
cake not turned. 9 Strangers
have devoured his strength, and
he knoweth *it* not: yea, gray hairs
are [14]here and there upon him, and
he knoweth *it* not. 10 And the
[15]pride of Ĭs'rā-ĕl doth testify to
his face: yet they have not re-
turned unto Jĕ-hō'văh their God,
nor sought him, for all this.
11 And Ē'phrā-ĭm is like a silly
dove, without [16]understanding:
they call unto Ē'gўpt, they go to
Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-â. 12 When they shall
go, I will spread my net upon them;

[1] Or, *And I was* [2] Or, *a king that should contend* [3] Or, *have borne their guilt* [4] Or, *earnestly*, saying [5] Or, *kindness* [6] Or, according to another reading, *my* [7] Or, *are as men that have transgressed a covenant* [8] Or, *men* [9] Or, *And as robbers lying in wait, so &c.*

[10] Or, *return to* [11] Or, *maketh a raid* [12] Or, *him* [13] Heb. *brought near* [14] Heb. *sprinkled* [15] Or, *excellency* [16] Heb. *heart*

I will bring them down as the birds of the heavens; I will chastise them, [1]as their congregation hath heard. 13 Woe unto them! for they have wandered from me; destruction unto them! for they have trespassed against me: though I would redeem them, yet they have spoken lies against me. 14 And they have not cried unto me with their heart, but they howl upon their beds: they assemble themselves for grain and new wine; they rebel against me. 15 Though I have [2]taught and strengthened their arms, yet do they devise mischief against me. 16 They return, but not to *him that is* on high; they are like a deceitful bow; their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this shall be their derision in the land of Ĕ′gўpt.

8 [3]*Set* the trumpet to thy mouth. As an eagle *he cometh* against the house of Jĕ-hō′văh, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law. 2 They shall cry unto me, My God, we ĭs′rā-ĕl know thee. 3 Ĭs′rā-ĕl hath cast off that which is good: the enemy shall pursue him. 4 They have set up kings, but not by me; [4]they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off. 5 He hath cast off thy calf, O Să-mā′rĭ-ā; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to innocency? 6 For from ĭs′rā-ĕl is even this; the workman made it, and it is no God; yea, the calf of Să-mā′rĭ-ā shall be broken in pieces. 7 For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: [5]he hath no standing grain; the blade shall yield no meal; if so be it yield, strangers shall swallow it up.

8 Ĭs′rā-ĕl is swallowed up: now are they among the nations as a vessel wherein none delighteth. 9 For they are gone up to Ăs-sўr′-ĭ-ā, *like* a wild ass alone by himself: Ē′phrā-ĭm hath hired [6]lovers. 10 Yea, though they hire among the nations, now will I gather them; and they [7]begin to be diminished by reason of the burden of the king of princes.

11 Because Ē′phrā-ĭm hath multiplied altars for sinning, altars have been unto him for sinning. 12 I wrote for him the ten thousand things of my law; but they are counted as a strange thing. 13 As for the sacrifices of mine offerings, they sacrifice flesh and eat it; but Jĕ-hō′văh accepteth them not: now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins; they shall return to Ē′gўpt. 14 For Ĭs′rā-ĕl hath forgotten his Maker, and builded [8]palaces; and Jū′dăh hath multiplied fortified cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the [9]castles thereof.

9 Rejoice not, O Ĭs′rā-ĕl, [10]for joy, like the peoples; [11]for thou hast played the harlot, *departing* from thy God; thou hast loved hire upon every grain-floor. 2 The threshing-floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail her. 3 They shall not dwell in Jĕ-hō′văh's land; but Ē′phrā-ĭm shall return to Ē′gўpt, and they shall eat unclean food in Ăs-sўr′ĭ-ā. 4 They shall not pour out wine-*offerings* to Jĕ-hō′văh, [12]neither shall they be pleasing unto him: their sacrifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted; for their bread shall be for their appetite; it shall not come into the house of Jĕ-hō′văh. 5 What will ye do in the day of solemn assembly, and in the day of the feast of Jĕ-hō′văh? 6 For, lo, they are gone away from destruction; *yet* Ē′gўpt shall gather them up, Mĕm′phĭs shall bury them; their pleasant things of

[1]Or, *when the report cometh to their congregation* [2]Or, *chastened* them [3]Or, *The trumpet to thy mouth! As an eagle against the house of Jehovah!* [4]Or, *they have removed* them [5]Or, *it hath no stalk*

[6]Heb. *loves* [7]Or, as otherwise read, *shall sorrow a little* or, *for a little while* [8]Or, *temples* [9]Or, *palaces* [10]Or, *unto exultation* [11]Or, *that* [12]Or, *neither shall their sacrifices be pleasing unto him; their bread shall be unto them &c.*

silver, nettles shall possess them; thorns shall be in their tents. 7 The days of visitation are come, the days of recompense are come; Is'rā-ĕl shall know it: the prophet is a fool, the man that hath the spirit is mad, for the abundance of thine iniquity, and because the enmity is great. 8 Ē'phrā-ĭm [1]*was* a watchman with my God: as for the prophet, a fowler's snare is in all his ways, *and* enmity in the house of his God. 9 They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gĭb'ē-ăh: he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.

10 I found Is'rā-ĕl like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the first-ripe in the fig-tree at its first season: but they came to Bā'-ăl-pē'ôr, and [2]consecrated themselves unto the [3]shameful thing, and became abominable like that which they loved. 11 As for Ē'phrā-ĭm, their glory shall fly away like a bird: there shall be no birth, and none with child, and no conception. 12 Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave [4]them, so that not a man shall be left: yea, woe also to them when I depart from them! 13 Ē'phrā-ĭm, [4]like as I have seen Tyre, is planted in a pleasant place: but Ē'phrā-ĭm shall bring out his children to the slayer. 14 Give them, O Jĕ-hō'văh—what wilt thou give? give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts. 15 All their wickedness is in Gĭl'găl; for there I hated them: because of the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of my house; I will love them no more; all their princes are revolters. 16 Ē'phrā-ĭm is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay the beloved fruit of their womb. 17 My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him; and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

10 Is'rā-ĕl is a luxuriant vine, that putteth forth his fruit: according to the abundance of his fruit he hath multiplied his altars; according to the [5]goodness of their land they have made goodly [6]pillars. 2 [7]Their heart is [8]divided; now shall they be found guilty: he will smite their altars, he will destroy their [6]pillars. 3 Surely now shall they say, We have no king; for we fear not Jĕ-hō'văh; and the king, what can he do for us?

4 They speak *vain* words, [9]swearing falsely in making covenants: therefore judgment [10]springeth up as [11]hemlock in the furrows of the field. 5 The inhabitants of Să-mā'rĭ-ā shall be in terror for the calves of Bĕth-ā'vĕn; for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and [12]the priests thereof that rejoiced over it, for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it. 6 It also shall be carried unto Ăs-sȳr'ĭ-ā for a present to king Jā'rĕb: Ē'phrā-ĭm shall receive shame, and Is'rā-ĕl shall be ashamed of his own counsel. 7 [13]*As for* Să-mā'rĭ-ā, her king is cut off, as [14]foam upon the water. 8 The high places also of Ā'vĕn, the sin of Is'rā-ĕl, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

9 O Is'rā-ĕl, thou hast sinned [15]from the days of Gĭb'ē-ăh: [16]there they stood; [17]the battle against the children of iniquity doth not overtake them in Gĭb'ē-ăh. 10 When it is my desire, I will chastise them; and the peoples shall be gathered against them, when they are [18]bound [19]to their two transgressions. 11 And Ē'phrā-ĭm is a heifer that is taught, that loveth to tread out *the grain*; but I have passed over upon her fair neck:

1 Or, *watcheth against* 2 Or, *separated* 3 Heb. *shame* 4 Or, *as I have seen, is like Tyre, that is planted &c.*

5 Or, *prosperity* 6 Or, *obelisks* 7 Or, *He hath divided their heart* 8 Or, *smooth* 9 Or, *they swear falsely, they make covenants* 10 Or, *shall spring up* 11 Heb. *rosh* See Deut. 29.18 12 Heb. *Chemarim* See 2 K. 23.5 13 Or, *Samaria is cut off* with *her king* 14 Or, *twigs* 15 Or, *more than in the days* 16 Or, *there have they continued* 17 Or, *shall not the battle . . . Gibeah?* 18 Or, *yoked* 19 Or, *for*

I will set a rider on Ĕ'phrā-ĭm;
Jū'dāh shall plow, Jacob shall
break his clods.

12 Sow to yourselves in right-
eousness, reap according to kind-
ness; break up your fallow ground;
for it is time to seek Jĕ-hō'vāh,
till he come and [1]rain righteousness
upon you. 13 Ye have plowed
wickedness, ye have reaped iniq-
uity; ye have eaten the fruit of
[2]lies; for thou didst trust in thy
way, in the multitude of thy
mighty men. 14 Therefore shall
a tumult arise [3]among thy [4]people,
and all thy fortresses shall be de-
stroyed, as Shăl'măn destroyed
Bĕth-ăr'bĕl in the day of battle: the
mother was dashed in pieces with
her children. 15 [5]So shall Bĕth'-ĕl
do unto you because of your great
wickedness: at daybreak shall the
king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl be utterly cut off.

11 When Ĭs'rā-ĕl was a child,
then I loved him, and called
my son out of Ē'gўpt. 2 The more
the prophets called them, the more
they went from them: they sacri-
ficed unto the Bā'ăl-ĭm, and burned
incense to graven images. 3 Yet
I taught Ē'phrā-ĭm to walk; [6]I took
them on my arms; but they knew
not that I healed them. 4 I drew
them with cords of a man, with
bands of love; and I was to them
as they that lift up the yoke on their
jaws; and I laid food before them.

5 They shall not return into the
land of Ē'gўpt; but the Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ăn
shall be their king, because they
refused to return *to me.* 6 And
the sword shall [7]fall upon their
cities, and shall consume their
bars, and devour *them,* because
of their own counsels. 7 And
my people are bent on backsliding
from me: though they call them to
him that is on high, none at all will
[8]exalt *him.*

8 How shall I give thee up,
Ē'phrā-ĭm? *how* shall I cast thee
off, Ĭs'rā-ĕl? how shall I make
thee as Ăd'māh? *how* shall I set
thee as Zĕ-boi'ĭm? my heart is
turned within me, my compas-
sions are kindled together. 9 I
will not execute the fierceness o
mine anger, I will not return to de-
stroy Ē'phrā-ĭm: for I am God
and not man; the Holy One in the
midst of thee; and I will not [9]come
in wrath. 10 They shall walk after
Jĕ-hō'vāh, who will roar like a lion:
for he will roar, and the children
shall come trembling from the
west. 11 They shall come trem-
bling as a bird out of Ē'gўpt, and
as a dove out of the land of Ăs-
sўr'ĭ-ă; and I will make them to
dwell in their houses, saith
Jĕ-hō'vāh.

*12 Ē'phrā-ĭm compasseth me
about with falsehood, and the
house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl with deceit:
[10]but Jū'dāh yet ruleth with God
and is faithful with the Holy One.

12 1 Ē'phrā-ĭm feedeth on wind,
and followeth after the east
wind: he continually multiplieth
lies and desolation; and they make
a covenant with Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă, and
oil is carried into Ē'gўpt. 2 Jĕ-
hō'vāh hath also a controversy
with Jū'dāh, and will [11]punish
Jacob according to his ways; ac-
cording to his doings will he
recompense him. 3 In the womb
he took his brother by the heel,
and in his [12]manhood he [13]had
power with God: 4 yea, he had
power over the angel, and pre-
vailed; he wept, and made sup-
plication unto him: he found him
at Bĕth'-ĕl, and there he spake
with us, 5 [14]even Jĕ-hō'vāh, the
God of hosts; Jĕ-hō'vāh is his me-
morial *name.* 6 Therefore turn
thou to thy God: keep kindness
and justice, and wait for thy God
continually.

7 [15]*He is* [16]a trafficker, the bal-
ances of deceit are in his hand: he
loveth to [17]oppress. 8 And Ē'-
phrā-ĭm said, Surely I am become
rich, I have found me wealth: in

[1] Or, *teach you righteousness* [2] Or, *faithlessness* [3] Or, *against* [4] Heb. *peoples* [5] Or, *So shall it be done unto you at Beth-el* [6] Heb. *he took them on his arms* [7] Or, *rage against* [8] Or, *lift* himself *up*

[9] Or, *enter into the city* [10] Or, *and Judah is yet unstedfast with God, and with the Holy One who is faithful* [11] Heb. *visit upon* [12] Or *strength* [13] Or, *strove* [14] Or, *for Jehovah is the God of hosts* [15] Or, *As for Canaan, the &c* [16] Or, *a Canaanite* Heb. *Canaan* [17] Or, *defraud*

*[Ch. 12.1 in Heb.]

all my labors they shall find in me no iniquity that were sin. 9 But I am Jĕ-hō'văh thy God from the land of Ē'gўpt; I will yet again make thee to dwell in tents, as in the days of the solemn feast. 10 I have also spoken unto the prophets, and I have multiplied visions; and [1]by the ministry of the prophets have I used similitudes. 11 Is Gĭl'ĕ-ăd iniquity? they are altogether false; in Gĭl'găl they sacrifice bullocks; yea, their altars [2]are as heaps in the furrows of the field. 12 And Jacob fled into the field of Ā'răm, and Ĭs'rā-ĕl served for a wife, and for a wife he kept *sheep*. 13 And by a prophet Jĕ-hō'văh brought Ĭs'rā-ĕl up out of Ē'gўpt, and by a prophet was he [3]preserved. 14 Ē'phră-ĭm hath provoked to anger most bitterly: therefore shall his blood be left upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return unto him.

13 When Ē'phră-ĭm [4]spake, there was trembling; he exalted himself in Ĭs'rā-ĕl; but when he [5]offended in Bā'ăl, he died. 2 And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, even idols according to their own understanding, all of them the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let [6]the men that sacrifice kiss the calves. 3 Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the dew that passeth early away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the threshing-floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney.

4 Yet I am Jĕ-hō'văh thy God from the land of Ē'gўpt; and thou [7]shalt know no god but me, and besides me there is no saviour. 5 I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. 6 According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted: therefore have they forgotten me. 7 Therefore am I unto them as a lion; as a leopard will I watch by the way; 8 I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart; and there will I devour them like a lioness; the wild beast shall tear them.

9 [8]It is thy destruction, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl, [9]that *thou art* against me, against thy help. 10 Where now is thy king, that he may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges, of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes? 11 I have given thee a king in mine anger, and have taken him away in my wrath. 12 The iniquity of Ē'phră-ĭm is bound up; his sin is laid up in store. 13 The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he is an unwise son; [10]for it is time he should not tarry in the place of the breaking forth of children. 14 I will ransom them from the [11]power of Shē'ōl; I will redeem them from death: O death, [12]where are thy plagues? O Shē'ōl, [13]where is thy destruction? repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

15 Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind shall come, the [13]breath of Jĕ-hō'văh coming up from the wilderness; and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: [14]he shall make spoil of the treasure of all goodly vessels. *16 Sā-mā'rĭ-ā shall [15]bear her guilt; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword; their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

14 O Ĭs'rā-ĕl, return unto Jĕ-hō'văh thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. 2 Take with you words, and return unto Jĕ-hō'văh: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and [16]accept that which is good: so will we render *as* bullocks *the offering of* our

[1] Heb. *by the hand* [2] Or, *shall be kept* [3] Or, *spake with trembling &c.* [4] Or, *became guilty* [5] Or, *the sacrificers of men* [6] Or, *knowest*

[8] Or, *Thou art destroyed, O Israel; for* thou *&c.* [9] Or, *for in me, in thy help*—Or, *but in me is thy help* [10] Or, *when it is time, he standeth not in &c.* [11] Heb. *hand* [12] Or, *I will be* [13] Or, *wind* [14] Or, *it* [15] Or, *become desolate* [16] Or, *receive us graciously*

*[Ch. 14.1 in Heb.]

Israel entreated to return to Jehovah

lips. 3 Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses; neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, *Ye are* our gods; for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for mine anger is turned away from him. 5 I will be as the dew unto Ĭs'-rā-ĕl; he shall blossom as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lĕb'ă-nŏn. 6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive-tree, and his smell as Lĕb'ă-nŏn. 7 They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive *as* the grain, and blossom as the vine: [1]the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lĕb'ă-nŏn. 8 [2]E'phrā-ĭm *shall say*, What have I to do any more with idols? I have answered, and will regard him: I am like a green fir-tree; from me is thy fruit found.

9 Who is wise, that he may understand these things? prudent, that he may know them? for the ways of Jĕ-hō'văh are right, and the just shall walk in them; but transgressors shall fall therein.

[1] Or, *his memorial* [2] Or, *O Ephraim, what &c.*

THE BOOK OF JOEL

A Devastation of the Land by Locusts

1 The word of Jĕ-hō'văh that came to Jō'ĕl the son of Pĕ-thū'ĕl.

2 Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or in the days of your fathers? 3 Tell ye your children of it, and *let* your children *tell* their children, and their children another generation. 4 That which [1]the palmer-worm hath left hath [1]the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath [1]the canker-worm eaten; and that which the canker-worm hath left hath [1]the caterpillar eaten.

5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and wail, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the sweet wine; for it is cut off from your mouth. 6 For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number; his teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the jaw-teeth of a lioness. 7 He hath laid my vine waste, and [2]barked my fig-tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it [3]away; the branches thereof are made white.

8 Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth. 9 The meal-offering and the drink-offering are cut off from the house of Jĕ-hō'văh; the priests, Jĕ-hō'văh's ministers, mourn. 10 The field is laid waste, the land mourneth; for the grain is destroyed, the new wine is [4]dried up, the oil languisheth. 11 [5]Be confounded, O ye husbandmen, wail, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; for the harvest of the field is perished. 12 The vine is [4]withered, and the fig-tree languisheth; the pomegranate-tree, the palm-tree also, and the apple-tree, even all the trees of the field are withered: for joy is [4]withered away from the sons of men.

13 Gird yourselves *with sackcloth*, and lament, ye priests; wail, ye ministers of the altar; come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meal-offering and the drink-offering are withholden from the house of your God. 14 Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the [6]old men *and* all the inhabitants of the land unto the house of Jĕ-hō'văh your God, and cry unto Jĕ-hō'văh.

[1] Probably, different kinds of locusts, or locusts in different stages of growth [2] Or, *broken* [3] Or, *down*

[4] Or, *ashamed* [5] Or, *The husbandmen are confounded, the vinedressers wail* [6] Or, *elders*

15 Alas for the day! for the day of Jĕ-hō'văh is at hand, and as destruction from [1]the Almighty shall it come. 16 Is not the food cut off before our eyes, *yea,* joy and gladness from the house of our God? 17 The seeds [2]rot under their clods; the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the grain is [3]withered. 18 How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep [4]are made desolate. 19 O Jĕ-hō'văh, to thee do I cry; for the fire hath devoured the [5]pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field. 20 Yea, the beasts of the field pant unto thee; for the water brooks are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the [5]pastures of the wilderness.

2 Blow ye the trumpet in Zī'ŏn, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of Jĕ-hō'văh cometh, for it is nigh at hand; 2 a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, as the dawn spread upon the mountains; a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after them, even to the years of many generations. 3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and none hath escaped them.

4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as [6]horsemen, so do they run. 5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of the mountains do they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array. 6 At their presence the peoples are in anguish; all faces are waxed pale. 7 They run like mighty men; they climb the wall like men of war; and they march every one on his ways, and they break not their ranks. 8 Neither doth one thrust another; they march every one in his path; and [7]they burst through the weapons, and [8]break not off *their course.* 9 They leap upon the city; they run upon the wall; they climb up into the houses; they enter in at the windows like a thief. 10 The earth quaketh before them; the heavens tremble; the sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining. 11 And Jĕ-hō'văh uttereth his voice before his army; for his camp is very great; for he is strong that executeth his word; for the day of Jĕ-hō'văh is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

12 Yet even now, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, turn ye unto me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: 13 and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto Jĕ-hō'văh your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, and repenteth him of the evil. 14 Who knoweth whether he will not turn and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, even a meal-offering and a drink-offering unto Jĕ-hō'văh your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zī'ŏn, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly; 16 gather the people, sanctify the assembly, assemble the [9]old men, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth from his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. 17 Let the priests, the ministers of Jĕ-hō'văh, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Jĕ-hō'văh, and give not thy heritage to reproach, that the nations should [10]rule over them: wherefore should they say among the peoples, Where is their God?

18 Then was Jĕ-hō'văh jealous for his land, and had pity on his

[1] Heb. *Shaddai* [2] Or, *shrivel* [3] Or, *ashamed* [4] Or, *suffer punishment* [5] Or, *folds* [6] Or, *war-horses*

[7] Or, *when they fall around the weapons, they &c.* [8] Or, *are not wounded* [9] Or, *elders* [10] Or, *use a byword against them*

people. 19 And Jĕ-hō'văh answered and said unto his people, Behold, I will send you grain, and new wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations; 20 but I will remove far off from you the northern *army*, and will drive it into a land barren and desolate, [1]its forepart [2]into the eastern sea, and its hinder part [2]into the western sea; and its stench shall come up, and its ill savor shall come up, because it hath done great things.

21 Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice; for Jĕ-hō'văh hath done great things. 22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth its fruit, the fig-tree and the vine do yield their strength. 23 Be glad then, ye children of Zī'ŏn, and rejoice in Jĕ-hō'văh your God; for he giveth you the former rain [3]in just measure, and he causeth to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain, [4]in the first *month*. 24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. 25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the canker-worm, and the caterpillar, and the palmer-worm, my great army which I sent among you. 26 And ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and shall praise the name of Jĕ-hō'văh your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you; and my people shall never be put to shame. 27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and that I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God, and there is none else; and my people shall never be put to shame.

*28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit. 30 And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of Jĕ-hō'văh cometh. 32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Jĕ-hō'văh shall be delivered; for in mount Zī'ŏn and in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm there shall be those that escape, as Jĕ-hō'văh hath said, and [5]among the remnant those whom Jĕ-hō'văh doth call.

†3 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall [6]bring back the captivity of Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, 2 I will gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt; and I will execute judgment upon them there for my people and for my heritage Ĭs'rā-ĕl, whom they have scattered among the nations: and they have parted my land, 3 and have cast lots for my people, and have given a boy for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they may drink. 4 Yea, and what are ye to me, O Tȳre, and Sī'dŏn, and all the regions of Phĭ-lĭs'tĭ-ā? [7]will ye render me a recompense? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your [8]recompense upon your own head. 5 Forasmuch as ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly precious things, 6 and have sold the children of Jū'dăh and the children of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm unto the sons of the Grē'cĭans, that ye may remove them far from their border; 7 behold, I will stir them up out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your [8]recompense upon your own head; 8 and I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Jū'dăh, and they

[1] Or, *with its forepart* [2] Or, *toward* [3] Or, *in* (or, *for*) *righteousness* [4] Or, *at the first*
*[Ch. 3.1 in Heb.]
[5] Or, *in the remnant whom &c.* [6] Or, *return to* [7] Or, *will ye repay a deed of mine, or will ye do aught unto me? swiftly &c.* [8] Or, *deed*
†[Ch. 4.1 in Heb.]

shall sell them to the men of Shĕ'bā, to a nation far off: for Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken it.

9 Proclaim ye this among the nations; [1]prepare war; stir up the mighty men; let all the men of war draw near, let them come up. 10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning-hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. 11 [2]Haste ye, and come, all ye nations round about, and gather yourselves together: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Jĕ-hō'văh. 12 Let the nations bestir themselves, and come up to the valley of [3]Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt; for there will I sit to judge all the nations round about. 13 Put ye in the sickle; for the [4]harvest is ripe: come, [5]tread ye; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! for the day of Jĕ-hō'văh is near in the valley of decision. 15 The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining. 16 And Jĕ-hō'văh will roar from Zī'ŏn, and utter his voice from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but Jĕ-hō'văh will be a refuge unto his people, and a stronghold to the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 17 So shall ye know that I am Jĕ-hō'văh your God, dwelling in Zī'ŏn my holy mountain: then shall Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down sweet wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the brooks of Jū'dăh shall flow with waters; and a fountain shall come forth from the house of Jĕ-hō'văh, and shall water [6]the valley of Shĭt'tĭm. 19 Ē'gўpt shall be a desolation, and Ē'dŏm shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence done to the children of Jū'dăh, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. 20 But Jū'dăh shall [7]abide for ever, and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm from generation to generation. 21 And I will [8]cleanse their blood, that I have not cleansed: for Jĕ-hō'văh dwelleth in Zī'ŏn.

[1] Heb. *sanctify* [2] Or, *Assemble yourselves*
[3] That is, *Jehovah judgeth* [4] Or, *vintage*
[5] Or, *get you down*
[6] That is, *the valley of acacias*
[7] Or, *be inhabited*
[8] Or, *hold as innocent*

THE BOOK OF AMOS

God's Judgments on Neighboring Nations

1 The words of Ā'mŏs, who was among the herdsmen of Tĕ-kō'ă, which he saw concerning Ĭs'rā-ĕl in the days of Ŭz-zī'ăh king of Jū'dăh, and in the days of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm the son of Jō'ăsh king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, two years before the earthquake.

2 And he said, Jĕ-hō'văh will roar from Zī'ŏn, and utter his voice from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and the [1]pastures of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Cär'mĕl shall wither.

3 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: For three transgressions of Dă-măs'cŭs, yea, for four, I will not [2]turn away [3]the punishment thereof; because they have threshed Gĭl'ĕ-ăd with threshing instruments of iron. 4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hāz'ā-ĕl, and it shall devour the palaces of Bĕn-hā'dăd. 5 And I will break the bar of Dă-măs'cŭs, and cut off [4]the inhabitant from the valley of [5]Ā'vĕn, and him that holdeth the

[1] Or, *habitations*
[2] Or, *revoke my word* [3] Heb. *it* (and so in ver. 6, 9, &c.) [4] Or, *him that sitteth* on the throne (and so in ver. 8) [5] That is, *Vanity*

sceptre from [1]the house of Eden;
and the people of Sȳr'ĭ-à shall go
into captivity unto Kīr, saith Jĕ-
hō'văh.

6 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh:
For three transgressions of Gā'zà, yea,
for four, I will not turn away the
punishment thereof;
because they carried away captive [2]the whole
people,
to deliver them up to
Ē'dŏm.
7 But I will send a fire
on the wall of Gā'zà,
and it shall devour the palaces thereof.
8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from
Ăsh'dŏd,
and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ăsh'kĕ-lŏn;
and I will turn my hand against Ēk'rŏn;
and the remnant of the Phĭ-lĭs'-
tĭnes shall perish, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

9 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh:
For three transgressions of Tȳre, yea,
for four, I will not turn away the
punishment thereof;
because they delivered up [2]the whole people to
Ē'dŏm,
and remembered not [3]the
brotherly covenant.
10 But I will
send a fire on the wall of Tȳre,
and it shall devour the palaces there-
of.

11 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh:
For three transgressions of Ē'dŏm,
yea, for four, I will not turn away
the punishment thereof;
because he did pursue his brother with the
sword,
and [4]did cast off all pity,
and his anger did tear perpetu-
ally,
and he kept his wrath for
ever.
12 But I will send a fire
upon Tē'măn,
and it shall devour
the palaces of Bŏz'răh.

13 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh:
For three transgressions of the chil-
dren of Ăm'mŏn,
yea, for four, I
will not turn away the punishment
thereof;
because they have ripped
up the women with child of Gĭl'-
ē-ăd,
that they may enlarge their
border.
14 But I will kindle a
fire in the wall of Răb'băh,
and it shall devour the palaces thereof,
with shouting in the day of battle,
with a tempest in the day of the
whirlwind;
15 and their king shall
go into captivity,
he and his princes
together,
saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

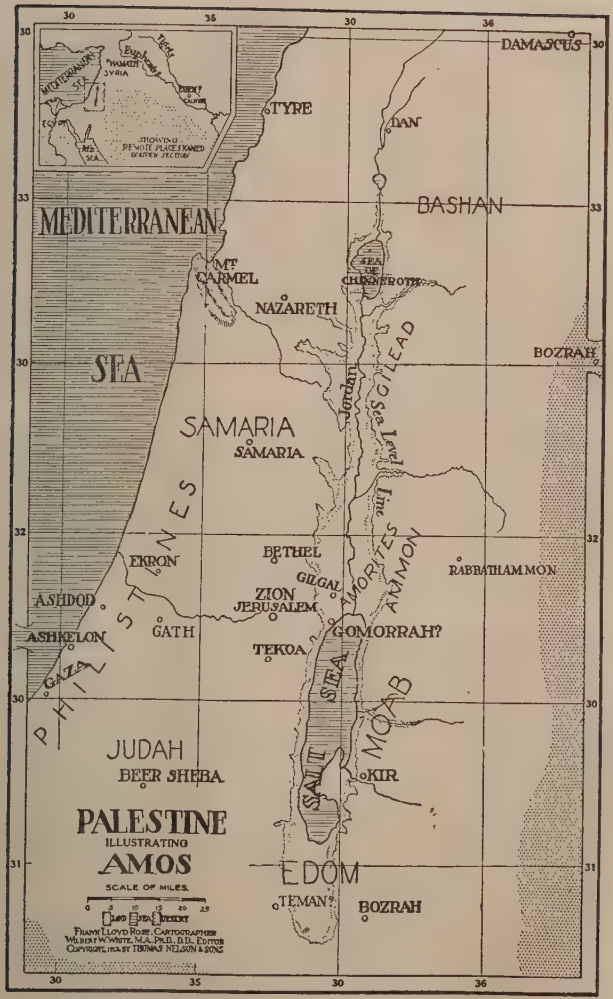
2 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh:
For three transgressions of Mō'ăb,
yea, for four, I will not turn away
the punishment thereof;
because he burned the bones of the king
of Ē'dŏm into lime.
2 But I will
send a fire upon Mō'ăb,
and it shall devour the palaces of Kĕ'-
rĭ-ŏth;
and Mō'ăb shall die with
tumult,
with shouting,
and with
the sound of the trumpet;
3 and I
will cut off the judge from the
midst thereof,
and will slay all the
princes thereof with him,
saith
Jĕ-hō'văh.

4 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh:
For three transgressions of Jū'dăh,
yea, for four, I will not turn away
the punishment thereof;
because they have rejected the law of Jĕ-
hō'văh,
and have not kept his
statutes,
and their lies have caused
them to err,
after which their fa-
thers did walk.
5 But I will send
a fire upon Jū'dăh,
and it shall de-
vour the palaces of Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm.

6 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh:
For three transgressions of Ĭs'rà-ĕl,
yea, for four, I will not turn away
the punishment thereof;
because they have sold the righteous for
silver,
and the needy for a pair
of shoes—7 they that pant after
the dust of the earth on the head
of the poor,
and turn aside the way
of the meek:
and a man and his
father go unto the *same* maiden,
to
profane my holy name:
8 and they
lay themselves down beside every
altar upon clothes taken in pledge;
and in the house of their God they
drink the wine of such as have
been fined.

9 Yet destroyed I the Ăm'ôr-ïte
before them,
whose height was
like the height of the cedars,
and
he was strong as the oaks;
yet I
destroyed his fruit from above,
and his roots from beneath.
10
Also I brought you up out of the
land of Ē'gўpt,
and led you forty
years in the wilderness,
to possess
the land of the Ăm'ôr-ïte.
11
And I raised up of your sons for
prophets,
and of your young men

[1] Or, *Beth-eden* [2] Heb. *an entire captivity*
[3] Heb. *the covenant of brethren* [4] Heb. *corrupted his compassions*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for Năz'ĭ-rītes. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 12 But ye gave the Năz'ĭ-rītes wine to drink, and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophesy not.

13 Behold, [1]I will press *you* in your place, as a cart presseth that is full of sheaves. 14 And [2]flight shall perish from the swift; and the strong shall not strengthen his force; neither shall the mighty deliver [3]himself; 15 neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver *himself*; neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver [3]himself; 16 and he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith Jĕ-hō'vah.

3 Hear this word that Jĕ-hō'-văh hath spoken against you, O children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, against the whole family which I brought up out of the land of Ē'gўpt, saying, 2 You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will visit upon you all your iniquities. 3 Shall two walk together, except they have [4]agreed? 4 Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing? 5 Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is *set* for him? shall a snare spring up from the ground, and have taken nothing at all? 6 Shall the trumpet be blown in a city, and the people not be afraid? shall evil befall a city, and Jĕ-hō'-văh hath not done it? 7 Surely the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh will do nothing, except he reveal his secret unto his servants the prophets. 8 The lion hath roared; who will not fear? The Lord Jĕ-hō'văh hath spoken; who can but prophesy?

9 Publish ye [5]in the palaces at Ăsh'dŏd, and [5]in the palaces in the land of Ē'gўpt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Să-mā'rĭ-ā, and behold what great tumults are therein, and what oppressions in the midst thereof. 10 For they know not to do right, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces. 11 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: An adversary *there shall be*, even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be plundered. 12 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: As the shepherd rescueth out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear, so shall the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl be rescued that sit in Să-mā'rĭ-ā in the corner of a couch, and [6]on the silken cushions of a bed.

13 Hear ye, and testify against the house of Jacob, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of hosts. 14 For in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Ĭs'rā-ĕl upon him, I will also visit the altars of Bĕth'-ĕl; and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground. 15 And I will smite the winter-house with the summer-house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and [7]the great houses shall have an end, saith Jĕ-hō'-văh.

4 Hear this word, ye kine of Bā'shăn, that are in the mountain of Să-mā'rĭ-ā, that oppress the poor, that crush the needy, that say unto their lords, Bring, and let us drink. 2 The Lord Jĕ-hō'văh hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that they shall take you away with hooks, and your residue with fish-hooks. 3 And ye shall go out at the breaches, every one straight before her; [8]and ye shall cast *yourselves* into Hăr'mŏn, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

4 Come to Bĕth'-ĕl, and transgress; to Gĭl'găl, *and* multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, *and* your tithes every three days; 5 and

[1] Or, *I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves* [2] Or, *refuge shall fail the swift* [3] Heb. *his soul* or, *life* [4] Or, *made an appointment* [5] Or, *upon*

[6] According to some MSS., *in Damascus on a bed* [7] Or, *many houses* [8] The text is obscure

[1]offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened, and proclaim freewill-offerings and publish them: for this pleaseth you, O ye children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

6 And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places; yet have ye not returned unto me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 7 And I also have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest; and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. 8 So two or three cities wandered unto one city to drink water, and were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 9 I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: the multitude of your gardens and your vineyards and your fig-trees and your olive-trees hath the palmer-worm devoured: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 10 I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Ĕ'gўpt: your young men have I slain with the sword, [2]and have carried away your horses; and I have made the stench of your camp to come up even into your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 11 I have overthrown *cities* among you, as when God overthrew Sŏd'ŏm and Gō-mŏr'răh, and ye were as a brand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl; *and* because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought; that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth—Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of hosts, is his name.

[1] Heb. *offer by burning* [2] Heb. *with the captivity of your horses*

5 Hear ye this word which I take up for a lamentation over you, O house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 2 The virgin of Ĭs'rā-ĕl is fallen; she shall no more rise: she [3]is cast down upon her land; there is none to raise her up. 3 For thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh: The city that went forth a thousand shall have a hundred left, and that which went forth a hundred shall have ten left, to the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

4 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh unto the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, Seek ye me, and ye shall live; 5 but seek not Bĕth'-ĕl, nor enter into Gĭl'găl, and pass not to Bē'ĕr-shĕ'bà: for Gĭl'găl shall surely go into captivity, and Bĕth'-ĕl shall [4]come to nought. 6 Seek Jĕ-hō'văh, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, and there be none to quench it in Bĕth'-ĕl. 7 Ye who turn justice to wormwood, and cast down righteousness to the earth, 8 *seek him* that maketh the Plē'ĭădēs and Ō-rī'ŏn, and turneth [5]the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth (Jĕ-hō'văh is his name); 9 that [6]bringeth sudden destruction upon the strong, so that destruction cometh upon the fortress.

10 They hate him that reproveth in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly. 11 Forasmuch therefore as ye trample upon the poor, and take exactions from him of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink the wine thereof. 12 For I know how manifold are your transgressions, and how mighty are your sins—ye that afflict the just, that take a bribe, and that turn aside the needy in the gate *from their right*. 13 Therefore he that is prudent

[3] Or, *lieth forsaken* [4] Or, *become vanity* (Heb. *Aven*) [5] Or, *deep darkness* [6] Or, *causeth destruction to flash forth*

shall keep silence in such a time; for it is an evil time.

14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live; and so Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of hosts, will be with you, as ye say. 15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish justice in the gate: it may be that Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of hosts, will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

16 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of hosts, the Lord: Wailing shall be in all the broad ways; and they shall say in all the streets, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, [1]and such as are skilful in lamentation to wailing. 17 And in all vineyards shall be wailing; for I will pass through the midst of thee, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

18 Woe unto you that desire the day of Jĕ-hō'văh! Wherefore would ye have the day of Jĕ-hō'văh? It is darkness, and not light. 19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; [2]or went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. 20 Shall not the day of Jĕ-hō'văh be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your feasts, and I [3]will take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Yea, though ye offer me [4]your burnt-offerings and meal-offerings, I will not accept them; neither will I regard the [5]peace-offerings of your fat beasts. 23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. 24 But let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a [6]mighty stream.

25 Did ye bring unto me sacrifices and [7]offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl? 26 Yea, ye [8]have borne the tabernacle of your king and the shrine of your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves. 27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Dă-măs'cŭs, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, whose name is the God of hosts.

6 Woe to them that are at ease in Zī'ŏn, and to them that are secure in the mountain of Să-mā'rĭ-ā, the notable men of the chief of the nations, to whom the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl come! 2 Pass ye unto Căl'nĕh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hā'măth the great; then go down to Gath of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes: are they better than these kingdoms? or is their border greater than your border? 3—ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the [9]seat of violence to come near; 4 that lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall; 5 that sing idle songs to the sound of the viol; that invent for themselves instruments of music, [10]like David; 6 that drink [11]wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief oils; but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

7 Therefore shall they now go captive with the first that go captive; and the revelry of them that stretched themselves shall pass away. 8 The Lord Jĕ-hō'văh hath sworn by himself, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of hosts: I abhor the [12]excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces; therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein. 9 And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die. 10 And when a man's [13]uncle shall take him up, even he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that is in the innermost parts of the house, Is there yet any with thee? and he shall say, No; then shall he say, Hold thy peace; for we may not make mention of the name of Jĕ-hō'văh. 11 For, behold, Jĕ-hō'văh commandeth, and

[1] Heb. *and* proclaim *wailing to such as are skilful in lamentation* [2] Or, *and* [3] Heb. *will not smell a savor* [4] Or, *burnt-offerings with your meal-offerings* [5] Or, *thank-offerings* [6] Or, *ever-flowing* [7] Or, *meal-offerings* [8] Or, *shall take up . . . And I will cause &c.*

[9] Or, *sitting* [10] Or, *like David's* [11] Heb. *in bowls of wine* [12] Or, *pride* [13] Or, *kinsman*

[1]the great house shall be smitten with breaches, and the little house with clefts.

12 Shall horses run upon the rock? will one plow *there* with oxen? that ye have turned justice into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood; 13 ye that rejoice in a thing of nought, that say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength? 14 For, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saith Jĕ-hō'-văh, the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entrance of Hā'măth unto the brook of the Ăr'ă-băh.

7 Thus the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh showed me: and, behold, he formed locusts in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings. 2 And it came to pass that, when they made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, forgive, I beseech thee: how shall Jacob stand? for he is small. 3 Jĕ-hō'văh repented concerning this: It shall not be, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

4 Thus the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh showed me: and, behold, the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh called to contend by fire; and it devoured the great deep, and would have eaten up the [2]land. 5 Then said I, O Lord Jĕ-hō'văh, cease, I beseech thee: how shall Jacob stand? for he is small. 6 Jĕ-hō'văh repented concerning this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh.

7 Thus he showed me: and, behold, the Lord stood [3]beside a wall made by a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. 8 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Ā'mŏs, what seest thou? And I said, A plumb-line. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumb-line in the midst of my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl; I will not again pass by them any more; 9 and the high places of Ĭ'sāac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm with the sword.

10 Then Ăm-ă-zī'ăh the priest of Bĕth'-ĕl sent to Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying, Ā'mŏs hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: the land is not able to bear all his words. 11 For thus Ā'mŏs saith, Jĕr-ŏ-bō'ăm shall die by the sword, and Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall surely be led away captive out of his land. 12 Also Ăm-ă-zī'ăh said unto Ā'mŏs, O thou seer, go, flee thou away into the land of Jū'dăh, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: 13 but prophesy not again any more at Bĕth'-ĕl; for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a royal house.

14 Then answered Ā'mŏs, and said to Ăm-ă-zī'ăh, I [4]was no prophet, neither [4]was I [5]a prophet's son; but I [4]was a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore-trees: 15 and Jĕ-hō'văh took me from following the flock, and Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 16 Now therefore hear thou the word of Jĕ-hō'văh: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and drop not *thy word* against the house of Ĭ'sāac; 17 therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Thy wife shall be a harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou thyself shalt die in a land that is unclean, and Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall surely be led away captive out of his land.

8 Thus the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh showed me: and, behold, a basket of summer fruit. 2 And he said, Ā'mŏs, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said Jĕ-hō'văh unto me, The end is come upon my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl; I will not again pass by them any more. 3 And the songs of the [6]temple shall be wailings in that day, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'-văh: the dead bodies shall be

[1] Or, *he will smite the great house* [2] Heb. *portion* [3] Or, *upon*
[4] Or, *am* [5] Or, *one of the sons of the prophets* See 1 K. 20.35 [6] Or, *palace*

many; in every place [1]shall they cast them forth with silence.

4 Hear this, O ye that would swallow up the needy, and cause the poor of the land to fail, 5 saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell grain? and the sabbath, that we may [2]set forth wheat, making the ē′phăh small, and the shĕk′ĕl great, and dealing falsely with balances of deceit; 6 that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes, and sell the refuse of the wheat? 7 Jĕ-hō′văh hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works. 8 Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? yea, it shall rise up wholly like the River; and it shall be troubled and sink again, like the River of Ē′gўpt. 9 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day. 10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning for an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day.

11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of Jĕ-hō′văh. 12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of Jĕ-hō′văh, and shall not find it. 13 In that day shall the fair virgins and the young men faint for thirst. 14 They that swear by the sin of Să-mā′rĭ-ă, and say, As thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, As the [3]way of Bē′ĕr-shē′bà liveth; they shall fall, and never rise up again.

9 I saw the Lord standing [4]beside the altar: and he said, Smite the capitals, that the thresholds may shake; and break them in pieces on the head of all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: [5]there shall not one of them flee away, and there shall not one of them escape. 2 Though they dig into Shĕ′ōl, thence shall my hand take them; and though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down. 3 And though they hide themselves in the top of Cär′mĕl, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and it shall bite them. 4 And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

5 For the Lord, Jĕ-hō′văh of hosts, *is* he that toucheth the land and it melteth, and all that dwell therein shall mourn; and it shall rise up wholly like the River, and shall sink again, like the River of Ē′gўpt; 6 *it is* he that buildeth his chambers in the heavens, and hath founded his vault upon the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth; Jĕ-hō′văh is his name.

7 Are ye not as the children of the Ē-thĭ-ō′pĭ-ănș unto me, O children of ĭs′rā-ĕl? saith Jĕ-hō′-văh. Have not I brought up ĭs′rā-ĕl out of the land of Ē′gўpt, and the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭnes from Căph′-tôr, and the Sўr′ĭ-ănș from Kīr? 8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord Jĕ-hō′văh are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; save that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith Jĕ-hō′văh. 9 For, lo, I will command, and I will [6]sift the house of ĭs′rā-ĕl among all the nations, like as *grain* is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least kernel fall upon the

[1] Or, *have they cast them forth: be silent!*
[2] Heb. *open*
[3] Or, *manner*
[4] Or, *upon*
[5] Or, *he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered*
[6] Heb. *cause to move to and fro*

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earth. 10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say, The evil shall not overtake nor meet us.

11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up its ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old; 12 that they may possess the remnant of Ē'dŏm, and all the nations that [1]are called by my name, saith Jĕ-hō'văh that doeth this. 13 Behold, the days come, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. 14 And I will [2]bring back the captivity of my people Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. 15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be plucked up out of their land which I have given them, saith Jĕ-hō'văh thy God.

[1] Or, *were* [2] Or, *return to*

THE BOOK OF OBADIAH

The Pride of Edom shall be humbled

1 The vision of Ō-bă-dī'ăh.

Thus saith the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh concerning Ē'dŏm: We have heard tidings from Jĕ-hō'văh, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, *saying*, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle. 2 Behold, I have made thee small among the nations: thou art greatly despised. 3 The pride of thy heart hath deceived thee, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of [1]the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? 4 Though thou mount on high as the eagle, and though thy nest be set among the stars, I will bring thee down from thence, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

5 If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night (how art thou cut off!), would they not steal *only* till they had enough? if grapegatherers came to thee, would they not leave some gleaning grapes? 6 How are [2]*the things of* Ē'sau searched! how are his hidden treasures sought out! 7 All the men of thy confederacy have [3]brought thee on thy way, even to the border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee; [4]*they that eat* thy bread lay a [5]snare under thee: there is no understanding [6]in him. 8 Shall I not in that day, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, destroy the wise men out of Ē'dŏm, and understanding out of the mount of Ē'sau? 9 And thy mighty men, O Tē'măn, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one may be cut off from the mount of Ē'sau by slaughter.

10 For the violence done to thy brother Jacob, shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever. 11 In the day that thou stoodest [7]on the other side, in the day that strangers carried away his [8]substance, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, even thou wast as one of them. 12 But look not thou on the day of thy brother in [9]the day of his disaster, and rejoice not over the children of Jū'dăh in the day of their destruction; neither speak proudly in the day of distress. 13 Enter not into the gate of my people in the day of

[1] Or, *Sela* [2] Or, the men [3] Or, *driven thee out* [4] Or, *thy bread they make &c.* [5] Or, *wound* [6] Or, *of it* [7] Or, *aloof* [8] Or, *forces* [9] Or, *the day that he was made a stranger*

Israel shall be exalted

their calamity; yea, look not thou on their affliction in the day of their calamity, neither lay ye *hands* on their substance in the day of their calamity. 14 And stand thou not in the crossway, to cut off those of his that escape; and deliver not up those of his that remain in the day of distress.

15 For the day of Jĕ-hō′văh is near upon all the nations: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee; thy [1]dealing shall return upon thine own head. 16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the nations drink continually; yea, they shall drink, and [2]swallow down, and shall be as though they had not been.

17 But in mount Zī′ŏn there shall be those that escape, and it shall be holy; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. 18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Ē′sau for stubble, and they shall burn among them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining to the house of Ē′sau; for Jĕ-hō′văh hath spoken it. 19 And they of the South shall possess the mount of Ē′sau, and they of the lowland the Phĭ-lĭs′tĭnes; and they shall possess the field of Ē′phră-ĭm, and the field of Să-mā′rĭ-ȧ; and Bĕn′jă-mĭn *shall possess* Gĭl′ē-ăd. 20 And the captives of this [3]host of the children of Ĭs′rȧ-ĕl, [4]that are *among* the Cā′năan-ītes, *shall possess* even unto Zăr′ē-phăth; and the captives of Jĕ-ru′sȧ-lĕm, that are in Sĕph′-ă-răd, shall possess the cities of the South. 21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zī′ŏn to judge the mount of Ē′sau; and the kingdom shall be Jĕ-hō′văh's.

[1] Or, *recompense* [2] Or, *talk foolishly*

[3] Or, *fortress* [4] Or, shall possess *that which* belongeth to *the Canaanites, even &c.* Or, *that are* among *the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath, and &c.*

THE BOOK OF
JONAH

Jonah commanded by Jehovah to go to Nineveh

1 Now the word of Jĕ-hō′văh came unto Jō′năh the son of Ă-mĭt′tăi, saying, 2 Arise, go to Nĭn′ē-vĕh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. 3 But Jō′-năh rose up to flee unto Tär′shĭsh from the presence of Jĕ-hō′văh; and he went down to Jŏp′pȧ, and found a ship going to Tär′shĭsh: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tär′shĭsh from the presence of Jĕ-hō′văh.

4 But Jĕ-hō′văh [1]sent out a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken. 5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god; and they cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it unto them. But Jō′năh was gone down into the innermost parts of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep. 6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not. 7 And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jō′-năh. 8 Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us; what is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country?

[1] Or, *hurled*

and of what people art thou? 9 And he said unto them, I am a Hebrew; and I fear Jĕ-hō'văh, the God of heaven, who hath made the sea and the dry land. 10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, What is this that thou hast done? For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of Jĕ-hō'văh, because he had told them.

11 Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea grew more and more tempestuous. 12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you. 13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to get them back to the land; but they could not: for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. 14 Wherefore they cried unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, We beseech thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood; for thou, O Jĕ-hō'văh, hast done as it pleased thee. 15 So they took up Jō'năh, and cast him forth into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. 16 Then the men feared Jĕ-hō'văh exceedingly; and they offered a sacrifice unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and made vows.

*17 And Jĕ-hō'văh prepared a great fish to swallow up Jō'năh; and Jō'năh was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

2 1 Then Jō'năh prayed unto Jĕ-hō'văh his God out of the fish's belly. 2 And he said,

I called [1]by reason of mine affliction unto Jĕ-hō'văh,
And he answered me;
Out of the belly of Shē'ōl cried I,
And thou heardest my voice.
3 For thou didst cast me into the depth, in the heart of the seas,
And the flood was round about me;
All thy waves and thy billows passed over me.
4 And I said, I am cast out from before thine eyes;
Yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.
5 The waters compassed me about, even to the soul;
The deep was round about me;
The weeds were wrapped about my head.
6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains;
The earth with its bars *closed* upon me for ever:
Yet hast thou brought up my life from [2]the pit, O Jĕ-hō'văh my God.
7 When my soul fainted within me, I remembered Jĕ-hō'văh;
And my prayer came in unto thee, into thy holy temple.
8 They that regard lying vanities
Forsake their own mercy.
9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving;
I will pay that which I have vowed.
Salvation is of Jĕ-hō'văh.

10 And Jĕ-hō'văh spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jō'năh upon the dry land.

3 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto Jō'năh the second time, saying, 2 Arise, go unto Nĭn'ĕ-vĕh, that great city, and [3]preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. 3 So Jō'năh arose, and went unto Nĭn'ĕ-vĕh, according to the word of Jĕ-hō'văh. Now Nĭn'ĕ-vĕh was [4]an exceeding great city, of three days' journey. 4 And Jō'năh began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nĭn'ĕ-vĕh shall be overthrown.

5 And the people of Nĭn'ĕ-vĕh believed God; and they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. 6 [5]And the tidings

[1] Or, *out of mine affliction*
*[Ch. 2.1 In Heb.]
[2] Or, *corruption* [3] Or, *cry* [4] Heb. *a city great unto God* [5] Or, *For word came unto the king &c.*

reached the king of Nĭn'ĕ-vĕh, and he arose from his throne, and laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. 7 And he made proclamation and [1]published through Nĭn'ĕ-vĕh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed, nor drink water; 8 but let them be covered with sackcloth, both man and beast, and let them cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in his hands. 9 Who knoweth whether God will not turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? 10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil which he said he would do unto them; and he did it not.

4 But it displeased Jō'năh exceedingly, and he was angry. 2 And he prayed unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and said, I pray thee, O Jĕ-hō'văh, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I [2]hasted to flee unto Tär'shish; for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in loving-kindness, and repentest thee of the evil. 3 Therefore now, O Jĕ-hō'văh, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live. 4 And Jĕ-hō'văh said, [3]Doest thou well to be angry? 5 Then Jō'năh went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shade, till he might see what would become of the city.

6 And Jĕ-hō'văh God prepared a [4]gourd, and made it to come up over Jō'năh, that it might be a shade over his head, to deliver him from his evil case. So Jō'năh was exceeding glad because of the gourd. 7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd, that it withered. 8 And it came to pass, when the sun arose, that God prepared a sultry east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jō'năh, that he fainted, and requested for himself that he might die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live. 9 And God said to Jō'năh, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death. 10 And Jĕ-hō'văh said, Thou hast had regard for the gourd, for which thou hast not labored, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: 11 and should not I have regard for Nĭn'ĕ-vĕh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

[1] Heb. *said* [2] Or, *was beforehand in fleeing* [3] Or, *Art thou greatly angry?* [4] Or, *Palma Christi* Heb. *kikayon*

THE BOOK OF MICAH

Destruction denounced against Israel and Judah

1 The word of Jĕ-hō'văh that came to Mī'cāh the Mō'rāsh-tīte in the days of Jō'thăm, Ā'hāz, and Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, kings of Jū'dăh, which he saw concerning Să-mā'rĭ-ā and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

2 Hear, ye peoples, all of you; hearken, O earth, and [1]all that therein is: and let the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh be witness [2]against you, the Lord from his holy temple. 3 For, behold, Jĕ-hō'văh cometh forth out of his place, and will come

[1] Heb. *the fulness thereof* [2] Or, *among*

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down, and tread upon the high places of the earth. 4 And the mountains shall be melted under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, as waters that are poured down a steep place. 5 For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Să-mā'rĭ-ā? and what are the high places of Jū'dăh? are they not Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm? 6 Therefore I will make Să-mā'rĭ-ā as a heap of the field, *and* as places for planting vineyards: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will uncover the foundations thereof. 7 And all her graven images shall be beaten to pieces, and all her hires shall be burned with fire, and all her idols will I lay desolate; for of the hire of a harlot hath she gathered them, and unto the hire of a harlot shall they return.

8 For this will I lament and wail; I will go stripped and naked; I will make a wailing like the jackals, and a lamentation like the ostriches. 9 For her wounds are incurable; for it is come even unto Jū'dăh; it reacheth unto the gate of my people, even to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 10 Tell it not in Gath, weep not at all: at [1]Bĕth-lĕ-ăph'răh [2]have I rolled myself in the dust. 11 Pass away, O [3]inhabitant of Shā'phĭr, in nakedness and shame: the [3]inhabitant of Zā'ă-năn is not come forth; the wailing of Bĕth-ē'zĕl shall take from you the [4]stay thereof. 12 For the [3]inhabitant of Mā'rŏth [5]waiteth anxiously for good, because evil is come down from Jĕ-hō'văh unto the gate of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 13 Bind the chariot to the swift steed, O [3]inhabitant of Lā'chĭsh: she was the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zī'ŏn; for the transgressions of Ĭs'rā-ĕl were found in thee. 14 Therefore shalt thou give a parting gift to Mŏr'ĕsh-ĕth-găth: the houses of Ăch'zĭb shall be [6]a deceitful thing unto the kings of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 15 I will yet bring unto thee, O [3]inhabitant of Mă-rē'shăh, him that shall possess thee: the glory of Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall come even unto Ă-dŭl'lăm. 16 Make thee bald, and cut off thy hair for the children of thy delight: enlarge thy baldness as the [7]eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.

2 Woe to them that devise iniquity and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand. 2 And they covet fields, and seize them; and houses, and take them away: and they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage. 3 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks, neither shall ye walk haughtily; for it is an evil time. 4 In that day shall they take up a parable against you, and lament [8]with a doleful lamentation, *and* say, We are utterly ruined: he changeth the portion of my people: how doth he [9]remove *it* from me! to the rebellious he divideth our fields. 5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast the line by lot in the assembly of Jĕ-hō'văh.

6 [10]Prophesy ye not, *thus* they prophesy. They shall not prophesy [11]to these: reproaches shall not depart. 7 [12]Shall it be said, O house of Jacob, Is the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh [13]straitened? are these his doings? Do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly? 8 But [14]of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye strip the robe from off the garment from them that pass by securely *as men* averse from war. 9 The women of my people ye cast out

[1] That is, *A house of dust* [2] Another reading is, *roll thyself* [3] Heb. *inhabitress* [4] Or, *standing-place* [5] Or, *is in travail for*

[6] Heb. *achzab* [7] Or, *vulture* [8] Or, *with the lamentation, It is done;* and *say &c.* [9] Or, *depart from* [10] Or, *Prophesy ye not, they are* ever *prophesying,* say they Heb. *Drop &c.* See Am. 7.16 [11] Or, *of these things: their reproaches never cease* [12] Or, *O thou that art named the house of Jacob* [13] Or, *impatient* Heb. *shortened* [14] Heb. *yesterday*

from their pleasant houses; from their young children ye take away my glory for ever. 10 Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your resting-place; because of uncleanness that destroyeth, even with a grievous destruction. 11 If a man walking [1]in a spirit of falsehood do lie, *saying*, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Is'rā-ĕl; I will put them together as the sheep of Bŏz'răh, as a flock in the midst of their pasture; they shall make great noise by reason of *the multitude of* men. 13 The breaker is gone up before them: they have broken forth and passed on to the gate, and are gone out thereat: and their king is passed on before them, and Jĕ-hō'văh at the head of them.

3 And I said, Hear, I pray you, ye heads of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Is'rā-ĕl: is it not for you to know justice? 2 ye who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; 3 who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them, and break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron. 4 Then shall they cry unto Jĕ-hō'văh, but he will not answer them; yea, he will hide his face from them at that time, according as they have wrought evil in their doings.

5 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh concerning the prophets that make my people to err; that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and whoso putteth not into their mouths, they even [2]prepare war against him: 6 Therefore it shall be night unto you, that ye shall have no vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them. 7 And the seers shall be put to shame, and the diviners confounded; yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God. 8 But as for me, I am full of power [3]by the Spirit of Jĕ-hō'văh, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Is'rā-ĕl his sin.

9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Is'rā-ĕl, that abhor justice, and pervert all equity. 10 They build up Zī'ŏn with blood, and Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm with iniquity. 11 The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet they lean upon Jĕ-hō'văh, and say, Is not Jĕ-hō'văh in the midst of us? no evil shall come upon us. 12 Therefore shall Zī'ŏn for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

4 But in the latter days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of Jĕ-hō'văh's house shall be established [4]on the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow unto it. 2 And many nations shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jĕ-hō'văh, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths. For out of Zī'ŏn shall go forth [5]the law, and the word of Jĕ-hō'văh from Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm; 3 and he will judge [6]between [7]many peoples, and will decide concerning strong nations afar off: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 4 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of Jĕ-hō'văh

[1] Or, *in wind and falsehood* [2] Heb. *sanctify*
[3] Or, *even the Spirit* [4] Or, *at the head*
[5] Or, *instruction* [6] Or, *among* [7] Or, *great*

of hosts hath spoken it. 5 For all the peoples walk every one in the name of his god; and we will walk in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh our God for ever and ever.

6 In that day, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, will I assemble that which is lame, and I will gather that which is driven away, and that which I have afflicted; 7 and I will make that which was lame a remnant, and that which was cast far off a strong nation: and Jĕ-hō'văh will reign over them in mount Zī'ŏn from henceforth even for ever. 8 And thou, O tower of [1]the flock, [2]the hill of the daughter of Zī'ŏn, unto thee shall it come, yea, the former dominion shall come, the kingdom of the daughter of Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm.

9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? Is there no king in thee, is thy counsellor perished, that pangs have taken hold of thee as of a woman in travail? 10 Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zī'ŏn, like a woman in travail; for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and shalt dwell in the field, and shalt come even unto Băb'y-lŏn: there shalt thou be rescued; there will Jĕ-hō'văh redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies. 11 And now many nations are assembled against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye [3]see *our desire* upon Zī'ŏn. 12 But they know not the thoughts of Jĕ-hō'văh, neither understand they his counsel: for he hath gathered them as the sheaves to the threshing-floor. 13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zī'ŏn; for I will make thy horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass; and thou shalt beat in pieces many peoples: and I will devote their gain unto Jĕ-hō'văh, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth. 1 Now shalt *5 thou gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us; they shall smite the judge of Is'ra-ĕl with a rod upon the cheek.

†2 But thou, Bĕth'-lĕ-hĕm Eph'ra-thăh, which art little to be among the [4]thousands of Jū'dăh, out of thee shall one come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Is'ra-ĕl; whose goings forth are from of old, [5]from everlasting. 3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she who travaileth hath brought forth: then the residue of his brethren shall return [6]unto the children of Is'ra-ĕl. 4 And he shall stand, and shall feed *his flock* in the strength of Jĕ-hō'văh, in the majesty of the name of Jĕ-hō'văh his God: and they shall abide; for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth. 5 And this *man* shall be *our* peace. When the As-sŷr'i-ăn shall come into our land, and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight [7]principal men. 6 And they shall waste the land of As-sŷr'i-ă with the sword, and the land of Nĭm'rŏd in the entrances thereof: and he shall deliver us from the As-sŷr'i-ăn, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our border. 7 And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples as dew from Jĕ-hō'văh, as showers upon the grass; that tarry not for man, nor wait for the sons of men. 8 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep; who, if he go through, treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and there is none to deliver. 9 Let thy hand be lifted up above thine adversaries, and let all thine enemies be cut off.

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and will destroy thy chariots: 11 and I will cut off the cities of thy land, and will throw down all thy strongholds.

[1] Or, *Eder* See Gen. 35.21 [2] Heb. *Ophel*
[3] Or, *gaze upon* *[Ch. 4.14 in Heb.]
[4] Or, *families* See Judg. 6.15 [5] Or, *from ancient days* [6] Or, *with* [7] Or, *princes among men* †[Ch. 5.1 in Heb.]

12 And I will cut off witchcrafts
out of thy hand; and thou shalt
have no *more* soothsayers: 13 and
I will cut off thy graven images
and thy [1]pillars out of the midst of
thee; and thou shalt no more wor-
ship the work of thy hands; 14 and
I will pluck up thine Ă-shē′rĭm
out of the midst of thee; and I will
destroy thy [2]cities. 15 And I will
execute vengeance in anger and
wrath upon the nations [3]which
hearkened not.

6 Hear ye now what Jĕ-hō′văh
saith: Arise, contend thou be-
fore the mountains, and let the
hills hear thy voice. 2 Hear, O
ye mountains, Jĕ-hō′văh's con-
troversy, and ye enduring foun-
dations of the earth; for Jĕ-hō′văh
hath a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with ĭs′rā-ĕl.
3 O my people, what have I done
unto thee? and wherein have I
wearied thee? testify against me.
4 For I brought thee up out of the
land of Ē′gўpt, and redeemed thee
out of the house of bondage; and I
sent before thee Mō′sĕs, Aâr′ŏn,
and Mĭr′ĭ-ăm. 5 O my people,
remember now what Bā′lăk king
of Mō′ăb devised, and what Bā′-
lăam the son of Bē′ôr answered
him; *remember* from Shĭt′tĭm unto
Gĭl′găl, that ye may know the
righteous acts of Jĕ-hō′văh.

6 Wherewith shall I come before
Jĕ-hō′văh, and bow myself before
the high God? shall I come before
him with burnt-offerings, with
calves a year old? 7 will Jĕ-hō′-
văh be pleased with thousands of
rams, *or* with ten thousands of
rivers of oil? shall I give my first-
born for my transgression, the
fruit of my body for the sin of my
soul? 8 He hath showed thee,
O man, what is good; and what
doth Jĕ-hō′văh require of thee,
but to do justly, and to love kind-
ness, and to walk humbly with thy
God?

9 The voice of Jĕ-hō′văh crieth
unto the city, and *the man of* wis-
dom will [4]see thy name: hear ye
the rod, and who hath appointed
it. 10 Are there yet treasures of
wickedness in the house of the
wicked, and a scant [5]measure that
is abominable? 11 Shall I be
pure with wicked balances, and
with a bag of deceitful weights?
12 For the rich men thereof are
full of violence, and the inhabi-
tants thereof have spoken lies,
and their tongue is deceitful in
their mouth. 13 Therefore I also
have smitten thee with a grievous
wound; I have made thee desolate
because of thy sins. 14 Thou
shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and
thy [6]humiliation shall be in the
midst of thee: and thou shalt put
away, but shalt not save; and that
which thou savest will I give up
to the sword. 15 Thou shalt sow,
but shalt not reap; thou shalt tread
the olives, but shalt not anoint
thee with oil; and the vintage, but
shalt not drink the wine. 16 For
the statutes of Ōm′rī are kept, and
all the works of the house of
Ă′hăb, and ye walk in their coun-
sels; that I may make thee [7]a
desolation, and the inhabitants
thereof a hissing: and ye shall bear
the reproach of my people.

7 Woe is me! for I am as
when they have gathered the
summer fruits, as the grape glean-
ings of the vintage: there is no
cluster to eat; [8]my soul desireth
the first-ripe fig. 2 The godly
man is perished out of the earth,
and there is none upright among
men: they all lie in wait for blood;
they hunt every man his brother
with a net. 3 [9]Their hands are
upon that which is evil to do it
diligently; the prince asketh, and
the judge *is ready* for a reward;
and the great man, he uttereth
the evil desire of his soul: thus
they weave it together. 4 The
best of them is as a brier; [10]the
most upright is *worse* than a thorn

1 Or, *obelisks* 2 Or, *enemies*
3 Or, *such as they have not heard*

4 Acc. to Sept., Vulg. and Syr., *fear*
5 Heb. *ephah* 6 Or, *emptiness* 7 Or, *an astonishment* 8 Or, *nor first-ripe fig which my soul desires* 9 Or, *Both hands* are put forth *for evil to do it &c.* 10 Or, *the straightest is* as it were taken *from &c.*

hedge: the day of thy watchmen, even thy visitation, is come; now shall be their perplexity. 5 Trust ye not in a neighbor; put ye not confidence in a [1]friend; keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom. 6 For the son dishonoreth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

7 But as for me, [2]I will look unto Jĕ-hō'văh; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me. 8 Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, Jĕ-hō'văh will be a light unto me. 9 I will bear the indignation of Jĕ-hō'văh, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, *and* I shall behold his righteousness. 10 Then mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her who said unto me, Where is Jĕ-hō'văh thy God? Mine eyes shall see *my desire* upon her; now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets. 11 [3]A day for building thy walls! in that day shall the [4]decree be far removed. 12 In that day shall they come unto thee from Ăs-sўr'ĭ-a and the cities of [5]Ē'gўpt, and from [5]Ē'gўpt even to the River, and from sea to sea, and *from* mountain to mountain. 13 Yet shall the land be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.

14 [6]Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thy heritage, which dwell solitarily, in the forest in the midst of Cär'mĕl: let them feed in Bā'shăn and Gĭl'ē-ăd, as in the days of old. 15 As in the days of thy coming forth out of the land of Ē'gўpt will I show unto them marvellous things. 16 The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; they shall lay their hand upon their mouth; their ears shall be deaf. 17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent; like crawling things of the earth they shall come trembling out of their close places; they shall come with fear unto Jĕ-hō'văh our God, and shall be afraid because of thee.

18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth over the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in lovingkindness. 19 He will again have compassion upon us; he will [7]tread our iniquities under foot; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. 20 [8]Thou wilt [9]perform the truth to Jacob, *and* the lovingkindness to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

[1] Or, *confidant* [2] Or, *in Jehovah will I keep watch* [3] Or, *In the day that thy walls are to be built* [4] Or, *boundary* [5] Heb. *Mazor*
[6] Or, *Rule* [7] Or, *subdue our iniquities* [8] Or, *Thou wilt show* thy *faithfulness &c.* [9] Heb. *give*

THE BOOK OF NAHUM

Goodness and Severity of Jehovah

1 The [1]burden of Nĭn'ĕ-vĕh. The book of the vision of Nā'hŭm the ĕl'kŏsh-īte.

2 Jĕ-hō'văh is a jealous God and avengeth; Jĕ-hō'văh avengeth and is full of wrath; Jĕ-hō'văh taketh vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth *wrath* for his enemies. 3 Jĕ-hō'văh is slow to anger, and great in power, and will by no means clear *the guilty*: Jĕ-hō'văh hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. 4 He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bā'shăn languisheth, and

[1] Or, *oracle concerning*

Căr'mĕl; and the flower of Lĕb'ă-nŏn languisheth. 5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt; and the earth is upheaved at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. 6 Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken asunder by him. 7 Jĕ-hō'văh is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that take refuge in him. 8 But with an over-running flood he will make a full end of her place, and will pursue his enemies into darkness.

9 What do ye devise against Jĕ-hō'văh? he will make a full end; affliction shall not rise up the second time. 10 For entangled like thorns, and drunken as with their drink, they are consumed [1]utterly as dry stubble. 11 There is one gone forth out of thee, that deviseth evil against Jĕ-hō'văh, [2]that counselleth [3]wickedness. 12 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: Though they be in full strength, and likewise many, even so shall they be cut down, and he shall pass away. [4]Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more. 13 And now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.

14 And Jĕ-hō'văh hath given commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image; I will make thy grave; for thou art vile.

*15 Behold, upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! Keep thy feasts, O Jū'dăh, perform thy vows; for [5]the wicked one shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

2 He that dasheth in pieces is come up against thee: keep the fortress, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily. 2 For Jĕ-hō'văh restoreth the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of ĭs'rā-ĕl; for the emptiers have emptied them out, and destroyed their vine-branches. 3 The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots [6]flash with steel in the day of his preparation, and the [7]cypress *spears* are brandished. 4 The chariots rage in the streets; they rush to and fro in the broad ways: the appearance of them is like torches; they run like the lightnings. 5 He remembereth his nobles: they stumble in their march; they make haste to the wall thereof, and the mantelet is prepared. 6 The gates of the rivers are opened, and the palace is dissolved. 7 [8]And it is decreed: she is uncovered, she is carried away; and her handmaids [9]moan as with the voice of doves, beating upon their [10]breasts.

8 But Nĭn'ĕ-vĕh hath been [11]from of old like a pool of water: yet they flee away. Stand, stand, *they cry*; but none [12]looketh back. 9 Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold; for there is no end of the store, the [13]glory of all goodly furniture. 10 She is empty, and void, and waste; and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and anguish is in all loins, and the faces of them all are waxed pale. 11 Where is the den of the lions, and the feeding-place of the young lions, where the lion *and* the lioness walked, the lion's whelp, and none made them afraid? 12 The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his caves with prey, and his dens with ravin. 13 Behold, I am against thee, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions; and I will cut off thy prey

[1] Or, *as stubble fully dry* [2] Or, *a wicked counsellor* [3] Or, *worthlessness* Heb. *Belial* [4] Or, *So will I afflict thee, that I shall afflict &c.* [5] Or, the man of *worth'essness* Heb. *Belial*
*[Ch. 2.1 in Heb.]

[6] Heb. *are with fire of steel* [7] Heb. *cypress-trees* [8] Or, *Huzzab is uncovered &c.* [9] Or, *lead* her [10] Heb. *hearts* [11] Or, *from the days* that *she* hath been [12] Or, *causeth* them *to turn* [13] Or, *wealth*

from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.

3 Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and rapine; the prey departeth not. 2 The noise of the whip, and the noise of the rattling of wheels, and prancing horses, and bounding chariots, 3 the horseman [1]mounting, and the flashing sword, and the glittering spear, and a multitude of slain, and a great heap of corpses, and there is no end of the bodies; they stumble upon their bodies; —4 because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the well-favored harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts. 5 Behold, I am against thee, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, and I will uncover thy skirts [2]upon thy face; and I will show the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame. 6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazing-stock. 7 And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nĭn'ĕ-vĕh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee?

8 Art thou better than Nō-ā'-mŏn, that was situate among the [3]rivers, that had the waters round about her; whose rampart was [4]the sea, *and* her wall was of the sea? 9 Ē-thi-ō'pi-ā and Ē'gўpt were her strength, and it was infinite; Pŭt and Lū'bĭm were thy helpers. 10 Yet was she carried away, she went into captivity; her young children also were dashed in pieces at the head of all the streets; and they cast lots for her honorable men, and all her great men were bound in chains. 11 Thou also shalt be drunken; thou shalt be hid; thou also shalt seek [5]a stronghold because of the enemy. 12 All thy fortresses shall be *like* fig-trees with the first-ripe figs: if they be shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater. 13 Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are women; the gates of thy land are set wide open unto thine enemies: the fire hath devoured thy bars. 14 Draw thee water for the siege; strengthen thy fortresses; go into the clay, and tread the mortar; [6]make strong the brickkiln. 15 There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off; it shall devour thee like the canker-worm: make thyself many as the canker-worm; make thyself many as the locust. 16 Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of heaven: the canker-worm [7]ravageth, and fleeth away. 17 Thy princes are as the locusts, and thy [8]marshals as the swarms of grasshoppers, which encamp in the [9]hedges in the cold day, but when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they are. 18 Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ā; thy nobles are at rest; thy people are scattered upon the mountains, and there is none to gather them. 19 There is no assuaging of thy hurt; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the report of thee clap their hands over thee; for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?

[1] Or, *charging* [2] Or, *before* [3] Or, *canals* See Ex. 7.19 [4] That is, the Nile
[5] Or, *a defence against* [6] Or, *lay hold of the brick-mould* [7] Or, *spreadeth himself* [8] Or, *scribes* [9] Or, *walls*

THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK

The Chaldeans raised up to punish Judah. Habakkuk's Remonstrance

1 The [1]burden which Hă-băk'kŭk the prophet did see.

[1] Or, *oracle*

2 O Jĕ-hō'văh, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear? I cry out unto thee of violence, and

thou wilt not save. 3 Why dost thou show me iniquity, and [1]look upon perverseness? for destruction and violence are before me; and there is strife, and contention riseth up. 4 Therefore the law is slacked, and justice [2]doth never go forth; for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore justice goeth forth perverted.

5 Behold ye among the nations, and look, and wonder marvellously; for [3]I am working a work in your days, which ye will not believe though it be told you. 6 For, lo, I raise up the Chăl-dē'ăns, that bitter and hasty nation, that march through the breadth of the earth, to possess dwelling-places that are not theirs. 7 [4]They are terrible and dreadful; their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves. 8 Their horses also are swifter than leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves; and their horsemen [5]press proudly on: yea, their horsemen come from far; they fly as an eagle that hasteth to devour. 9 They come all of them for violence; [6]the set of their faces is [7]forwards; and they gather captives as the sand. 10 [8]Yea, he scoffeth at kings, and princes are a derision unto him; he derideth every stronghold; for he heapeth up dust, and taketh it. 11 [9]Then shall he sweep by *as* a wind, and shall [10]pass over, and be guilty, *even* he whose might is his god.

12 Art not thou from everlasting, O Jĕ-hō'văh my God, my Holy One? we shall not die. O Jĕ-hō'văh, thou hast ordained him for judgment; and thou, O Rock, hast established him for correction. 13 Thou that art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and that canst not look on perverseness, wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy peace when the wicked swalloweth up the man that is more righteous than he; 14 and makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over them? 15 He taketh up all of them with the angle, he catcheth them in his net, and gathereth them in his drag: therefore he rejoiceth and is glad. 16 Therefore he sacrificeth unto his net, and burneth incense unto his drag; because by them his portion is fat, and his food [11]plenteous. 17 Shall he therefore empty his net, and spare not to slay the nations continually?

2 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the [12]tower, and will look forth to see what he will speak [13]with me, and what I shall answer concerning my complaint. 2 And Jĕ-hō'văh answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tablets, that he may run that readeth it. 3 For the vision is yet for the appointed time, and it [14]hasteth toward the end, and shall not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not delay.

4 Behold, his soul is puffed up, it is not [15]upright in him; but the righteous shall live [16]by his faith. 5 [17]Yea, moreover, wine is treacherous, a haughty man, [18]that keepeth not at home; who enlargeth his desire as Shĕ'ōl, and he is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all peoples. 6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting [19]proverb against him, and say, Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his! how long? and that ladeth himself with pledges! 7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall [20]bite thee, and awake that shall [21]vex thee, and thou shalt be for booty unto

[1] Or, *cause me to look* [2] Or, *goeth not forth unto victory* [3] Or, *one worketh* [4] Heb. *He*, and so in ver. 8, 9 [5] Or, *spread themselves* [6] Heb. *the eagerness* (or, *assembling*) *of their faces is &c.* [7] Or, *towards the east* [8] Or, *And they scoff &c.* [9] Or, *Then shall the wind sweep by, and he shall pass away* [10] Or, *transgress*

[11] Heb. *fat* [12] Or, *fortress* [12] Or, *by* [14] Heb. *panteth* [15] Or, *straight* [16] Or, *in his faithfulness* [17] Or, *And also because his wine . . . he is a haughty man* [18] Or, *he shall not abide* [19] Or, *riddle* [20] Or, *exact usury of thee* [21] Or, *toss thee to and fro*

them? 8 Because thou hast plundered many nations, all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder thee, because of men's blood, and for the violence done to the land, to the city and to all that dwell therein.

9 Woe to him that getteth an evil gain for his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the hand of evil! 10 Thou hast devised shame to thy house, by cutting off many peoples, and hast sinned against thy soul. 11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

12 Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and establisheth a city by iniquity! 13 Behold, is it not of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts that the peoples labor for the fire, and the nations weary themselves for vanity? 14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Jĕ-hō'văh, as the waters cover the sea.

15 Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, *to thee* that [1]addest thy [2]venom, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness! 16 Thou art filled with shame, and not glory: drink thou also, and [3]be as one uncircumcised; the cup of Jĕ-hō'văh's right hand shall come round unto thee, and foul shame shall be upon thy glory. 17 For the violence done to Lĕb'ă-nŏn shall cover thee, and the destruction of the beasts, which made them afraid; because of men's blood, and for the violence done to the land, to the city and to all that dwell therein.

18 What profiteth the graven image, that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, even the teacher of lies, that he that fashioneth its form trusteth therein, to make dumb idols? 19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise! Shall this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it. 20 But Jĕ-hō'văh is in his holy temple: [4]let all the earth keep silence before him.

3 A prayer of Hăb-băk'kŭk the prophet, set to Shĭg-ĭ-ō'nŏth.
2 O Jĕ-hō'văh, I have heard [5]the report of thee, and [6]am afraid:
O Jĕ-hō'văh, revive thy work in the midst of the years;
In the midst of the years make it known;
In wrath remember mercy.
3 God [7]came from Tē'măn,
And the Holy One from mount Pā'răn. [Sē'lăh
His glory covered the heavens,
And the earth was full of his praise.
4 And *his* brightness was as the light;
He had [8]rays *coming forth* [9]from his hand;
And there was the hiding of his power.
5 Before him went the pestilence,
And [10]fiery bolts went forth at his feet.
6 He stood, and [11]measured the earth;
He beheld, and drove asunder the nations;
And the eternal mountains were scattered;
The everlasting hills did bow;
[12]His goings were *as* of old.
7 I saw the tents of Cū'shăn in affliction;
The curtains of the land of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn did tremble.
8 Was Jĕ-hō'văh displeased with the rivers?
Was thine anger against the rivers,
Or thy wrath against the sea,
That thou didst ride upon thy horses,
Upon thy chariots of salvation?
9 Thy bow was made quite bare;
[13]The oaths to the tribes were a *sure* word. [Sē'lăh

[1] Or, *pourest* [2] Or, *fury* [3] Or, *let thy foreskin be uncovered*
[4] Heb. *be silent before him, all the earth* [5] Or, *thy fame* [6] Or, *was* [7] Or, *cometh* (and similarly to the end of ver. 15) [8] Heb. *horns* [9] Or, *at his side* [10] Or, *burning coals* [11] Or, *shook* [12] Or, *His ways are everlasting* [13] Or, *Sworn were the chastisements* (Heb. *rods*) *of thy word*

The Prophet's Strong Confidence in God

Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.
10 The mountains saw thee, and [1]were afraid;
The tempest of waters passed by;
The deep uttered its voice,
And lifted up its hands on high.
11 The sun and moon stood still in their habitation,
At the light of thine arrows as they went,
At the shining of thy glittering spear.
12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation;
Thou didst thresh the nations in anger.
13 Thou [2]wentest forth for the salvation of thy people,
[3]For the salvation of thine anointed;
[4]Thou [5]woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked man,
Laying bare the foundation even unto the neck. [Sē'lăh
14 Thou [6]didst pierce with his own staves the head of his [7]warriors:
They came as a whirlwind to scatter me;
Their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.
15 Thou [8]didst tread the sea with thy horses,
The [9]heap of mighty waters.

16 I heard, and my body trembled,
My lips quivered at the voice;
Rottenness entereth into my bones, and I tremble in my place;
Because I must wait quietly for the day of trouble,
[10]For the coming up of the people that invadeth us.
17 For though the fig-tree shall not flourish,
Neither shall fruit be in the vines;
The labor of the olive shall fail,
And the fields shall yield no food;
The flock shall be cut off from the fold,
And there shall be no herd in the stalls:
18 Yet I will rejoice in Jĕ-hō'văh,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.
19 Jĕ-hō'văh, the Lord, is my strength;
And he maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*,
And will make me to walk upon my high places.

For the Chief Musician, on my stringed instruments.

[1] Or, *were in pain* [2] Or, *art come* [3] Or, *For salvation* (or, *victory*) *with thine anointed* [4] Or, *Thou didst smite off the head from the house &c.* [5] Or, *hast wounded* [6] Or, *hast pierced* [7] Or, *hordes* Or, *villages* [8] Or, *hast trodden* [9] Or, *surge* [10] Or, *When there shall come up against the people he that invadeth them*

THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH

Jehovah's Day of Wrath coming upon Judah

1 The word of Jĕ-hō'văh which came unto Zĕph-ă-nī'ăh the son of Cū'shi, the son of Gĕd-ă-lī'ăh, the son of Ăm-ă-rī'ăh, the son of Hĕz-ĕ-kī'ăh, in the days of Jō-sī'ăh the son of Ā'mŏn, king of Jū'dăh.

2 I will utterly consume all things from off the face of the ground, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 3 I will consume man and beast; I will consume the birds of the heavens, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumblingblocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the face of the ground, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 4 And I will stretch out my hand upon Jū'dăh, and upon all the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and I will cut off the remnant of Bā'ăl from this place, *and* the name of the Chĕm'ă-rĭm with the priests;

5 and them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship, that swear to Jĕ-hō'văh and swear by [1]Măl'-căm; 6 and them that are turned back from following Jĕ-hō'văh; and those that have not sought Jĕ-hō'văh, nor inquired after him.

7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh; for the day of Jĕ-hō'văh is at hand: for Jĕ-hō'văh hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath consecrated his guests. 8 And it shall come to pass in the day of Jĕ-hō'văh's sacrifice, that I will [2]punish the princes, and the king's sons, and all such as are clothed with foreign apparel. 9 And in that day I will [2]punish all those that leap over the threshold, that fill their master's house with violence and deceit. 10 And in that day, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, there shall be the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and a wailing from the [3]second quarter, and a great crashing from the hills. 11 Wail, ye inhabitants of [4]Măk'tĕsh; for all [5]the people of Cā'năan are undone; all they that were laden with silver are cut off. 12 And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm with lamps; and I will [2]punish the men that are [6]settled on their lees, that say in their heart, Jĕ-hō'văh will not do good, neither will he do evil. 13 And their wealth shall become a spoil, and their houses a desolation: yea, they shall build houses, but shall not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but shall not drink the wine thereof.

14 The great day of Jĕ-hō'văh is near, it is near and hasteth greatly, *even* the voice of the day of Jĕ-hō'văh; the mighty man crieth there bitterly. 15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of the trumpet and alarm, against the fortified cities, and against the high [7]battlements. 17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against Jĕ-hō'-văh; and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of Jĕ-hō'-văh's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he will make an end, yea, a [8]terrible end, of all them that dwell in the land.

2 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation that hath no [9]shame; 2 before the decree bring forth, [10]*before* the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of Jĕ-hō'văh come upon you, before the day of Jĕ-hō'văh's anger come upon you. 3 Seek ye Jĕ-hō'văh, all ye meek of the earth, that have kept his ordinances; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye will be hid in the day of Jĕ-hō'văh's anger.

4 For Gā'zā shall be forsaken, and Ăsh'kĕ-lŏn a desolation; they shall drive out Ăsh'dŏd at noonday, and ĕk'rŏn shall be rooted up. 5 Woe unto the inhabitants of [11]the sea-coast, the nation of the Chĕr'ĕ-thites! The word of Jĕ-hō'văh is against you, O Cā'năan, the land of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes; I will destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant. 6 And the sea-coast shall be pastures, with [12]cottages for shepherds and folds for flocks. 7 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Jū'dăh; they shall feed *their flocks* thereupon; in the houses of Ăsh'-kĕ-lŏn shall they lie down in the evening: for Jĕ-hō'văh their God will visit them, and [13]bring back their captivity.

8 I have heard the reproach of Mō'ăb, and the revilings of the children of Ăm'mŏn, wherewith they have reproached my people, and magnified themselves against

[1] Or, *their king* [2] Heb. *visit upon* [3] Heb. *Mishneh* [4] Or, *The mortar* [5] Or, *the merchant people* [6] Or, *thickened*
[7] Or, *corner towers* [8] Or, *speedy* [9] Or, *longing* [10] Or, (*the day passeth as the chaff*) [11] Or, *the region of the sea* [12] Or, *caves* [13] Or, *return to*

their border. 9 Therefore as I live, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, Surely Mō'ăb shall be as Sŏd'ŏm, and the children of Ăm'mŏn as Gŏ-mŏr'răh, a possession of [1]nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall make a prey of them, and the remnant of my nation shall inherit them. 10 This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. 11 Jĕ-hō'văh will be terrible unto them; for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, every one from his place, even all the [2]isles of the nations.

12 Ye Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-ăns also, ye shall be slain by my sword. 13 And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Ăs-sўr'ĭ-à, and will make Nĭn'ĕ-vĕh a desolation, and dry like the wilderness. 14 And herds shall lie down in the midst of her, [3]all the beasts of the nations: both the pelican and the porcupine shall lodge in the capitals thereof; *their* voice shall sing in the windows; [4]desolation shall be in the thresholds: for he hath laid bare the cedar-work. 15 This is the joyous city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I am, and there is none besides me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, and wag his hand.

3 Woe to her that is rebellious and polluted! to the oppressing city! 2 She obeyed not the voice; she received not [5]correction; she trusted not in Jĕ-hō'văh; she drew not near to her God. 3 Her princes in the midst of her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they [6]leave nothing till the morrow. 4 Her prophets are light and treacherous persons; her priests have profaned the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law. 5 Jĕ-hō'văh in the midst of her is righteous; he will not do iniquity; [7]every morning doth he bring his justice to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame. 6 I have cut off nations; their [8]battlements are desolate; I have made their streets waste, so that none passeth by; their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, so that there is no inhabitant. 7 I said, Only fear thou me; receive [5]correction; so her dwelling shall not be cut off, [9]*according to* all that I have appointed concerning her: but they rose early and corrupted all their doings.

8 Therefore wait ye for me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, until the day that I rise up to the prey; for my [10]determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger; for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

9 For then will I turn to the peoples a pure [11]language, that they may all call upon the name of Jĕ-hō'văh, to serve him with one [12]consent. 10 From beyond the rivers of Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-à [13]my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering. 11 In that day shalt thou not be put to shame for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me; for then I will take away out of the midst of thee [14]thy proudly exulting ones, and thou shalt no more be haughty in my holy mountain. 12 But I will leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall take refuge in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh. 13 The remnant of ĭs'rā-ĕl shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed and lie

[1] Or, *wild vetches* [2] Or, *coast-lands* [3] Or, *all beasts of every kind* [4] Or, *drought* [5] Or, *instruction* [6] Or, *gnaw not the bones on the morrow* [7] Heb. *morning by morning* [8] Or, *corner towers* [9] Or, *howsoever I punished her* [10] Heb. *judgment* [11] Heb. *lip* [12] Heb. *shoulder* [13] Or, *shall they bring my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, for an offering unto me* [14] Or, *them that exult in thy majesty*

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down, and none shall make them afraid.

14 Sing, O daughter of Zī'ŏn; shout, O ĭs'rā-ĕl; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm. 15 Jĕ-hō'văh hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the King of ĭs'rā-ĕl, even Jĕ-hō'văh, is in the midst of thee; thou shalt not [1]fear evil any more. 16 In that day it shall be said to Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm, Fear thou not; [2]O Zī'ŏn, let not thy hands be slack. 17 Jĕ-hō'văh thy God is in the midst of thee, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will [3]rest in his love; he will joy over thee with singing. 18 [4]I will gather them that sorrow for the solemn assembly, who were of thee; *to whom* the burden upon [5]her was a reproach. 19 Behold, at that time I will deal with all them that afflict thee; and I will save that which is lame, and gather that which was driven away; and I will make them a praise and a name, whose shame hath been in all the earth. 20 At that time will I bring you in, and at that time will I gather you; for I will make you a name and a praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I [6]bring back your captivity before your eyes, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

[1] Another reading is, *see* [2] Or, and to *Zion* [3] Heb. *be silent*

[4] Or, *They have been sorrowful for the solemn assembly which I took away from thee,* for *the lifting up of reproach against her* according to another reading, *thee* [5] Accordingly [6] Or, *return to*

THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

Haggai exhorts the People to build the Temple

1 In the second year of Dă-rī'ŭs the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of Jĕ-hō'văh by Hăg'gāi the prophet unto Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl the son of Shĕ-ăl'tī-ĕl, governor of Jū'dăh, and to Jŏsh'ū-ă the son of Jĕ-hŏz'ă-dăk, the high priest, saying, 2 Thus speaketh Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, saying, This people say, [1]It is not the time *for us* to come, the time for Jĕ-hō'văh's house to be built. 3 Then came the word of Jĕ-hō'văh by Hăg'gāi the prophet, saying, 4 Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your ceiled houses, while this house lieth waste? 5 Now therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: [2]Consider your ways. 6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages *to put it* into a bag with holes.

7 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: [2]Consider your ways. 8 Go up to the [3]mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 9 Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did [4]blow upon it. Why? saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. Because of my house that lieth waste, while ye run every man to his own house. 10 Therefore [5]for your sake the heavens withhold the dew, and the earth withholdeth its fruit. 11 And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the grain, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and

[1] Or, as otherwise read, *The time is not come for Jehovah's house* &c. [2] Heb. *Set your heart on your ways*

[3] Or, *hill-country* [4] Or, *blow it away* [5] Or, *Over you*

upon cattle, and upon all the labor of the hands.

12 Then Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl the son of Shĕ-ăl'tĭ-ĕl, and Jŏsh'ū-a the son of Jĕ-hŏz'ă-dăk, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of Jĕ-hō'văh their God, and the words of Hăg'gāi the prophet, as Jĕ-hō'văh their God had sent him; and the people did fear before Jĕ-hō'văh. 13 Then spake Hăg'gāi Jĕ-hō'văh's messenger in Jĕ-hō'văh's message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 14 And Jĕ-hō'văh stirred up the spirit of Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl the son of Shĕ-ăl'tĭ-ĕl, governor of Jū'dăh, and the spirit of Jŏsh'ū-a the son of Jĕ-hŏz'ă-dăk, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work on the house of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, their God, 15 in the four and twentieth day of the month, in the sixth *month*, in the second year of Dă-rī'ŭs the king.

2 In the seventh *month*, in the one and twentieth *day* of the month, came the word of Jĕ-hō'văh by Hăg'gāi the prophet, saying, 2 Speak now to Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl the son of Shĕ-ăl'tĭ-ĕl, governor of Jū'dăh, and to Jŏsh'ū-a the son of Jĕ-hŏz'ă-dăk, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying, 3 Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes as nothing? 4 Yet now be strong, O Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; and be strong, O Jŏsh'ū-a, son of Jĕ-hŏz'ă-dăk, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, and work: for I am with you, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, 5 [1]*according to* the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Ē'gўpt, and my Spirit [2]abode among you: fear ye not. 6 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; 7 and I will shake all nations; and [3]the precious things of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. 9 The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts; and in this place will I give peace, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts.

10 In the four and twentieth *day* of the ninth *month*, in the second year of Dă-rī'ŭs, came the word of Jĕ-hō'văh by Hăg'gāi the prophet, saying, 11 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying, 12 If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any food, shall it become holy? And the priests answered and said, No. 13 Then said Hăg'gāi, If one that is unclean by reason of a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean. 14 Then answered Hăg'gāi and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean. 15 And now, I pray you, consider from this day and backward, before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of Jĕ-hō'văh. 16 [4]Through all that time, when one came to a heap of twenty *measures*, there were but ten; when one came to the wine-vat to draw out fifty *vessels*, there were but twenty. 17 I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the work of your hands; yet ye *turned* not to me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 18 Consider, I pray you, from this day and backward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth *month*, since the day that the foundation of Jĕ-hō'văh's temple was laid, consider it. 19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yea,

[1] Or, Remember *the word &c.* [2] Or, *abideth*

[3] Or, *the things desired* (Heb. *desire*) *of all nations shall come* [4] Heb. *since those* days *were*

the vine, and the fig-tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive-tree have not brought forth; from this day will I bless *you*.

20 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came the second time unto Hăg'-gāi in the four and twentieth *day* of the month, saying, 21 Speak to Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl, governor of Jū'-dăh, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth; 22 and I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms; and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother. 23 In that day, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, will I take thee, O Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl, my servant, the son of Shĕ-ăl'tĭ-ĕl, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, and will make thee as a signet; for I have chosen thee, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts.

THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH

Jehovah remonstrates with the People. Zechariah's Vision of Horses:

1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Dă-rī'ŭs, came the word of Jĕ-hō'văh unto Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh the son of Bĕr-ĕ-chī'ăh, the son of ĭd'dō, the prophet, saying, 2 Jĕ-hō'văh was sore displeased with your fathers. 3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: Return unto me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, and I will return unto you, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. 4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets cried, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, Return ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 5 Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever? 6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? and they turned and said, Like as Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

7 Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shē'băt, in the second year of Dă-rī'ŭs, came the word of Jĕ-hō'văh unto Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh the son of Bĕr-ĕ-chī'ăh, the son of ĭd'dō, the prophet, saying, 8 I saw in the night, and, behold, a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle-trees that were in the [1]bottom; and behind him there were horses, red, sorrel, and white. 9 Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will show thee what these are. 10 And the man that stood among the myrtle-trees answered and said, These are they whom Jĕ-hō'văh hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. 11 And they answered the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh that stood among the myrtle-trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

12 Then the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh answered and said, O Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm and on the cities of Jū'dăh, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? 13 And Jĕ-hō'văh answered the angel that talked with me with good words, *even* comfortable words. 14 So the angel that talked with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts:

[1] Or, *shady place*

I am jealous for Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm and for Zī'ŏn with a great jealousy. 15 And I am very sore displeased with the nations that are at ease; for I was but a little displeased, and they [1]helped forward the affliction. 16 Therefore thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: I am returned to Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm with mercies; my house shall be built in it, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth over Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm. 17 Cry yet again, saying, Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: My cities [2]shall yet overflow with prosperity; and Jĕ-hō'văh shall yet comfort Zī'ŏn, and shall yet choose Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm.

*18 And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, four horns. 19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Jū'dăh, Ĭs'ra-ĕl, and Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm. 20 And Jĕ-hō'văh showed me four smiths. 21 Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which scattered Jū'dăh, so that no man did lift up his head; but these are come to terrify them, to cast down the horns of the nations, which lifted up their horn against the land of Jū'dăh to scatter it.

†2 And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand. 2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. 3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him, 4 and said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm shall [3]be inhabited as villages without walls, by reason of the multitude of men and cattle therein. 5 For I, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and I will be the glory in the midst of her.

6 Ho, ho, flee from the land of the north, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heavens, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 7 Ho Zī'ŏn, escape, thou that dwellest with the daughter of Băb'y-lŏn. 8 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: [4]After glory hath he sent me unto the nations which plundered you; for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. 9 For, behold, I will shake my hand over them, and they shall be a spoil to those that served them; and ye shall know that Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts hath sent me. 10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zī'ŏn; for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 11 And many nations shall join themselves to Jĕ-hō'văh in that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts hath sent me unto thee. 12 And Jĕ-hō'văh shall inherit Jū'dăh as his portion in the holy land, and shall yet choose Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm. 13 Be silent, all flesh, before Jĕ-hō'văh; for he is waked up out of his holy habitation.

3 And he showed me Jŏsh'ū-a the high priest standing before the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh, and [5]Satan standing at his right hand to be his adversary. 2 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto Satan, Jĕ-hō'văh rebuke thee, O Satan; yea, Jĕ-hō'văh that hath chosen Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? 3 Now Jŏsh'ū-a was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the angel. 4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take the filthy garments from off him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with rich apparel. 5 And I said, Let them set a clean [6]mitre upon his head. So they set a clean [6]mitre upon his head, and clothed

[1] Or, *helped for evil* [2] Or, *through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad* [3] Or, *dwell*
*[Ch. 2.1 in Heb.] †[Ch. 2.5 in Heb.]

[4] Or, *After the glory, he hath &c.* [5] That is, *the Adversary* [6] Or, *turban*

him with garments; and the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh was standing by.

6 And the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh protested unto Jŏsh'ū-á, saying, 7 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou also shalt judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee [1]a place of access among these that stand by. 8 Hear now, O Jŏsh'ū-á the high priest, thou and thy fellows that sit before thee; for they are men that are a [2]sign: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the [3]Branch. 9 For, behold, the stone that I have set before Jŏsh'ū-á; upon one stone are seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. 10 In that day, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, shall ye invite every man his neighbor under the vine and under the fig-tree.

4 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep. 2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have seen, and, behold, a candlestick all of gold, with its bowl upon the top of it, and its seven lamps thereon; [4]there are seven pipes to each of the lamps, which are upon the top thereof; 3 and two olive-trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. 4 And I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? 5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these are? And I said, No, my lord. 6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of Jĕ-hō'văh unto Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl, saying, Not by [5]might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. 7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl *thou shalt become* a plain; and he shall bring forth the top stone with shoutings of Grace, grace, unto it. 8 Moreover the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto me, saying, 9 The hands of Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts hath sent me unto you. 10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for these seven shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl; *these are* the eyes of Jĕ-hō'văh, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

11 Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive-trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? 12 And I answered the second time, and said unto him, What are these two olive-branches, [6]which are beside the two golden spouts, that empty [7]the golden *oil* out of themselves? 13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these are? And I said, No, my lord. 14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

5 Then again I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, a flying roll. 2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits. 3 Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole land: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off [8]on the one side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off [8]on the other side according to it. 4 I will cause it to go forth, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name; and it shall abide in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

[1] Or, *places to walk* [2] Or, *wonder* [3] Or, *Shoot* [4] The Sept. and Vulg. have, *and seven pipes to the lamps* [5] Or, *an army* [6] Or, *which by means of the two golden spouts empty* [7] Heb. *the gold* [8] Or, *from hence*

5 Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth. 6 And I said, What is it? And he said, This is the ē′phăh that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their [1]appearance in all the land 7 (and, behold, there was lifted up a [2]talent of lead); and this is a woman sitting in the midst of the ē′phăh. 8 And he said, This is Wickedness: and he cast her down into the midst of the ē′phăh; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof. 9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there came forth two women, and the wind was in their wings; now they had wings like the wings of a stork; and they lifted up the ē′phăh between earth and heaven. 10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ē′phăh? 11 And he said unto me, To build her a house in the land of Shĭ′när: and when it is [3]prepared, she shall be set there [4]in her own place.

6 And again I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between [5]two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass. 2 In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; 3 and in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grizzled strong horses. 4 Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord? 5 And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four [6]winds of heaven, which go forth from [7]standing before the Lord of all the earth. 6 *The chariot* wherein are the black horses goeth forth toward the north country; and the white went forth after them; and the grizzled went forth toward the south country. 7 And the [8]strong went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. 8 Then cried he to me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, they that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

9 And the word of Jĕ-hō′văh came unto me, saying, 10 Take of them of the captivity, even of Hĕl′dāi, of Tō-bī′jăh, and of Jĕ-dā′ĭăh; and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Jō-sī′ăh the son of Zĕph-ă-nī′ăh, whither they are come from Băb′y-lŏn; 11 yea, take *of them* silver and gold, and make [9]crowns, and set them upon the head of Jŏsh′ū-ă the son of Jĕ-hŏz′ă-dăk, the high priest; 12 and speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh Jĕ-hō′văh of hosts, saying, Behold, the man [10]whose name is the [11]Branch: and he shall [12]grow up out of his place; and he shall build the temple of Jĕ-hō′văh; 13 even he shall build the temple of Jĕ-hō′văh; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he [13]shall be a priest upon his throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. 14 And the [14]crowns shall be to Hĕ′lĕm, and to Tō-bī′jăh, and to Jĕ-dā′ĭăh, and [15]to Hen the son of Zĕph-ă-nī′ăh, for a memorial in the temple of Jĕ-hō′văh. 15 And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of Jĕ-hō′văh; and ye shall know that Jĕ-hō′văh of hosts hath sent me unto you. And *this* shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of Jĕ-hō′văh your God.

7 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Dă-rī′ŭs, that the word of Jĕ-hō′văh came unto Zĕch-ă-rī′ăh in the fourth *day* of the ninth month, even in Chĭs′lĕv. 2 [16]Now *they of* Bĕth′-ĕl

[1] Heb. *eye* [2] Or, *round piece* [3] Or, *established* [4] Or, *upon her own base* [5] Or, *the two* [6] Or, *spirits* [7] Or, *presenting themselves* [8] The Syriac and Aquila have, *red* [9] Or, *a crown, and set it* [10] Or, *whose name is the Bud; and it* (or, *they*) *shall bud forth under him* [11] Or, *Shoot* Or, *Sprout* [12] Or, *shoot* [13] Or, *there shall be* [14] Or, *crown* [15] Or, *for the kindness of the son &c.* [16] Or, *now* they of *Beth-el, even Sharezer . . . had sent*

had sent Shă-rĕ'zĕr and Rĕ-ğĕm-mĕ'lĕch, and their men, to entreat the favor of Jĕ-hō'văh, 3 *and* to speak unto the priests of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years? 4 Then came the word of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts unto me, saying, 5 Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and in the seventh *month*, even these seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, even to me? 6 And when ye eat, and when ye drink, [1]do not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves? 7 *Should ye* not *hear* the words which Jĕ-hō'văh cried by the former prophets, when Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, and the South and the lowland were inhabited?

8 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh came unto Zĕch-ă-rī'ăh, saying, 9 Thus hath Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts spoken, saying, Execute true judgment, and show kindness and compassion every man to his brother; 10 and oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the sojourner, nor the poor; and let none of you devise evil against his brother in your heart. 11 But they refused to hearken, and [2]pulled away the shoulder, and [3]stopped their ears, that they might not hear. 12 Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts had sent by his Spirit by the former prophets: therefore there came great wrath from Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. 13 And it is come to pass that, as he cried, and they would not hear, so they shall cry, and I will not hear, said Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts; 14 but I will scatter them with a whirlwind among all the nations which they have not known. Thus the land was desolate after them, so that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the [4]pleasant land desolate.

8 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts came *to me*, saying, 2 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: I am jealous for Zī'ŏn with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. 3 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh: I am returned unto Zī'ŏn, and will dwell in the midst of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm shall be called The city of truth; and the mountain of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, The holy mountain. 4 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: There shall yet old men and old women [5]dwell in the streets of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, every man with his staff in his hand [6]for very age. 5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. 6 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. 7 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; 8 and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

9 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words from the mouth of the prophets that were in the day that the foundation of the house of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts was laid, even the temple, that it might be built. 10 For before those days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in, because of the adversary: for I set all men every one against his neighbor. 11 But now I will not be unto the remnant of this people as in the former days, saith Jĕ-

[1] Or, *are not ye they that eat &c.* [2] Or, *turned a stubborn shoulder* [3] Or, *made their ears heavy* See Is. 6.10
[4] Heb. *land of desire for multitude of days* [5] Or, *sit* [6] Heb.

hō'văh of hosts. 12 For *there shall be* the seed of peace; the vine shall give its fruit, and the ground shall give its increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these things. 13 And it shall come to pass that, as ye were a curse among the nations, O house of Jū'dăh and house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing. Fear not, *but* let your hands be strong.

14 For thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: As I thought to do evil unto you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, and I repented not; 15 so again have I thought in these days to do good unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm and to the house of Jū'dăh: fear ye not. 16 These are the things that ye shall do: Speak ye every man the truth with his neighbor; [1]execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates; 17 and let none of you devise evil in your hearts against his neighbor; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

18 And the word of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts came unto me, saying, 19 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: The fast of the fourth *month*, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Jū'dăh joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love truth and peace. 20 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: *It shall* yet *come to pass*, that there shall come peoples, and the inhabitants of [2]many cities; 21 and the inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to entreat the favor of Jĕ-hō'văh, and to seek Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: I will go also. 22 Yea, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and to entreat the favor of Jĕ-hō'văh. 23 Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: In those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men shall take hold, out of all the languages of the nations, they shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.

9 The [3]burden of the word of Jĕ-hō'văh upon the land of Hā'drăch, and Dă-măs'cŭs *shall be* its resting-place (for [4]the eye of man and of all the tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl is toward Jĕ-hō'văh); 2 and Hā'măth, also, which bordereth thereon; Tȳre and Sĭ'dŏn, [5]because they are very wise. 3 And Tȳre did build herself a stronghold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets. 4 Behold, the Lord will dispossess her, and he will smite [6]her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire. 5 Ăsh'kĕ-lŏn shall see it, and fear; Gā'zā also, and shall be sore pained; and ĕk'rŏn, for her expectation shall be put to shame; and the king shall perish from Gā'zā, and Ăsh'kĕ-lŏn shall not be inhabited. 6 And [7]a bastard shall [8]dwell in Ăsh'dŏd, and I will cut off the pride of the Phĭ-lĭs'tĭnes. 7 And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth; and he also shall be a remnant for our God; and he shall be as a chieftain in Jū'dăh, and ĕk'rŏn as a Jĕb'ū-sīte.

8 And I will encamp about my house [9]against the army, that none pass through or return; and no [10]oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes.

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zĭ'ŏn; shout, O daughter of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: behold, thy king cometh unto thee; he is just, and [11]having [12]salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, even upon a colt the foal of an ass. 10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ē'phră-ĭm, and the horse from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and the

[1] Heb. *judge truth and the judgment of peace* [2] Or, *great*
[3] Or, *oracle* [4] Or, *Jehovah hath an eye upon men and upon all the tribes of Israel* [5] Or, *though* [6] Or, *the sea which is her rampart* Or, *her rampart into the sea* [7] Or, *a bastard race* [8] Or, *sit* as king [9] Or, as otherwise read, *as a garrison* [10] Or, *exactor* [11] Heb. *saved* [12] Or, *victory*

battle bow shall be cut off; and he shall speak peace unto the nations: and his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

11 As for thee also, because of the blood of thy covenant I have set free thy prisoners from the pit wherein is no water. 12 [1]Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even to-day do I declare that I will render double unto thee. 13 For I have bent Jŭ'dăh for me, I have filled the bow with Ē'phră-ĭm; and I will stir up thy sons, O Zī'ŏn, against thy sons, O [2]Grēēce, and will make thee as the sword of a mighty man. 14 And Jĕ-hō'văh shall be seen over them; and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning; and the Lord Jĕ-hō'văh will blow the trumpet, and will go with whirlwinds of the south. 15 Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts will defend them; and they shall devour, and shall tread down the sling-stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, like the corners of the altar. 16 And Jĕ-hō'văh their God will save them in that day as the flock of his people; for *they shall be as* the stones of a crown, [3]lifted on high over his land. 17 For how great is [4]his [5]goodness, and how great is [4]his beauty! grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the virgins.

10 Ask ye of Jĕ-hō'văh rain in the time of the latter rain, *even of* Jĕ-hō'văh that maketh lightnings; and he will give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. 2 For the tĕr'ă-phim have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie; and [6]they have told false dreams, they comfort in vain: therefore they go their way like sheep, they are afflicted, because there is no shepherd. 3 Mine anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will punish the he-goats; for Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts hath visited his flock, the house of Jū'dăh, and will make them as his goodly horse in the battle. 4 From him shall come forth the corner-stone, from him the nail, from him the battle bow, from him every [7]ruler together. 5 And they shall be as mighty men, treading down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battle; and they shall fight, because Jĕ-hō'văh is with them; and the riders on horses shall be confounded. 6 And I will strengthen the house of Jū'dăh, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will [8]bring them back; for I have mercy upon them; and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am Jĕ-hō'văh their God, and I will hear them. 7 And *they of* Ē'phră-ĭm shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine; yea, their children shall see it, and rejoice; their heart shall be glad in Jĕ-hō'văh.

8 I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them; and they shall increase as they have increased. 9 [9]And I will sow them among the peoples; and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and shall return. 10 I will bring them again also out of the land of Ē'gўpt, and gather them out of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă; and I will bring them into the land of Gĭl'ĕ-ăd and Lĕb'ă-nŏn; and *place* shall not be found for them. 11 And he will pass through the sea of affliction, and will smite [10]the waves in the sea, and all the depths of the Nile shall dry up; and the pride of Ăs-sўr'ĭ-ă shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Ē'gўpt shall depart. 12 And I will strengthen them in Jĕ-hō'văh; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith Jĕ-hō'văh.

11 Open thy doors, O Lĕb'ă-nŏn, that the fire may devour thy cedars. 2 Wail, O fir-tree, for the cedar is fallen, because the

[1] Or, *Return* [2] Heb. *Javan* [3] Or, *glittering upon &c.* [4] Or, *their* [5] Or, *prosperity* [6] Or, *the dreamers speak falsely*
[7] Or, *exactor* [8] Or, *cause them to dwell* [9] Or, *And though I sow them . . . they shall remember &c.* [10] Or, *the sea of waves*

[1]goodly ones are destroyed: wail, O ye oaks of Bā'shan, for the [2]strong forest is come down. 3 A voice of the wailing of the shepherds! for their glory is destroyed: a voice of the roaring of young lions! for the pride of the Jordan is laid waste.

4 Thus said Jĕ-hō'văh my God: Feed the flock of slaughter; 5 whose [3]possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty; and they that sell them say, Blessed be Jĕ-hō'văh, for I am rich; and [4]their own shepherds pity them not. 6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith Jĕ-hō'văh; but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbor's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them. 7 So I fed the flock of slaughter, verily [5]the poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called [6]Beauty, and the other I called [7]Bands; and I fed the flock. 8 And I cut off the three shepherds in one month; for my soul was weary of them, and their soul also loathed me. 9 Then said I, I will not feed you: that which dieth, let it die; and [8]that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let them that are left eat every one the flesh of another. 10 And I took my staff Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples. 11 And it was broken in that day; and [9]thus [5]the poor of the flock that gave heed unto me knew that it was the word of Jĕ-hō'văh. 12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my hire; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my hire thirty *pieces* of silver. 13 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Cast it unto the potter, the goodly price that I was prized at by them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them unto the potter, in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh. 14 Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Jū'dăh and Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

15 And Jĕ-hō'văh said unto me, Take unto thee yet again the instruments of a foolish shepherd. 16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, who will not [10]visit those that are [11]cut off, neither will seek [12]those that are scattered, nor heal that which is broken, nor feed that which [13]is sound; but he will eat the flesh of the fat *sheep*, and will tear their hoofs in pieces. 17 Woe to the worthless shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

12 The [14]burden of the word of Jĕ-hō'văh concerning Ĭs'-rā-ĕl.

Thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh, who stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him: 2 Behold, I will make Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm a cup of reeling unto all the peoples round about, and [15]upon Jū'dăh also [16]shall it be in the siege against Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 3 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will make Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm a burdensome stone for all the peoples; all that burden themselves with it shall be sore wounded; and all the nations of the earth shall be gathered together against it. 4 In that day, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, I will smite every horse with terror, and his rider with madness; and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Jū'dăh, and will smite every horse of the peoples with blindness. 5 And the chieftains of Jū'dăh shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm are my strength in Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts their God. 6 In that day will I make the chieftains of Jū'dăh like

1 Or, *glorious* 2 Or, *fortified* 3 Or, *buyers* 4 Or, *their shepherd pitieth* 5 Or, *the most miserable of sheep* 6 Or, *Graciousness* 7 Or, *Binders* Or, *Union* 8 Or, *that which is lost, let it be lost*

9 Or, *the poor of the flock . . . knew of a truth* 10 Or, *miss* 11 Or, *lost* 12 Or, *the young* 13 Heb. *standeth* 14 Or, *oracle* 15 Or, *against* 16 Or, *shall it fall* to be

a pan of fire among wood, and like a flaming torch among sheaves; and they shall devour all the peoples round about, on the right hand and on the left; and *they of* Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm shall yet again dwell in [1]their own place, even in Jĕ-ru'-să-lĕm. 7 Jĕ-hō'văh also shall save the tents of Jū'dăh first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm be not magnified above Jū'dăh. 8 In that day shall Jĕ-hō'văh defend the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and he [2]that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of Jĕ-hō'văh before them. 9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look unto [3]me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born. 11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, as the mourning of Hă-dăd-rĭm'-mŏn in the valley of Mĕ-gĭd'dŏn. 12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nā'thăn apart, and their wives apart; 13 the family of the house of Lē'vī apart, and their wives apart; the family of the Shim'ē-ites apart, and their wives apart; 14 all the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

13 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, for sin and for uncleanness. 2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered; and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. 3 And it shall come to pass that, when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of Jĕ-hō'văh; and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth. 4 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he prophesieth; neither shall they wear a hairy mantle to deceive: 5 but he shall say, I am no prophet, I am a tiller of the ground; for I have been made a bondman from my youth. 6 And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds between thine [4]arms? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my [5]friends.

7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered; and I will turn my hand upon the little ones. 8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith Jĕ-hō'văh, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. 9 And I will bring the third part into the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried. They shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, Jĕ-hō'văh is my God.

14 Behold, a day of Jĕ-hō'văh cometh, when thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. 2 For I will gather all nations against Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be

[1] Heb. *her* [2] Or, *that stumbleth*
[3] According to some MSS., *him*
[4] Heb. *hands* [5] Or, *lovers*

cut off from the city. 3 Then shall Jĕ-hō'văh go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Ōl'ĭves, which is before Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm on the east; and the mount of Ōl'ĭves shall be cleft in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. 5 And [1]ye shall flee [2]by the valley of [3]my mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Ā'zĕl; yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Ŭz-zī'ăh king of Jū'dăh; and Jĕ-hō'văh my God shall come, and all the holy ones with thee. 6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that [4]there shall not be light; the bright ones shall withdraw themselves: 7 but it shall be one day which is known unto Jĕ-hō'văh; not day, and not night; but it shall come to pass, that at evening time there shall be light. 8 And it shall come to pass in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm; half of them toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

9 And Jĕ-hō'văh shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall Jĕ-hō'văh be one, and his name one. 10 All the land shall be made like the Ăr'ă-băh, from Gĕ'bà to Rĭm'mŏn south of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm; and she shall be lifted up, and shall dwell in her place, from Bĕn'jă-mĭn's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hă-năn'ĕl unto the king's winepresses. 11 And men shall dwell therein, and there shall be no more [5]curse; but Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm shall dwell safely.

12 And this shall be the plague wherewith Jĕ-hō'văh will smite all the peoples that have warred against Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm: their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their sockets, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. 13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great [6]tumult from Jĕ-hō'văh shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbor, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor. 14 And Jū'dăh also shall fight at Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm; and the wealth of all the nations round about shall be gathered together, gold, and sĭlver, and apparel, in great abundance. 15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in those camps, as that plague.

16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations that came against Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. 17 And it shall be, that whoso of *all* the families of the earth goeth not up unto Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm to worship the King, Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, upon them there shall be no rain. 18 And if the family of Ē'gўpt go not up, and come not, neither *shall it be* upon them; there shall be the plague wherewith Jĕ-hō'văh will smite the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. 19 This shall be the [7]punishment of Ē'gўpt, and the [7]punishment of all the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. 20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLY UNTO JĔ-HŌ'VĂH; and the pots in Jĕ-hō'văh's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. 21 Yea, every pot in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm and in Jū'dăh shall be holy unto Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts; and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and boil therein: and in that day there shall be no more a Cā'năan-īte in the house of Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts.

[1] Or, as otherwise read, *the valley of my mountains shall be stopped* [2] Or, *to the* [3] Or, *the* [4] Or, *the light shall not be bright nor dark* [5] Or, *ban* Or, *devoting to destruction* [6] Or, *discomfiture* [7] Or, *sin*

THE BOOK OF
MALACHI

Jehovah's Love of Jacob. **Impious Priests rebuked**

1 The [1]burden of the word of Jĕ-hō'văh to Ĭs'rā-ĕl by [2]Măl'-ă-chī.

2 I have loved you, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? [3]Was not Ē'sau Jacob's brother? saith Jĕ-hō'văh: yet I loved Jacob; 3 but Ē'sau I hated, and made his mountains a desolation, and *gave* his heritage to the jackals of the wilderness. 4 [4]Whereas Ē'dŏm saith, We are [5]beaten down, but we will return and build the waste places; thus saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and men shall call them The border of wickedness, and The people against whom Jĕ-hō'văh hath indignation for ever. 5 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, Jĕ-hō'văh [6]be magnified [7]beyond the border of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

6 A son honoreth his father, and a servant his master: if then I am a father, where is mine honor? and if I am a master, where is my fear? saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? 7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar. And ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of Jĕ-hō'văh is contemptible. 8 And when ye offer the blind for sacrifice, it is no evil! and when ye offer the lame and sick, it is no evil! Present it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee? or will he accept thy person? saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. 9 And now, I pray you, entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious unto us: this hath been [8]by your means: will he [9]accept any of your persons? saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. 10 Oh that there were one among you that would shut the doors, that ye might not kindle *fire on* mine altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand. 11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name [10]*shall be* great among the Gĕn'-tiles; and in every place [11]incense [10]*shall be* offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name [10]*shall be* great among the Gĕn'-tiles, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. 12 But ye profane it, in that ye say, The table of Jĕ-hō'văh is polluted, and the fruit thereof, even its food, is contemptible. 13 Ye say also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts; and ye have brought that which was taken by violence, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye bring the offering: should I accept this at your hand? saith Jĕ-hō'văh. 14 But cursed be the deceiver, who hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a blemished thing; for I am a great King, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, and my name is terrible among the Gĕn'-tiles.

2 And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. 2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, then will I send the curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. 3 Behold, I will rebuke [12]your seed, and will spread dung

[1] Or, *oracle* [2] Or, *my messenger* [3] Or, *Is not Esau . . . yet I have loved &c.* [4] Or, *Though Edom say* [5] Or, as otherwise read, *impoverished* [6] Or, *is great* [7] Or, *over* [8] Heb. *from your hand* [9] Or, *accept any because of you* [10] Or, *is* [11] Or, *incense and a pure oblation are offered* [12] Or, as otherwise read, *your arm*

upon your faces, even the dung of your feasts; and ye shall be taken away [1]with it. 4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant may be with Lĕ'vī, saith Jĕhō'văh of hosts. 5 My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him that he might fear; and he feared me, and stood in awe of my name. 6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and unrighteousness was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and uprightness, and turned many away from iniquity. 7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of Jĕhō'văh of hosts. 8 But ye are turned aside out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble in the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Lĕ'vī, saith Jĕhō'văh of hosts. 9 Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have had respect of persons in the law.

10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, profaning the covenant of our fathers? 11 Jū'dăh hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in ĭs'rā-ĕl and in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm; for Jū'dăh hath profaned the [2]holiness of Jĕhō'văh which he loveth, and hath married the daughter of a foreign god. 12 Jĕhō'văh will cut off, to the man that doeth this, him that waketh and him that answereth, out of the tents of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto Jĕhō'văh of hosts. 13 And this [3]again ye do: ye cover the altar of Jĕhō'văh with tears, with weeping, and with sighing, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, neither receiveth it with good will at your hand. 14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because Jĕhō'văh hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously, though she is thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. 15 [4]And did he not make one, although he had the residue of the Spirit? And wherefore one? He sought a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. 16 For [5]I hate putting away, saith Jĕhō'văh, the God of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and him that covereth his garment with violence, saith Jĕhō'văh of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

17 Ye have wearied Jĕhō'văh with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? In that ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of Jĕhō'văh, and he delighteth in them; or where is the God of justice?

3 Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, will suddenly come to his temple; [6]and the [7]messenger of the covenant, whom ye desire, behold, he cometh, saith Jĕhō'văh of hosts. 2 But who can abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: 3 and he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Lĕ'vī, and refine them as gold and silver; and they shall offer unto Jĕhō'văh offerings in righteousness. 4 Then shall the offering of Jū'dăh and Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm be pleasant unto Jĕhō'văh, as in the days of old, and as in ancient years. 5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against the false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the sojourner *from*

[1] Or, *unto* [2] Or, *sanctuary*
[3] Or, *a second time*
[4] Or, *And not one hath done so who had a residue of the spirit* Or, *what is there one that seeketh a godly seed?* [5] Heb. *he hateth*
[6] Or, *even* [7] Or, *angel*

his right, and fear not me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. 6 For I, Jĕ-hō'văh, change not; therefore ye, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

7 From the days of your fathers ye have turned aside from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. But ye say, Wherein shall we return? 8 Will a man rob God? yet ye rob me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and [1]offerings. 9 Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob me, even this whole nation. 10 Bring ye the whole tithe into the store-house, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough *to receive it*. 11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast its fruit before the time in the field, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts. 12 And all nations shall call you happy; for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts.

13 Your words have been stout against me, saith Jĕ-hō'văh. Yet ye say, What have we spoken against thee? 14 Ye have said, It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept his charge, and that we have walked [2]mournfully before Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts? 15 and now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are built up; yea, they tempt God, and escape.

16 Then they that feared Jĕ-hō'văh spake one with another; and Jĕ-hō'văh hearkened, and heard, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared Jĕ-hō'văh, and that thought upon his name. 17 And they shall be mine, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, *even* mine own possession, in the day that I [3]make; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. 18 Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

*4 1 For, behold, the day cometh, it burneth as a furnace; and all the proud, and all that work wickedness, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in its [4]wings; and ye shall go forth, and gambol as calves of the stall. 3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I [3]make, saith Jĕ-hō'văh of hosts.

4 Remember ye the law of Mō'sĕs my servant, which I commanded unto him in Hō'rĕb for all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, even statutes and ordinances. 5 Behold, I will send you Ē-lī'jăh the prophet before the great and terrible day of Jĕ-hō'văh come. 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers [5]to the children, and the heart of the children [5]to their fathers; lest I come and smite the [6]earth with a [7]curse.

[1] Heb. *heave-offerings* [2] Or, *in mourning apparel*
[3] Or, *do* this [4] Or, *beams* [5] Or, *with*
[6] Or, *land* [7] Or, *ban* Or, *devoting to destruction*
*[Ch. 3.19 in Heb.]

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PREFACE

This edition of the Revised New Testament of 1881 embodies a purpose entertained by many members of the American Revision Committee almost from the publication of the work. The list of passages in which the New Testament Company dissented from the decisions of their English associates, when it was transmitted to them, bore the heading, "The American New Testament Revision Company, having in many cases yielded their preference for certain readings and renderings, present the following instances in which they differ from the English Company, as in their view of sufficient importance to be appended to the revision, in accordance with an understanding between the Companies."

The knowledge of the existence of these suppressed deviations naturally stirred a desire that they should be made accessible to at least the American public. This desire, especially on the part of those whose generous interest in the work from its inception had enabled the American revisers to meet the pecuniary outlay its preparation involved, they were not unwilling to gratify. The obligation they felt, however, to guard as far as they might the purity and integrity of the version, led them to pledge their support for fourteen years to the editions issued by the University Presses of Oxford and Cambridge. But the reiterated suggestion to those Presses to publish an edition especially for American readers not having met with favor, they acceded to the overtures of the Messrs. Nelson and engaged in preparing gratuitously the desired edition, to be issued when the expiration of the period specified should open the way for its honorable publication. The publishers, on their part, agreed to protect the version in its integrity, and to sell the book at a price not exceeding a fair profit on its cost.

In the preparation of this edition no attempt has been made to preserve a full record of the other readings and renderings than those that appeared in the work as published in 1881 which were preferred by the American revisers. The Appendix of that edition, however, was not only hastily compiled under pressure from the University Presses, but its necessarily limited compass compelled, as the original heading intimated, the exclusion of many suggestions that the American Company held to be of interest and importance. These, amounting in the aggregate to a considerable number, have been incorporated in the present edition. The opportunity has been taken also to introduce not a few alterations, individually of slight importance, yet as a body contributing decidedly to the perfection of the work. But the survivors of the New Testament Company have not felt at liberty to make new changes of moment which were not favorably passed upon by their associates at one stage or another of the original preparation of the work.

Respecting details, but little need be added to the ample statements made in the Preface prefixed to the work on its first appearance.

In the delicate matter of rendering the names of the several coins that occur in the New Testament, we have departed somewhat from our English brethren. For the Greek λεπτόν the term "mite" has been retained, and for κοδράντης the rendering "farthing" (see Mk. xii. 42). But ἀσσάριον has been translated "penny" (Mt. x. 29; Lk. xii. 6); while in thirteen out of sixteen instances where in the edition of 1881 the Greek δηνάριον was represented by this English word, the term "shilling" has been substituted, not only as corresponding more nearly to the coin's relative value, but also because "penny," according to its modern use, is in some cases highly inappropriate (see Mt. xx. 2; Lk. x. 35; Rev. vi. 6). In the three remaining instances (Mt. xxii. 19; Mk. xii. 15; Lk. xx. 24), the Greek name of the coin has been introduced, in order to meet the obvious requirement of the context. Where the English value of coins is given in the margin, we have added the equivalents in our national currency; but in the case of the talent (Mt. xviii. 24) what is believed to be a more accurate valuation has been given.

In formal particulars, this new edition will show but slight and infrequent deviations from its predecessor. The division of the text into paragraphs in that edition has not been often departed from; and then chiefly in cases where the same matter is found in more than one of the Gospels, and hence uniformity of division seemed desirable. Further, in the Epistles and the Revelation the more decided transitions to a new topic have been indicated by leaving a line blank. The somewhat ponderous and peculiar system of punctuation of the original edition has been in the main adhered to; although, pursuant to the principle there followed, a comma has here and there been dropped which seemed likely to obstruct the reader, and the gradations of thought have been occasionally indicated more distinctly by substituting a semicolon for the overworked colon. The titles of the books, which in the former edition were given as printed in 1611, have been somewhat abbreviated, at the dictate of convenience, and agreeably to usage, ancient as well as modern. They have been altered only in the few instances where the former heading was erroneous (as in the case of the Epistle to the Hebrews), or apt to mislead (as in the case of the Book of Acts), or hardly intelligible to the ordinary reader (as the "General" in the heading of some of the shorter Epistles), or founded in a misapprehension (as in the case of "Saint" prefixed to the names of the Evangelists). Moreover, the alternate title of the New Testament, and the mode of printing the headings of the Four Evangelists' narratives, are designed to recall to mind the inherent signification and primitive use of the terms "Testament" (compare Hebrews ix. 15 f.) and "Gospel." In the Book of Revelation, also, the "Glorias," "Trisagia," etc., have been marked typographically.

In dealing with the Language, the American revisers have endeavored to act with becoming deference and reserve. A few archaisms, such as "how that," "for to," "the which," "howbeit," etc., which are becoming uncouth to a modern ear, have been generally although not invariably discarded. Not a few of the instances of the superfluous use of "do" and "did" as auxiliaries, of "that" as equivalent to "that which," and the like, have also been removed; and current usage has been recognized in the case of forms which King James's revision employed indiscriminately, as "beside" and "besides" (see Luke xvi. 26; xxiv. 21). But in making these and other slight changes, the American editors have not

forgotten that they were dealing with a venerable monument of English usage, and have been careful not to obliterate the traces of its historic origin and descent.

Notwithstanding the caution — as wise perhaps as prudent — which led the English Committee wholly to omit the headings of chapters and pages, and in spite of the disfavor which has been the fate of many attempts to furnish them, it has been deemed best to equip the present edition with running headlines, which may serve in some sort instead of a detailed Table of Contents, and as landmarks to a reader familiar with the text. In preparing them it has been the constant aim to avoid as far as possible all pre-commitments, whether doctrinal or exegetical; and with this object in view, the forms of statement employed have been drawn in the main from the Biblical text. Often a fragmentary quotation which might serve as a catchword or reminder of a well-known passage has been deemed sufficient. The limitations of space have frequently compelled a partial selection from the contents of a given page, the continuation of a heading from one page to the next, or even the entry of the kernel of a statement on a page adjoining that on which it appears in the text. Slight displacement in such a case seemed preferable to total omission.

It is not superfluous to mention expressly the fact that in this edition the variant readings and renderings are placed at the foot of the pages, but in as close juxtaposition as possible with the passages to which they relate. The reader's attention is hereby drawn to the circumstance that some degree of uncertainty still cleaves, in the judgment of scholars, either to the text of the passage before him, or to its translation, or to both. Accordingly, when he remembers that, by the rule of procedure which the Committee followed, the translation of 1611 held its place in every instance until an alteration commanded the votes of two-thirds of the revisers, it will become evident to him that a rendering given in the margin may have commended itself to a majority, while still falling short of the degree of approval necessary to enable it to supplant the text. It is known that this was the case in a considerable number of instances, of which the established term "Comforter" as the appellation of the Holy Spirit in the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel of John is a notable representative.

The present volume, it is believed, will on the one hand bring a plain reader more closely into contact with the exact thought of the sacred writers than any version now current in Christendom, and on the other hand prove itself especially serviceable to students of the Word. In this belief the editors bid it anew God-speed, and in the realization of this desired result they will find their all-sufficient reward.

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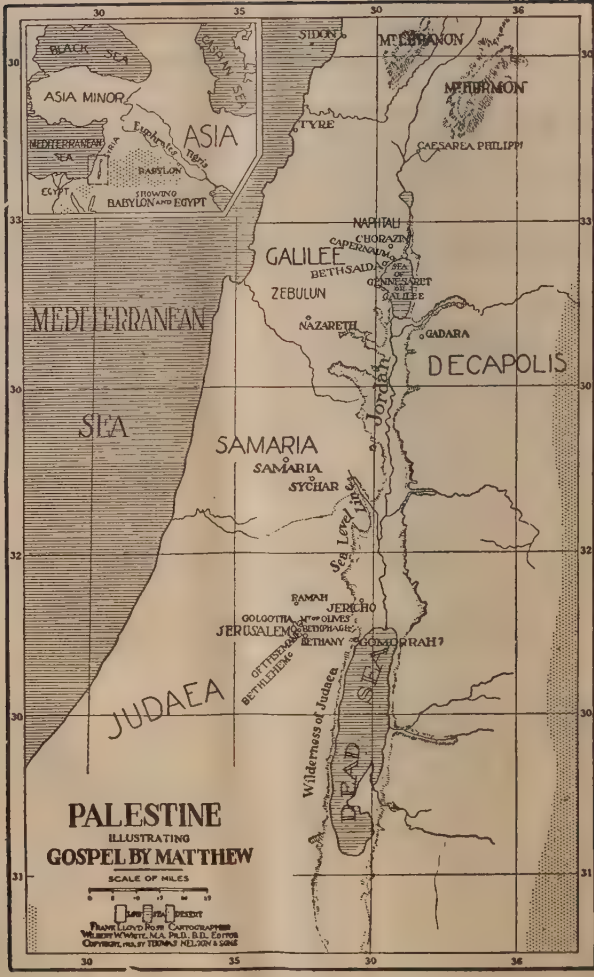
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THE GOSPEL:—
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

1 [1]The book of the [2]generation of Jē'sŭs Chrĭst, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

2 Abraham begat Ĭ'săac; and Ĭ'săac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Jū'dăh and his brethren; 3 and Jū'dăh begat Pē'rĕz and Zē'răh of Tā'mär; and Pē'rĕz begat Hĕz'rŏn; and Hĕz'rŏn begat [3]Ram; 4 and [3]Ram begat Ăm-mĭn'ă-dăb; and Ăm-mĭn'ă-dăb begat Năh'shŏn; and Năh'shŏn begat Săl'mŏn; 5 and Săl'mŏn begat Bŏ'ăz of Rā'hăb; and Bŏ'ăz begat Ō'bĕd of Ruth; and Ō'bĕd begat Jĕs'sĕ; 6 and Jĕs'sĕ begat David the king.

And David begat Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn of her *that had been the wife* of Ū-rī'ăh; 7 and Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn begat Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm; and Rē-hŏ-bō'ăm begat Ā-bī'jăh; and Ā-bī'jăh begat [4]Ā'sà; 8 and [4]Ā'sà begat Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt; and Jĕ-hŏsh'ă-phăt begat Jō'răm; and Jō'răm begat Ŭz-zī'ăh; 9 and Ŭz-zī'ăh begat Jō'thăm; and Jō'thăm begat Ā'hăz; and Ā'hăz begat Hĕz-ē-kī'ăh; 10 and Hĕz-ē-kī'ăh begat Mă-năs'sĕh; and Mă-năs'sĕh begat [5]Ā'mŏn; and [5]Ā'mŏn begat Jō-sī'ăh; 11 and Jō-sī'ăh begat Jĕch-ō-nī'ăh and his brethren, at the time of the [6]carrying away to Băb'ў-lŏn.

12 And after the [6]carrying away to Băb'ў-lŏn, Jĕch-ō-nī'ăh begat [7]Shĕ-ăl'tĭ-ĕl; and [7]Shĕ-ăl'tĭ-ĕl begat Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl; 13 and Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl begat Ā-bī'ŭd; and Ā-bī'ŭd begat Ē-lī'ă-kĭm; and Ē-lī'ă-kĭm begat Ā'zôr; 14 and Ā'zôr begat Să'dŏc; and Să'dŏc begat Ā'chĭm; and Ā'chĭm begat Ē-lī'ŭd; 15 and Ē-lī'ŭd begat Ē-lĕ-ā'zär; and Ē-lĕ-ā'zär begat Măt'thăn; and Măt'thăn begat Jacob; 16 and Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jē'sŭs, who is called Chrĭst.

17 So all the generations from Abraham unto David are fourteen generations; and from David unto the [6]carrying away to Băb'ў-lŏn fourteen generations; and from the [6]carrying away to Băb'ў-lŏn unto the Chrĭst fourteen generations.

18 Now the [8]birth [9]of Jē'sŭs Chrĭst was on this wise: When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. 20 But when he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is [10]conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jē'SŬS; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins. 22 Now all this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying,

23 [11]Behold, the virgin shall be
with child, and shall bring
forth a son,
And they shall call his name
[12]Ĭm-măn'ū-ĕl;

which is, being interpreted, God with us. 24 And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took unto him his wife; 25 and knew her not till she had brought forth a son: and he called his name Jē'SŬS.

2 Now when Jē'sŭs was born in Bĕth'lĕ-hĕm of Jū-dæ'a in the days of Hĕr'ŏd the king, behold,

[1] Or, *The genealogy of Jesus Christ* [2] Or, *birth:* as in ver. 18 [3] Gr. *Aram* [4] Gr. *Asaph* [5] Gr. *Amos* [6] Or, *removal to Babylon* [7] Gr. *Salathiel* [8] Or, *generation:* as in ver. 1 [9] Some ancient authorities read *of the Christ begotten* [10] Gr. *begotten* [11] Is. 7.14 [12] Gr. *Emmanuel*

[1]Wise-men from the east came to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, saying, 2 [2]Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we saw his star in the east, and are come to [3]worship him. 3 And when Hĕr'ŏd the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm with him. 4 And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ should be born. 5 And they said unto him, In Bĕth'lĕ-hĕm of Jū-dæ'a: for thus it is written through the prophet,

6 [4]And thou Bĕth'lĕ-hĕm, land of Jū'dăh,
Art in no wise least among the princes of Jū'dăh:
For out of thee shall come forth a governor,
Who shall be shepherd of my people ĭs'rā-ĕl.

7 Then Hĕr'ŏd privily called the [1]Wise-men, and learned of them exactly [5]what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bĕth'lĕ-hĕm, and said, Go and search out exactly concerning the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word, that I also may come and [3]worship him. 9 And they, having heard the king, went their way; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. 10 And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. 11 And they came into the house and saw the young child with Mary his mother; and they fell down and worshipped him; and opening their treasures they offered unto him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned *of God* in a dream that they should not return to Hĕr'ŏd, they departed into their own country another way.

13 Now when they were departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Ē'gĭpt, and be thou there until I tell thee: for Hĕr'ŏd will seek the young child to destroy him. 14 And he arose and took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Ē'gĭpt; 15 and was there until the death of Hĕr'ŏd: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, [6]Out of Ē'gĭpt did I call my son.

16 Then Hĕr'ŏd, when he saw that he was mocked of the [1]Wise-men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the male children that were in Bĕth'lĕ-hĕm, and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had exactly learned of the [1]Wise-men. 17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken through Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet, saying,

18 [7]A voice was heard in Rā'măh,
Weeping and great mourning,
Rā'chĕl weeping for her children;
And she would not be comforted, because they are not.

19 But when Hĕr'ŏd was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Ē'gĭpt, saying, 20 Arise and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of ĭs'rā-ĕl: for they are dead that sought the young child's life. 21 And he arose and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 22 But when he heard that Ăr-chĕ-lā'ŭs was reigning over Jū-dæ'a in the room of his father Hĕr'ŏd, he was afraid to go thither; and being warned *of God* in a dream, he withdrew into the parts of Gă'lĭ-lēe, 23 and came and dwelt in a city called Năz'ă-rĕth; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophets, [8]that he should be called a Năz-ă-rēne'.

3 And in those days cometh John the Băp'tĭst, preaching in the wilderness of Jū-dæ'a, saying, 2 Repent ye; for the kingdom of

[1] Gr. *Magi*. Compare Esther 1.13; Dan. 2.12; Acts 13.6, 8 [2] Or, *Where is the King of the Jews that is born?* [3] The Greek word denotes an act of reverence whether paid to a creature (see ch. 4.9;18.26), or to the Creator (see ch. 4.10) [4] Mic. 5.2 [5] Or, *the time of the star that appeared* [6] Hos. 11.1 [7] Jer. 31.15 [8] Isa. 11.1 in the Heb.?

heaven is at hand. 3 For this is
he that was spoken of through
Ĭ-sā'ĭăh the prophet, saying,
[1]The voice of one crying in the
wilderness,
Make ye ready the way of the
Lord,
Make his paths straight.
4 Now John himself had his rai-
ment of camel's hair, and a leath-
ern girdle about his loins; and his
food was locusts and wild honey.
5 Then went out unto him Jĕ-ru'-
să-lĕm, and all Jū-dæ'ă, and all the
region round about the Jordan; 6
and they were baptized of him in
the river Jordan, confessing their
sins. 7 But when he saw many of
the Phăr'ĭ-sēes and Săd'dū-çees
coming [2]to his baptism, he said un-
to them, Ye offspring of vipers,
who warned you to flee from the
wrath to come? 8 Bring forth there-
fore fruit worthy of [3]repentance: 9
and think not to say within your-
selves, We have Abraham to our
father: for I say unto you, that God
is able of these stones to raise up
children unto Abraham. 10 And
even now the axe lieth at the root
of the trees: every tree therefore
that bringeth not forth good fruit is
hewn down, and cast into the fire.
11 I indeed baptize you [4]in water
unto repentance: but he that com-
eth after me is mightier than I,
whose shoes I am not [5]worthy to
bear: he shall baptize you [4]in the
Holy Spirit and *in* fire: 12 whose
fan is in his hand, and he will thor-
oughly cleanse his threshing-floor;
and he will gather his wheat into
the garner, but the chaff he will
burn up with unquenchable fire.
13 Then cometh Jē'sŭs from
Găl'ĭ-lēe to the Jordan unto John,
to be baptized of him. 14 But John
would have hindered him, saying,
I have need to be baptized of thee,
and comest thou to me? 15 But
Jē'sŭs answering said unto him,
Suffer [6]*it* now: for thus it becometh
us to fulfil all righteousness. Then
he suffereth him. 16 And Jē'sŭs,
when he was baptized, went up
straightway from the water: and
lo, the heavens were opened [7]unto
him, and he saw the Spirit of God
descending as a dove, and coming
upon him; 17 and lo, a voice out of
the heavens, saying, [8]This is my
beloved Son, in whom I am well
pleased.
4 Then was Jē'sŭs led up of the
Spirit into the wilderness to be
tempted of the devil. 2 And when
he had fasted forty days and forty
nights, he afterward hungered. 3
And the tempter came and said un-
to him, If thou art the Son of God,
command that these stones be-
come [9]bread. 4 But he answered
and said, It is written, [10]Man shall
not live by bread alone, but by
every word that proceedeth out of
the mouth of God. 5 Then the
devil taketh him into the holy city;
and he set him on the [11]pinnacle of
the temple, 6 and saith unto him,
If thou art the Son of God, cast
thyself down: for it is written,
[12]He shall give his angels charge
concerning thee:
and,
On their hands they shall bear
thee up,
Lest haply thou dash thy foot
against a stone.
7 Jē'sŭs said unto him, Again it is
written, [13]Thou shalt not make trial
of the Lord thy God. 8 Again,
the devil taketh him unto an ex-
ceeding high mountain, and show-
eth him all the kingdoms of the
world, and the glory of them;
9 and he said unto him, All these
things will I give thee, if thou wilt
fall down and [14]worship me.
10 Then saith Jē'sŭs unto him,
Get thee hence, Satan: for it is
written, [15]Thou shalt worship the
Lord thy God, and him only shalt
thou serve. 11 Then the devil
leaveth him; and behold, angels
came and ministered unto him.
12 Now when he heard that

[1] Isa. 40.3 [2] Or, *for baptism* [3] Or, *your repentance* [4] Or, *with* [5] Gr. *sufficient* [6] Or, me

[7] Some ancient authorities omit *unto him* [8] Or, *This is my Son; my beloved in whom I am well pleased.* See ch. 12.18 [9] Gr. *loaves* [10] Dt. 8.3 [11] Gr. *wing* [12] Ps. 91.11, 12 [13] Dt. 6.16 [14] See marginal note on ch. 2.2 [15] Dt. 6.13

John was delivered up, he withdrew into Găl'ĭ-lēe; 13 and leaving Năz'ă-rĕth, he came and dwelt in Că-pĕr'nă-ŭm, which is by the sea, in the borders of Zĕb'ū-lŭn and Năph'tă-lī: 14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through ī-să'ĭăh the prophet, saying,

15 [1]The land of Zĕb'ū-lŭn and
the land of Năph'tă-lī,
[2]Toward the sea, beyond the
Jordan,
Găl'ĭ-lēe of the [3]Gĕn'tīles,
16 The people that sat in the darkness
Saw a great light,
And to them that sat in the region and shadow of death,
To them did light spring up.

17 From that time began Jē'sŭs to preach, and to say, Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

18 And walking by the sea of Găl'ĭ-lēe, he saw two brethren, Sī'mŏn who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. 19 And he saith unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you fishers of men. 20 And they straightway left the nets, and followed him. 21 And going on from thence he saw two other brethren, [4]James the *son* of Zĕb'ĕ-dēe, and John his brother, in the boat with Zĕb'ĕ-dēe their father, mending their nets; and he called them. 22 And they straightway left the boat and their father, and followed him.

23 And [5]Jē'sŭs went about in all Găl'ĭ-lēe, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the [6]gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people. 24 And the report of him went forth into all Sўr'ĭ-ă: and they brought unto him all that were sick, holden with divers diseases and torments, [7]possessed with demons, and epileptic, and palsied; and he healed them. 25 And there followed him great multitudes from Găl'ĭ-lēe and Dē-căp'ō-lĭs and Jē-ru'să-lĕm and Jū-dæ'ă and *from* beyond the Jordan.

5 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into the mountain: and when he had sat down, his disciples came unto him: 2 and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying,

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 [8]Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called sons of God.
10 Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are ye when *men* shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets that were before you.

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men. 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do *men* light a lamp, and put it under the bushel, but on the stand; and it shineth unto all that are in the house. 16 Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

17 Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfil.

[1] Is. 9.1, 2 [2] Gr. *The way of the sea* [3] Gr. *nations:* and so elsewhere [4] Or, *Jacob* [5] Some ancient authorities read *he* [6] Or, *good tidings:* and so elsewhere [7] Or, *demoniacs*

[8] Some ancient authorities transpose ver. 4 and 5

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Phăr'ĭ-sēes, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.

21 Ye have heard that it was said to them of old time, [1]Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: 22 but I say unto you, that every one who is angry with his brother [2]shall be in danger of the judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother, [3]Rā'cā, shall be in danger of the council; and whosoever shall say, [4]Thou fool, shall be in danger [5]of the [6]hell of fire. 23 If therefore thou art offering thy gift at the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, 24 leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way, first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. 25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, while thou art with him in the way; lest haply the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge [7]deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. 26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou have paid the last farthing.

27 Ye have heard that it was said, [8]Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 but I say unto you, that every one that looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. 29 And if thy right eye causeth thee to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not thy whole body be cast into [9]hell. 30 And if thy right hand causeth thee to stumble, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not thy whole body go into [9]hell. 31 It was said also, [10]Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: 32 but I say unto you, that every one that putteth away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, maketh her an adulteress: and whosoever shall marry her when she is put away committeth adultery.

33 Again, ye have heard that it was said to them of old time, [11]Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: 34 but I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by the heaven, for it is the throne of God; 35 nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of his feet; nor [12]by Jĕ-ru'-să-lĕm, for it is the city of the great King. 36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, for thou canst not make one hair white or black. 37 [13]But let your speech be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: and whatsoever is more than these is of [14]the evil *one*.

38 Ye have heard that it was said, An [15]eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 39 but I say unto you, Resist not [16]him that is evil: but whosoever smiteth thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if any man would go to law with thee, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. 41 And whosoever shall [17]compel thee to go one mile, go with him two. 42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 Ye have heard that it was said, [18]Thou shalt love thy neigh-

[1] Ex. 20.13; Dt. 5.17 [2] Many ancient authorities insert *without cause* [3] An expression of contempt [4] Or, *Moreh*, a Hebrew expression of condemnation [5] Gr. *unto* or *into* [6] Gr. *Gehenna of fire* [7] Some ancient authorities omit *deliver thee* [8] Ex. 20.14; Dt. 5.18 [9] Gr. *Gehenna* [10] Dt. 24.1, 3 [11] Lev. 19.12; Num. 30.2; Dt. 23.21 [12] Or, *toward* [13] Some ancient authorities read *But your speech shall be* [14] Or, *evil:* as in ver. 39; 6.13 [15] Ex. 21.24; Lev. 24.20; Dt. 19.21 [16] Or, *evil* [17] Gr. *impress* [18] Lev. 19.18

bor, and hate thine enemy: 44 but I say unto you, Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you; 45 that ye may be sons of your Father who is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust. 46 For if ye love them that love you, what reward have ye? do not even the [1]publicans the same? 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more *than others*? do not even the Gĕn'tiles the same? 48 Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

6 Take heed that ye do not your righteousness before men, to be seen of them: else ye have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

2 When therefore thou doest alms, sound not a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have received their reward. 3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: 4 that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father who seeth in secret shall recompense thee.

5 And when ye pray, ye shall not be as the hypocrites: for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have received their reward. 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thine inner chamber, and having shut thy door, pray to thy Father who is in secret, and thy Father who seeth in secret shall recompense thee. 7 And in praying use not vain repetitions, as the Gĕn'tiles do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not therefore like unto them: for [2]your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. 9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. 11 Give us this day [3]our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from [4]the evil *one*.[5] 14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may be seen of men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have received their reward. 17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face; 18 that thou be not seen of men to fast, but of thy Father who is in secret: and thy Father, who seeth in secret, shall recompense thee.

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves [6]break through and steal: 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not [6]break through nor steal: 21 for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also. 22 The lamp of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is the darkness! 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. 25 Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall

[1] That is, *collectors or renters of Roman taxes* [2] Some ancient authorities read *God your Father*

[3] Gr. *our bread for the coming day.* Or, *our needful bread* [4] Or, *evil* [5] Many authorities, some ancient, but with variations, add *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.* [6] Gr. *dig through*

drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than the food, and the body than the raiment? 26 Behold the birds of the heaven, that they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; and your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not ye of much more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit unto the measure of his life? 28 And why are ye anxious concerning raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 yet I say unto you, that even Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God doth so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith? 31 Be not therefore anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 For after all these things do the Gĕn'tiles seek; for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

7 Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured unto you. 3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me cast out the mote out of thine eye; and lo, the beam is in thine own eye? 5 Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast your pearls before the swine, lest haply they trample them under their feet, and turn and rend you.

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, who, if his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone; 10 or if he shall ask for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? 12 All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets.

13 Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide [2]is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby. 14 [3]For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it.

15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves. 16 By their fruits ye shall know them. Do *men* gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but the corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord,

1 Or, *his stature*

2 Some ancient authorities omit *is the gate*

3 Many ancient authorities read *How narrow is the gate, &c.*

did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many [1]mighty works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24 Every one therefore that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them, shall be likened unto a wise man, who built his house upon the rock: 25 and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon the rock. 26 And every one that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand: 27 and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and smote upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall thereof.

28 And it came to pass, when Jĕ′sŭs had finished these words, the multitudes were astonished at his teaching: 29 for he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as their scribes.

8 And when he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. 2 And behold, there came to him a leper and [2]worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 3 And he stretched forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou made clean. And straightway his leprosy was cleansed. 4 And Jĕ′sŭs saith unto him, [3]See thou tell no man; but go, show thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Mō′sēs commanded, for a testimony unto them.

5 And when he was entered into Că-pĕr′nă-ŭm, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, 6 and saying, Lord, my [4]servant lieth in the house sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. 7 And he saith unto him, I will come and heal him. 8 And the centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not [5]worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but only say [6]the word, and my [4]servant shall be healed. 9 For I also am a man [7]under authority, having under myself soldiers: and I say to this one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh, and to my [8]servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 10 And when Jĕ′sŭs heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, [9]I have not found so great faith, no, not in Ĭs′rā-ĕl. 11 And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and the west, and shall [10]sit down with Abraham, and Ī′săac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven: 12 but the sons of the kingdom shall be cast forth into the outer darkness: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth. 13 And Jĕ′sŭs said unto the centurion, Go thy way; as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And the [4]servant was healed in that hour.

14 And when Jĕ′sŭs was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother lying sick of a fever. 15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she arose and ministered unto him. 16 And when even was come, they brought unto him many [11]possessed with demons: and he cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all that were sick: 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Ī-sā′ĭăh the prophet, saying, [12]Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases.

18 Now when Jĕ′sŭs saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side. 19 And there came a [13]scribe, and said unto him, Teacher, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. 20 And Jĕ′sŭs saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven *have* [14]nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

[1] Gr. *powers* [2] See marginal note on ch. 2.2 [3] Lev. 13.49; 14.2 ff. [4] Or, *boy* [5] Gr. *sufficient* [6] Gr. *with a word*

[7] Some ancient authorities insert *set:* as Lk. 7.8 [8] Gr. *bondservant* [9] Many ancient authorities read *With no man in Israel have I found so great faith* [10] Gr. *recline* [11] Or, *demoniacs* [12] Is. 53.4 [13] Gr. *one scribe* [14] Gr. *lodging-places*

21 And another of the disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 22 But Jĕ'sŭs saith unto him, Follow me; and leave the dead to bury their own dead.

23 And when he was entered into a boat, his disciples followed him. 24 And behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the boat was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. 25 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Save, Lord; we perish. 26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. 27 And the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?

28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gădă-rēnes', there met him two [1]possessed with demons, coming forth out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man could pass by that way. 29 And behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? 30 Now there was afar off from them a herd of many swine feeding. 31 And the demons besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine. 32 And he said unto them, Go. And they came out, and went into the swine: and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep into the sea, and perished in the waters. 33 And they that fed them fled, and went away into the city, and told everything, and what was befallen to them that were [1]possessed with demons. 34 And behold, all the city came out to meet Jĕ'sŭs: and when they saw him, they besought *him* that he would depart from their borders.

9 And he entered into a boat, and crossed over, and came into his own city. 2 And behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jĕ'sŭs seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy, [2]Son, be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven. 3 And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. 4 And Jĕ'sŭs [3]knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? 5 For which is easier, to say, Thy sins are forgiven; or to say, Arise, and walk? 6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath authority on earth to forgive sins (then saith he to the sick of the palsy), Arise, and take up thy bed, and go unto thy house. 7 And he arose, and departed to his [4]house. 8 But when the multitudes saw it, they were afraid, and glorified God, who had given such authority unto men.

9 And as Jĕ'sŭs passed by from thence, he saw a man, called Măt'thew, sitting at the place of toll: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

10 And it came to pass, as he [4]sat at meat in the house, behold, many [5]publicans and sinners came and sat down with Jĕ'sŭs and his disciples. 11 And when the Phăr'ĭ-sēes saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Teacher with the [5]publicans and sinners? 12 But when he heard it, he said, They that are [6]whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick. 13 But go ye and learn what *this* meaneth, [7]I desire mercy, and not sacrifice: for I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

14 Then come to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Phăr'ĭ-sees fast [8]oft, but thy disciples fast not? 15 And Jĕ'sŭs said unto them, Can the [9]sons of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then will they fast. 16 And no man putteth a piece of undressed cloth

[1] Or, *demoniacs*

[2] Gr. *Child* [3] Many ancient authorities read *seeing* [4] Gr. *reclined:* and so always [5] See marginal note on ch. 5.46 [6] Gr. *strong* [7] Hos. 6.6 [8] Some ancient authorities omit *oft* [9] That is, *companions of the bridegroom*

upon an old garment; for that which should fill it up taketh from the garment, and a worse rent is made. 17 Neither do *men* put new wine into old [1]wine-skins: else the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins perish: but they put new wine into fresh wine-skins, and both are preserved.

18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came [2]a ruler, and [3]worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. 19 And Jē'sŭs arose, and followed him, and *so did* his disciples. 20 And behold, a woman, who had an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: 21 for she said within herself, If I do but touch his garment, I shall be [4]made whole. 22 But Jē'sŭs turning and seeing her said, Daughter, be of good cheer; thy faith hath [5]made thee whole. And the woman was [4]made whole from that hour. 23 And when Jē'sŭs came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute-players, and the crowd making a tumult, 24 he said, Give place: for the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. 25 But when the crowd was put forth, he entered in, and took her by the hand; and the damsel arose. 26 And [6]the fame hereof went forth into all that land.

27 And as Jē'sŭs passed by from thence, two blind men followed him, crying out, and saying, Have mercy on us, thou son of David. 28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jē'sŭs saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. 29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it done unto you. 30 And their eyes were opened. And Jē'sŭs [7]strictly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. 31 But they went forth, and spread abroad his fame in all that land.

32 And as they went forth, behold, there was brought to him a dumb man possessed with a demon. 33 And when the demon was cast out, the dumb man spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 34 But the Phăr'ĭ-sēes said, [8]By the prince of the demons casteth he out demons.

35 And Jē'sŭs went about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the [9]gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness. 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were distressed and scattered, as sheep not having a shepherd. 37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest.

10 And he called unto him his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of disease and all manner of sickness.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Sī'mŏn, who is called Peter, and An'drew his brother; [10]James the *son* of Zĕb'ĕ-dēe, and John his brother; 3 Philip, and Băr-thŏl'ō-mew; Thomas, and Măt'thew the [11]publican; [10]James the *son* of Al-phæ'ŭs, and Thăd-dæ'ŭs; 4 Sī'mŏn the [12]Că-nă-næ'ăn, and Jū'dăs Ĭs-căr'ĭ-ŏt, who also [13]betrayed him.

5 These twelve Jē'sŭs sent forth, and charged them, saying, Go not into *any* way of the Gĕn'tiles, and enter not into any city of the Sa-mär'ĭ-tăns: 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

[1] That is, *skins used as bottles* [2] Gr. *one ruler*. Compare Mk. 5.22 [3] See marginal note on ch. 2.2 [4] Or, *saved* [5] Or, *saved thee* [6] Gr. *this fame* [7] Or, *sternly* [8] Or, *In* [9] See marginal note on ch. 4.23 [10] Or, *Jacob* [11] See marginal note on ch. 5.46 [12] Or, *Zealot*. See Lk. 6.15; Acts 1.13 [13] Or, *delivered him up*

8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons: freely ye received, freely give. 9 Get you no gold, nor silver, nor brass in your [1]purses; 10 no wallet for *your* journey, neither two coats, nor shoes, nor staff: for the laborer is worthy of his food. 11 And into whatsoever city or village ye shall enter, search out who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go forth. 12 And as ye enter into the house, salute it. 13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, as ye go forth out of that house or that city, shake off the dust of your feet. 15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sŏd'ŏm and Gō-mŏr'răh in the day of judgment, than for that city.

16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and [2]harmless as doves. 17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to councils, and in their synagogues they will scourge you; 18 yea and before governors and kings shall ye be brought for my sake, for a testimony to them and to the Gĕn'tiles. 19 But when they deliver you up, be not anxious how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that hour what ye shall speak. 20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father that speaketh in you. 21 And brother shall deliver up brother to death, and the father his child: and children shall rise up against parents, and [3]cause them to be put to death. 22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved. 23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee into the next: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone through the cities of Is'rā-ĕl, till the Son of man be come.

24 A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a [4]servant above his lord. 25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his teacher, and the [4]servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house [5]Bĕ-ĕl'zĕ-bŭb, how much more them of his household! 26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. 27 What I tell you in the darkness, speak ye in the light; and what ye hear in the ear, proclaim upon the house-tops. 28 And be not afraid of them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in [6]hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? and not one of them shall fall on the ground without your Father: 30 but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear not therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows. 32 Every one therefore who shall confess [7]me before men, [8]him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven. 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father who is in heaven.

34 Think not that I came to [9]send peace on the earth: I came not to [9]send peace, but a sword. 35 For I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law: 36 and a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household. 37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And he that doth not take his cross and follow after me, is not worthy of me. 39 He that [10]findeth his life shall lose it; and he that [11]loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

40 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

[1] Gr. *girdles* [2] Or, *simple* [3] Or, *put them to death*
[4] Gr. *bondservant* [5] Gr. *Beelzebul* [6] Gr. *Gehenna* [7] Gr. *in me* [8] Gr. *in him* [9] Gr. *cast* [10] Or, *found* [11] Or, *lost*

41 He that receiveth a prophet in
the name of a prophet shall re-
ceive a prophet's reward: and he
that receiveth a righteous man in
the name of a righteous man shall
receive a righteous man's reward.
42 And whosoever shall give to
drink unto one of these little ones
a cup of cold water only, in the
name of a disciple, verily I say
unto you he shall in no wise lose
his reward.

11 And it came to pass when Jē'sŭs had finished commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and preach in their cities.

2 Now when John heard in the prison the works of the Christ, he sent by his disciples 3 and said unto him, Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another? 4 And Jē'sŭs answered and said unto them, Go and tell John the things which ye hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have [1]good tidings preached to them. 6 And blessed is he, whosoever shall find no occasion of stumbling in me.

7 And as these went their way, Jē'sŭs began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to behold? a reed shaken with the wind? 8 But what went ye out to see? a man clothed in soft *raiment*? Behold, they that wear soft *raiment* are in kings' houses. 9 [2]But wherefore went ye out? to see a prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. 10 This is he, of whom it is written,

[3]Behold, I send my messenger
before thy face,
Who shall prepare thy way be-
fore thee.

11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not arisen a greater than John the Băp'tist: yet he that is [4]but little in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 And from the days of John the Băp'tist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and men of violence take it by force. 13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. 14 And if ye are willing to receive [5]*it*, this is Ē-lī'jăh, that is to come. 15 He that hath ears [6]to hear, let him hear. 16 But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the marketplaces, who call unto their fellows 17 and say, We piped unto you, and ye did not dance; we wailed, and ye did not [7]mourn. 18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a demon. 19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a winebibber, a friend of [8]publicans and sinners! And wisdom [9]is justified by her [10]works.

20 Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his [11]mighty works were done, because they repented not. 21 Woe unto thee, Chō-rā'zĭn! woe unto thee, Bĕth-sā'ĭ-dà! for if the [11]mighty works had been done in Tȳre and Sī'dŏn which were done in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tȳre and Sī'dŏn in the day of judgment, than for you. 23 And thou, Că-pĕr'nă-ŭm, shalt thou be exalted unto heaven? thou shalt [12]go down unto Hā'dēs: for if the [11]mighty works had been done in Sŏd'ŏm which were done in thee, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I say unto you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sŏd'ŏm in the day of judgment, than for thee.

25 At that season Jē'sŭs answered and said, I [13]thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou didst hide these things

[1] Or, *the gospel* [2] Many ancient authorities read *But what went ye out to see? a prophet?* [3] Mal. 3.1 [4] Gr. *lesser*

[5] Or, him [6] Some ancient authorities omit *to hear* [7] Gr. *beat the breast* [8] See marginal note on ch. 5.46 [9] Or, *was* [10] Many ancient authorities read *children*: as in Lk. 7.35 [11] Gr. *powers* [12] Many ancient authorities read *be brought down* [13] Gr. *praise*

from the wise and understanding, and didst reveal them unto babes: 26 yea, Father, [1]for so it was well-pleasing in thy sight. 27 All things have been delivered unto me of my Father: and no one knoweth the Son, save the Father; neither doth any know the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son willeth to reveal *him*. 28 Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

12 At that season Jē'sŭs went on the sabbath day through the grainfields; and his disciples were hungry and began to pluck ears and to eat. 2 But the Phăr'ĭ-sēes, when they saw it, said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which it is not lawful to do upon the sabbath. 3 But he said unto them, [2]Have ye not read what David did, when he was hungry, and they that were with him; 4 how he entered into the house of God, and [3]ate the showbread, which it was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them that were with him, but only for the priests? 5 Or have ye not read in the law, [4]that on the sabbath day the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are guiltless? 6 But I say unto you, that [5]one greater than the temple is here. 7 But if ye had known what this meaneth, [6]I desire mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. 8 For the Son of man is lord of the sabbath.

9 And he departed thence, and went into their synagogue: 10 and behold, a man having a withered hand. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? that they might accuse him. 11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be of you, that shall have one sheep, and if this fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? 12 How much then is a man of more value than a sheep! Wherefore it is lawful to do good on the sabbath day. 13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, as the other. 14 But the Phăr'ĭ-sēes went out, and took counsel against him, how they might destroy him.

15 And Jē'sŭs perceiving *it* withdrew from thence: and many followed him; and he healed them all, 16 and charged them that they should not make him known: 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through ī-sā'ĭăh the prophet, saying,

[7]18 Behold, my [8]servant whom I have chosen;
My beloved in whom my soul is well pleased:
I will put my Spirit upon him,
And he shall declare judgment to the [9]Gĕn'tiles.
19 He shall not strive, nor cry aloud;
Neither shall any one hear his voice in the streets.
20 A bruised reed shall he not break,
And smoking flax shall he not quench,
Till he send forth judgment unto victory.
21 And in his name shall the [9]Gĕn'tiles hope.

22 Then was brought unto him [10]one possessed with a demon, blind and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the dumb man spake and saw. 23 And all the multitudes were amazed, and said, Can this be the son of David? 24 But when the Phăr'ĭ-sēes heard it, they said, This man doth not cast out demons, but [11]by [12]Bē-ĕl'zĕ-bŭb the prince of the demons. 25 And knowing their thoughts he said unto them, Every kingdom divided against it-

[1] Or, *that* [2] 1 S. 21.6 [3] Some ancient authorities read *they ate* [4] Num. 28.9, 10 [5] Gr. *a greater thing* [6] Hos. 6.6

[7] Is. 42.1 ff. [8] See marginal note on Acts 3.13 [9] See marginal note on ch. 4.15 [10] Or, *a demoniac* [11] Or, *in* [12] Gr. *Beelzebul*

self is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: 26 and if Satan casteth out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand? 27 And if I [1]by [2]Bĕ-ĕl'zĕ-bŭb cast out demons, [1]by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. 28 But if I [1]by the Spirit of God cast out demons, then is the kingdom of God come upon you. 29 Or how can one enter into the house of the strong *man*, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong *man*? and then he will spoil his house. 30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. 31 Therefore I say unto you, Every sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men; but the blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. 32 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him; but whosoever shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this [3]world, nor in that which is to come. 33 Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree corrupt, and its fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by its fruit. 34 Ye offspring of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 35 The good man out of his good treasure bringeth forth good things: and the evil man out of his evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. 36 And I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

38 Then certain of the scribes and Phăr'ĭ-sēes answered him, saying, Teacher, we would see a sign from thee. 39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it but the sign of Jō'năh the prophet: 40 for as Jō'năh was three days and three nights in the belly of the [4]whale; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nĭn'ĕ-vĕh shall stand up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jō'năh; and behold, [5]a greater than Jō'năh is here. 42 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Sŏl'ō-mŏn; and behold, [5]a greater than Sŏl'ō-mŏn is here. 43 But the unclean spirit, when [6]he is gone out of the man, passeth through waterless places, seeking rest, and findeth it not. 44 Then [6]he saith, I will return into my house whence I came out; and when [6]he is come, [6]he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 45 Then goeth [6]he, and taketh with [7]himself seven other spirits more evil than [7]himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man becometh worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this evil generation.

46 While he was yet speaking to the multitudes, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, seeking to speak to him. 47 [8]And one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, seeking to speak to thee. 48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? 49 And he stretched forth his hand towards his disciples, and said, Behold, my mother and my brethren! 50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father who is in heaven, he is my brother, and sister, and mother.

13 On that day went Jē'sŭs out of the house, and sat by the sea side. 2 And there were gathered unto him great multi-

1 Or, *in* 2 Gr. *Beelzebul* 3 Or, *age*
4 Gr. *sea-monster* 5 Gr. *more than* 6 Or, *it* 7 Or, *itself* 8 Some ancient authorities omit ver. 47

tudes, so that he entered into a boat, and sat; and all the multitude stood on the beach. 3 And he spake to them many things in parables, saying, Behold, the sower went forth to sow; 4 and as he sowed, some *seeds* fell by the way side, and the birds came and devoured them: 5 and others fell upon the rocky places, where they had not much earth: and straightway they sprang up, because they had no deepness of earth: 6 and when the sun was risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. 7 And others fell upon the thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked them: 8 and others fell upon the good ground, and yielded fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He that hath ears[1], let him hear.

10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? 11 And he answered and said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. 12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he hath. 13 Therefore speak I to them in parables; because seeing they see not, and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. 14 And unto them is fulfilled the prophecy of Ī-sā'ĭăh, which saith,

[2]By hearing ye shall hear, and shall in no wise understand;
And seeing ye shall see, and shall in no wise perceive:
15 For this people's heart is waxed gross,
And their ears are dull of hearing,
And their eyes they have closed;
Lest haply they should perceive with their eyes,
And hear with their ears,
And understand with their heart,
And should turn again,
And I should heal them.

[1] Some ancient authorities add here, and in ver. 43, *to hear;* as in Mk. 4.9; Lk. 8.8
[2] Is. 6.9,10

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. 17 For verily I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things which ye see, and saw them not; and to hear the things which ye hear, and heard them not. 18 Hear then ye the parable of the sower. 19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, *then* cometh the evil *one,* and snatcheth away that which hath been sown in his heart. This is he that was sown by the way side. 20 And he that was sown upon the rocky places, this is he that heareth the word, and straightway with joy receiveth it; 21 yet hath he not root in himself, but endureth for a while; and when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, straightway he stumbleth. 22 And he that was sown among the thorns, this is he that heareth the word; and the care of the [3]world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. 23 And he that was sown upon the good ground, this is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; who verily beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

24 Another parable set he before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man that sowed good seed in his field: 25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed [4]tares also among the wheat, and went away. 26 But when the blade sprang up and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27 And the [5]servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? whence then hath it tares? 28 And he said unto them, [6]An enemy hath done this. And the [5]servants say unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he saith, Nay; lest haply while ye

[3] Or, *age* [4] Or, *darnel* [5] Gr. *bondservants* [6] Gr. *A man* that is *an enemy*

gather up the tares, ye root up the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather up first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn.

31 Another parable set he before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: 32 which indeed is less than all seeds; but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the heaven come and lodge in the branches thereof.

33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three [1]measures of meal, till it was all leavened.

34 All these things spake Jē'sŭs in parables unto the multitudes; and without a parable spake he nothing unto them: 35 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet, saying,

[2]I will open my mouth in parables;
I will utter things hidden from the foundation [3]of the world.

36 Then he left the multitudes, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Explain unto us the parable of the tares of the field. 37 And he answered and said, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; 38 and the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil *one*; 39 and the enemy that sowed them is the devil: and the harvest is [4]the end of the world; and the reapers are angels. 40 As therefore the tares are gathered up and burned with fire; so shall it be in the [4]end of the world. 41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and them that do iniquity, 42 and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth. 43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He that hath ears[5], let him hear.

44 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in the field; which a man found, and hid; and [6]in his joy he goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a merchant seeking goodly pearls: 46 and having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a [7]net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: 48 which, when it was filled, they drew up on the beach; and they sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but the bad they cast away. 49 So shall it be in [4]the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the righteous, 50 and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

51 Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea. 52 And he said unto them, Therefore every scribe who hath been made a disciple to the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, who bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

53 And it came to pass, when Jē'sŭs had finished these parables, he departed thence.

54 And coming into his own country he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these [8]mighty works? 55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, [9]James, and Joseph, and Sī'mŏn, and Jū'dās? 56 And his sisters, are they not all with us?

[1] The word in the Greek denotes the Hebrew seah, a measure containing nearly a peck and a half [2] Ps. 78.2 [3] Many ancient authorities omit *of the world* [4] Or, *the consummation of the age*

[5] See ver. 9 [6] Or, *for joy thereof* [7] Gr. *drag-net* [8] Gr. *powers* [9] Or, *Jacob*

Whence then hath this man all these things? 57 And they were [1]offended in him. But Jē'sŭs said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house. 58 And he did not many [2]mighty works there because of their unbelief.

14 At that season Hĕr'ŏd the tetrarch heard the report concerning Jē'sŭs, 2 and said unto his servants, This is John the Băp'tĭst; he is risen from the dead; and therefore do these powers work in him. 3 For Hĕr'ŏd had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Hĕ-rō'dĭ-ăs, his brother Philip's wife. 4 For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. 5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. 6 But when Hĕr'ŏd's birthday came, the daughter of Hĕ-rō'dĭ-ăs danced in the midst, and pleased Hĕr'ŏd. 7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she should ask. 8 And she, being put forward by her mother, saith, Give me here on a platter the head of John the Băp'tĭst. 9 And the king was grieved; but for the sake of his oaths, and of them that sat at meat with him, he commanded it to be given; 10 and he sent and beheaded John in the prison. 11 And his head was brought on a platter, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother. 12 And his disciples came, and took up the corpse, and buried him; and they went and told Jē'sŭs.

13 Now when Jē'sŭs heard *it*, he withdrew from thence in a boat, to a desert place apart: and when the multitudes heard *thereof*, they followed him [3]on foot from the cities. 14 And he came forth, and saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. 15 And when even was come, the disciples came to him, saying, The place is desert, and the time is already past; send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves food. 16 But Jē'sŭs said unto them, They have no need to go away; give ye them to eat. 17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. 18 And he said, Bring them hither to me. 19 And he commanded the multitudes to [4]sit down on the grass; and he took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes. 20 And they all ate, and were filled: and they took up that which remained over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And they that did eat were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

22 And straightway he constrained the disciples to enter into the boat, and to go before him unto the other side, till he should send the multitudes away. 23 And after he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into the mountain apart to pray: and when even was come, he was there alone. 24 But the boat [5]was now in the midst of the sea, distressed by the waves; for the wind was contrary. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night he came unto them, walking upon the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a ghost; and they cried out for fear. 27 But straightway Jē'sŭs spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. 28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee upon the waters. 29 And he said, Come. And Peter went down from the boat, and walked upon the waters [6]to come to Jē'sŭs. 30 But when he saw the [7]wind, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying,

[1] Gr. *caused to stumble* [2] Gr. *powers* [3] Or, *by land*
[4] Gr. *recline* [5] Some ancient authorities read *was many furlongs distant from the land* [6] Some ancient authorities read *and came* [7] Many ancient authorities add *strong*

Lord, save me. 31 And immediately Jĕ'sŭs stretched forth his hand, and took hold of him, and saith unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? 32 And when they were gone up into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And they that were in the boat [1]worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

34 And when they had crossed over, they came to the land, unto Gĕn-nĕs'ă-rĕt. 35 And when the men of that place knew him, they sent into all that region round about, and brought unto him all that were sick; 36 and they besought him that they might only touch the border of his garment: and as many as touched were made whole.

15 Then there come to Jĕ'sŭs from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm Phăr'ĭ-sees and scribes, saying, 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. 3 And he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? 4 For God said, [2]Honor thy father and thy mother: and, [3]He that speaketh evil of father or mother, let him [4]die the death. 5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, That wherewith thou mightest have been profited by me is given *to God;* 6 he shall not honor his father[5]. And ye have made void the [6]word of God because of your tradition. 7 Ye hypocrites, well did Ī-să'ĭăh prophesy of you, saying,

8 [7]This people honoreth me with their lips;
But their heart is far from me.
9 But in vain do they worship me,
Teaching *as their* doctrines the precepts of men.

10 And he called to him the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: 11 Not that which entereth into the mouth defileth the man; but that which proceedeth out of the mouth, this defileth the man. 12 Then came the disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Phăr'ĭ-sees were [8]offended, when they heard this saying? 13 But he answered and said, Every [9]plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up. 14 Let them alone: they are blind guides. And if the blind guide the blind, both shall fall into a pit. 15 And Peter answered and said unto him, Declare unto us the parable. 16 And he said, Are ye also even yet without understanding? 17 Perceive ye not, that whatsoever goeth into the mouth passeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? 18 But the things which proceed out of the mouth come forth out of the heart; and they defile the man. 19 For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, railings: 20 these are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not the man.

21 And Jĕ'sŭs went out thence, and withdrew into the parts of Tȳre and Sī'dŏn. 22 And behold, a Că-năan-ī'tĭsh woman came out from those borders, and cried, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a demon. 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. 24 But he answered and said, I was not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 25 But she came and [1]worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. 26 And he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's [10]bread and cast it to the dogs. 27 But she said, Yea, Lord: for even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. 28 Then Jĕ'sŭs answered and said unto her, O woman, great

[1] See marginal note on ch. 2.2 [2] Ex. 20.12; Dt. 5.16 [3] Ex. 21.17; Lev. 20.9 [4] Or, *surely die* [5] Some ancient authorities add *or his mother* [6] Some ancient authorities read *law* [7] Is. 29.13
[8] Gr. *caused to stumble* [9] Gr. *planting* [10] Or, *loaf*

is thy faith: be it done unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was healed from that hour.

29 And Jē'sŭs departed thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Găl'ĭ-lēe; and he went up into the mountain, and sat there. 30 And there came unto him great multitudes, having with them the lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and they cast them down at his feet; and he healed them: 31 insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb speaking, the maimed whole, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing: and they glorified the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

32 And Jē'sŭs called unto him his disciples, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days and have nothing to eat: and I would not send them away fasting, lest haply they faint on the way. 33 And the disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so many loaves in a desert place as to fill so great a multitude? 34 And Jē'sŭs said unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few small fishes. 35 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground; 36 and he took the seven loaves and the fishes; and he gave thanks and brake, and gave to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes. 37 And they all ate, and were filled: and they took up that which remained over of the broken pieces, seven baskets full. 38 And they that did eat were four thousand men, besides women and children. 39 And he sent away the multitudes, and entered into the boat, and came into the borders of Măg'ă-dăn.

16 And the Phăr'ĭ-sēes and Săd'dū-çēes came, and trying him asked him to show them a sign from heaven. 2 But he answered and said unto them, [1]When it is evening, ye say, *It will be* fair weather: for the heaven is red. 3 And in the morning, *It will be* foul weather to-day: for the heaven is red and lowering. Ye know how to discern the face of the heaven; but ye cannot *discern* the signs of the times. 4 An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of Jō'năh. And he left them, and departed.

5 And the disciples came to the other side and forgot to take [2]bread. 6 And Jē'sŭs said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Phăr'ĭ-sēes and Săd'dū-çēes. 7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, [3]We took no [2]bread. 8 And Jē'sŭs perceiving it said, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have no [2]bread? 9 Do ye not yet perceive, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many [4]baskets ye took up? 10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many [4]baskets ye took up? 11 How is it that ye do not perceive that I spake not to you concerning [2]bread? But beware of the leaven of the Phăr'ĭ-sēes and Săd'dū-çēes. 12 Then understood they that he bade them not beware of the leaven of [2]bread, but of the teaching of the Phăr'ĭ-sēes and Săd'dū-çēes.

13 Now when Jē'sŭs came into the parts of Çæs-ă-rē'ă Phĭ-lĭp'pī, he asked his disciples, saying, Who do men say [5]that the Son of man is? 14 And they said, Some *say* John the Băp'tĭst; some, Ē-lī'jăh; and others, Jĕr-ē-mī'ah, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But who say ye that I am? 16 And Sī'mŏn Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jē'sŭs answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Sī'-

[1] The following words, to the end of ver. 3, are omitted by some of the most ancient and other important authorities

[2] Gr. *loaves* [3] Or, It is *because we took no bread* [4] *Basket* in ver. 9 and 10 represents different Greek words [5] Many ancient authorities read *that I the Son of man am* See Mk. 8:27; Lk. 9.18

mŏn Bär-Jō'năh: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say unto thee, that thou art [1]Peter, and upon this [2]rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hā'dēs shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 20 Then charged he the disciples that they should tell no man that he was the Chrīst.

21 From that time began [3]Jē'sŭs to show unto his disciples, that he must go unto Jē-ru'să-lĕm, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up. 22 And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, [4]Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall never be unto thee. 23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art a stumbling-block unto me: for thou mindest not the things of God, but the things of men. 24 Then said Jē'sŭs unto his disciples, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever would save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what shall a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? or what shall a man give in exchange for his life? 27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then shall he render unto every man according to his [5]deeds. 28 Verily I say unto you, There are some of them that stand here, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

17 And after six days Jē'sŭs taketh with him Peter, and [6]James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: 2 and he was transfigured before them; and his face did shine as the sun, and his garments became white as the light. 3 And behold, there appeared unto them Mō'sĕs and Ē-lī'jăh talking with him. 4 And Peter answered, and said unto Jē'sŭs, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, I will make here three [7]tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Mō'sĕs, and one for Ē-lī'jăh. 5 While he was yet speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. 7 And Jē'sŭs came and touched them and said, Arise, and be not afraid. 8 And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, save Jē'sŭs only.

9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jē'sŭs commanded them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen from the dead. 10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Ē-lī'jăh must first come? 11 And he answered and said, Ē-lī'jăh indeed cometh, and shall restore all things: 12 but I say unto you, that Ē-lī'jăh is come already, and they knew him not, but did unto him whatsoever they would. Even so shall the Son of man also suffer of them. 13 Then understood the disciples that he spake unto them of John the Băp'tist.

14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a man, kneeling to him, and saying, 15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is epileptic, and sufferth grievously; for oft-times he falleth into the fire, and oft-times into the water. 16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. 17 And Jē'sŭs answered and said, O faithless

[1] Gr. *Petros* [2] Gr. *petra* [3] Some ancient authorities read *Jesus Christ* [4] Or, God *have mercy on thee* [5] Gr. *doing*
[6] Or, *Jacob* [7] Or, *booths*

and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with you? bring him hither to me. 18 And Jē'sŭs rebuked him; and the demon went out of him: and the boy was cured from that hour.

19 Then came the disciples to Jē'sŭs apart, and said, Why could not we cast it out? 20 And he saith unto them, Because of your little faith: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.[1]

22 And while they [2]abode in Gal'ĭ-lēe, Jē'sŭs said unto them, The Son of man shall be [3]delivered up into the hands of men; 23 and they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised up. And they were exceeding sorry.

24 And when they were come to Că-pēr'nă-ŭm, they that received the [4]half-shĕk'ĕl came to Peter, and said, Doth not your teacher pay the [4]half-shĕk'ĕl? 25 He saith, Yea. And when he came into the house, Jē'sŭs spake first to him, saying, What thinkest thou, Sī'mŏn? the kings of the earth, from whom do they receive toll or tribute? from their sons, or from strangers? 26 And when he said, From strangers, Jē'sŭs said unto him, Therefore the sons are free. 27 But, lest we cause them to stumble, go thou to the sea, and cast a hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a [5]shĕk'ĕl: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

18 In that hour came the disciples unto Jē'sŭs, saying, Who then is [6]greatest in the kingdom of heaven? 2 And he called to him a little child, and set him in the midst of them, 3 and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the [6]greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me: 6 but whoso shall cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble, it is profitable for him that [7]a great millstone should be hanged about his neck, and *that* he should be sunk in the depth of the sea.

7 Woe unto the world because of occasions of stumbling! for it must needs be that the occasions come; but woe to that man through whom the occasion cometh! 8 And if thy hand or thy foot causeth thee to stumble, cut it off, and cast it from thee: it is good for thee to enter into life maimed or halt, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into the eternal fire. 9 And if thine eye causeth thee to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is good for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the [8]hell of fire. 10 See that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.[9] 12 How think ye? if any man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and go unto the mountains, and seek that which goeth astray? 13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth over it more than over the ninety and nine which have not gone astray. 14 Even so it is not [10]the will of [11]your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

15 And if thy brother sin

[1] Many authorities, some ancient, insert ver. 21 *But this kind goeth not out save by prayer and fasting.* See Mk. 9.29 [2] Some ancient authorities read *were gathering themselves together* [3] See ch. 10.4 [4] Gr. *didrachma* Comp. marginal note on Lk. 15.8 [5] Gr. *stater* [6] Gr. *greater* [7] Gr. *a millstone turned by an ass* [8] Gr. *Gehenna of fire* [9] Many authorities, some ancient, insert ver. 11 *For the Son of man came to save that which was lost* See Lk. 19.10 [10] Gr. *a thing willed before your Father* [11] Some ancient authorities read *my*

[1]against thee, go, show him his fault between thee and him alone: if he hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he hear *thee* not, take with thee one or two more, that at the mouth of two witnesses or three every word may be established. 17 And if he refuse to hear them, tell it unto the [2]church: and if he refuse to hear the [2]church also, let him be unto thee as the Gĕn'tile and the [3]publican. 18 Verily I say unto you, What things soever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and what things soever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it [4]shall be done for them of my Father who is in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

21 Then came Peter, and said to him, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? until seven times? 22 Jē'sŭs saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, Until [5]seventy times seven. 23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, who would make a reckoning with his [6]servants. 24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, that owed him ten thousand [7]talents. 25 But forasmuch as he had not *where-with* to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 The [8]servant therefore fell down and [9]worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 27 And the lord of that [8]servant, being moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the [10]debt. 28 But that [8]servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, who owed him a hundred [11]shillings: and he laid hold on him, and took *him* by the throat, saying, Pay what thou owest. 29 So his fellow-servant fell down and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee. 30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay that which was due. 31 So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were exceeding sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. 32 Then his lord called him unto him, and saith to him, Thou wicked [8]servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou besoughtest me: 33 shouldest not thou also have had mercy on thy fellow-servant, even as I had mercy on thee? 34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due. 35 So shall also my heavenly Father do unto you, if ye forgive not every one his brother from your hearts.

19 And it came to pass when Jē'sŭs had finished these words, he departed from Găl'ĭ-lēe, and came into the borders of Jū-dæ'ā beyond the Jordan; 2 and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them there.

3 And there came unto him [12]Phăr'ĭ-sēes, trying him, and saying, Is it lawful *for a man* to put away his wife for every cause? 4 And he answered and said, Have ye not read, [13]that he who [14]made *them* from the beginning made them male and female, 5 and said, [15]For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh? 6 So that they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. 7 They say unto

[1] Some ancient authorities omit *against thee* [2] Or, *congregation* [3] See marginal note on ch. 5.46 [4] Gr. *shall become* [5] Or, *seventy times and seven* [6] Gr. *Bondservants* [7] This talent was probably worth about £200, or $1,000 [8] Gr. *bondservant* [9] See marginal note on ch. 2.2 [10] Gr. *loan*

[11] The word in the Greek denotes a coin worth about eight pence half-penny, or nearly seventeen cents [12] Many authorities some ancient, insert *the* [13] Gen. 1.27; 5. [14] Some ancient authorities read *create* [15] Gen. 2.24

him, [1]Why then did Mō'sĕs command to give a bill of divorcement, and to put *her* away? 8 He saith unto them, Mō'sĕs for your hardness of heart suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it hath not been so. 9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, [2]except for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: [3]and he that marrieth her when she is put away committeth adultery. 10 The disciples say unto him, If the case of the man is so with his wife, it is not expedient to marry. 11 But he said unto them, Not all men can receive this saying, but they to whom it is given. 12 For there are eunuchs, that were so born from their mother's womb: and there are eunuchs, that were made eunuchs by men: and there are eunuchs, that made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

13 Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should lay his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jē'sŭs said, Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for [4]to such belongeth the kingdom of heaven. 15 And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.

16 And behold, one came to him and said, [5]Teacher, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? 17 And he said unto him, [6]Why askest thou me concerning that which is good? One there is who is good: but if thou wouldest enter into life, keep the commandments. 18 He saith unto him, Which? And Jē'sŭs said, [7]Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, 19 Honor thy father and thy mother; and, [8]Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. 20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I observed: what lack I yet? 21 Jē'sŭs said unto him, If thou wouldest be perfect, go, sell that which thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. 22 But when the young man heard the saying, he went away sorrowful; for he was one that had great possessions.

23 And Jē'sŭs said unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, It is hard for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven. 24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. 25 And when the disciples heard it, they were astonished exceedingly, saying, Who then can be saved? 26 And Jē'sŭs looking upon *them* said to them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. 27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee; what then shall we have? 28 And Jē'sŭs said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye who have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 29 And every one that hath left houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, [9]or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive [10]a hundredfold, and shall inherit eternal life. 30 But many shall be last *that are* first; and first *that are* last. 1 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto 20 a man that was a householder, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard. 2 And when he had agreed with the laborers for a

[1] Dt. 24.1-4 [2] Some ancient authorities read *saving or the cause of fornication, maketh her an adulteress:* as in ch. 5.32 [3] The following words, to the end of the verse, are omitted by some ancient authorities [4] Or, *of such is* [5] Some ancient authorities read *Good Teacher.* See Mk. 10.17; Lk. 18.18 [6] Some ancient authorities read *Why callest thou me good? None is good save one,* even *God.* See Mk. 10.18; Lk. 18.19 [7] Ex. 20.12-16; Dt. 5.16-20 [8] Lev. 19.18 [9] Many ancient authorities add *or wife:* as in Lk. 18.29 [10] Some ancient authorities read *manifold*

[1]shilling a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing in the marketplace idle; 4 and to them he said, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. 5 Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. 6 And about the eleventh *hour* he went out, and found others standing; and he saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? 7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard. 8 And when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the laborers, and pay them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. 9 And when they came that *were hired* about the eleventh hour, they received every man a [1]shilling. 10 And when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received every man a [1]shilling. 11 And when they received it, they murmured against the householder, 12 saying, These last have spent *but* one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, who have borne the burden of the day and the [2]scorching heat. 13 But he answered and said to one of them, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a [1]shilling? 14 Take up that which is thine, and go thy way; it is my will to give unto this last, even as unto thee. 15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? or is thine eye evil, because I am good? 16 So the last shall be first, and the first last.

17 And as Jĕ'sŭs was going up to Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm, he took the twelve disciples apart, and on the way he said unto them, 18 Behold, we go up to Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm; and the Son of man shall be [3]delivered unto the chief priests and scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, 19 and shall deliver him unto the Gĕn'tiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify: and the the third day he shall be raised up.

20 Then came to him the mother of the sons of Zĕb'ĕ-dĕe with her sons, [4]worshipping *him*, and asking a certain thing of him. 21 And he said unto her, What wouldest thou? She saith unto him, Command that these my two sons may sit, one on thy right hand, and one on thy left hand, in thy kingdom. 22 But Jĕ'sŭs answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink the cup that I am about to drink? They say unto him, We are able. 23 He saith unto them, My cup indeed ye shall drink: but to sit on my right hand, and on *my* left hand, is not mine to give; but *it is for them* for whom it hath been prepared of my Father. 24 And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation concerning the two brethren. 25 But Jĕ'sŭs called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the rulers of the Gĕn'tiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 26 Not so shall it be among you: but whosoever would become great among you shall be your [5]minister; 27 and whosoever would be first among you shall be your [6]servant: 28 even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

29 And as they went out from Jĕr'ĭ-chō, a great multitude followed him. 30 And behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jĕ'sŭs was passing by, cried out, saying, Lord, have mercy on us, thou son of David. 31 And the multitude rebuked them, that they should hold their peace: but they cried out the more, saying, Lord, have mercy on us, thou son of David. 32 And Jĕ'sŭs stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I should do unto you? 33 They say

[1] See marginal note on ch. 18.28 [2] Or, *hot wind* [3] See ch. 10.4 [4] See marginal note on ch. 2.2 [5] Or, *servant* [6] Gr. *bondservant*

unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. 34 And Jĕ'sŭs, being moved with compassion, touched their eyes; and straightway they received their sight, and followed him.

21 And when they drew nigh unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and came unto Bĕth'phă-gĕ, unto the mount of ŏl'ĭves, then Jĕ'sŭs sent two disciples, 2 saying unto them, Go into the village that is over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose *them*, and bring *them* unto me. 3 And if any one say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. 4 Now this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet, saying,

5 [1]Tell ye the daughter of Zĭ'ŏn,
Behold, thy King cometh unto thee,
Meek, and riding upon an ass,
And upon a colt the foal of an ass.

6 And the disciples went, and did even as Jĕ'sŭs appointed them, 7 and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their garments; and he sat thereon. 8 And the most part of the multitude spread their garments in the way; and others cut branches from the trees, and spread them in the way. 9 And the multitudes that went before him, and that followed, cried, saying, Hŏ-săn'nă to the son of David: Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hŏ-săn'nă in the highest. 10 And when he was come into Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, all the city was stirred, saying, Who is this? 11 And the multitudes said, This is the prophet, Jĕ'sŭs, from Năz'ă-rĕth of Găl'ĭ-lēe.

12 And Jĕ'sŭs entered into the temple [2]of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold the doves; 13 and he saith unto them, It is written, [3]My house shall be called a house of prayer: [4]but ye make it a den of robbers. 14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children that were crying in the temple and saying, Hŏ-săn'nă to the son of David; they were moved with indignation, 16 and said unto him, Hearest thou what these are saying? And Jĕ'sŭs saith unto them, Yea: did ye never read, [5]Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise? 17 And he left them, and went forth out of the city to Bĕth'ă-nў, and lodged there.

18 Now in the morning as he returned to the city, he hungered. 19 And seeing [6]a fig tree by the way side, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only; and he saith unto it, Let there be no fruit from thee henceforward for ever. And immediately the fig tree withered away. 20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How did the fig tree immediately wither away? 21 And Jĕ'sŭs answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do what is done to the fig tree, but even if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou taken up and cast into the sea, it shall be done. 22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

23 And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? 24 And Jĕ'sŭs answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one [7]question, which if ye tell me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven or from men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we

[1] Is. 62.11; Zech. 9.9 [2] Many ancient authorities omit *of God* [3] Is. 56.7 [4] Jer. 7.11 [5] Ps. 8.2 [6] Or, *a single* [7] Gr. *word*

shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why then did ye not believe him? 26 But if we shall say, From men; we fear the multitude; for all hold John as a prophet. 27 And they answered Jĕ'sŭs, and said, We know not. He also said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things. 28 But what think ye? A man had two [1]sons; and he came to the first, and said, [2]Son, go work to-day in the vineyard. 29 And he answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented himself, and went. 30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I *go*, sir: and went not. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father? They say, The first. Jĕ'sŭs saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, that the [3]publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not; but the [3]publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye saw it, did not even repent yourselves afterward, that ye might believe him.

33 Hear another parable: There was a man that was a householder, who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into another country. 34 And when the season of the fruits drew near, he sent his [4]servants to the husbandmen, to receive [5]his fruits. 35 And the husbandmen took his [4]servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again, he sent other [4]servants more than the first: and they did unto them in like manner. 37 But afterward he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. 38 But the husbandmen, when they saw the son, said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and take his inheritance. 39 And they took him, and cast him forth out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 When therefore the lord of the vineyard shall come, what will he do unto those husbandmen? 41 They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those miserable men, and will let out the vineyard unto other husbandmen, who shall render him the fruits in their seasons. 42 Jĕ'sŭs saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures,

[6]The stone which the builders
rejected,
Thè same was made the head
of the corner;
This was from the Lord,
And it is marvellous in our eyes?

43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken away from you, and shall be given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. 44 [7]And he that falleth on this stone shall be broken to pieces: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will scatter him as dust. 45 And when the chief priests and the Phăr'ĭ-sēes heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. 46 And when they sought to lay hold on him, they feared the multitudes, because they took him for a prophet.

22 And Jĕ'sŭs answered and spake again in parables unto them, saying, 2 The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a certain king, who made a marriage feast for his son, 3 and sent forth his [4]servants to call them that were bidden to the marriage feast: and they would not come. 4 Again he sent forth other [4]servants, saying, Tell them that are bidden, Behold, I have made ready my dinner; my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come to the marriage feast. 5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his merchandise; 6 and the rest laid hold on his [4]servants, and treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 But the king was

1 Gr. *children* 2 Gr. *Child* 3 See marginal note on ch. 5.46 4 Gr. *bondservants* 5 Or, *the fruits of it*

6 Ps. 118.22 f. 7 Some ancient authorities omit ver. 44

wroth; and he sent his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then saith he to his [1]servants, The wedding is ready, but they that were bidden were not worthy. 9 Go ye therefore unto the partings of the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage feast. 10 And those [1]servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was filled with guests. 11 But when the king came in to behold the guests, he saw there a man who had not on a wedding-garment: 12 and he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding-garment? And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the [2]servants, Bind him hand and foot, and cast him out into the outer darkness; there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth. 14 For many are called, but few chosen.

15 Then went the Phăr'ĭ-sēes, and took counsel how they might ensnare him in *his* talk. 16 And they send to him their disciples, with the Hĕ-rō'dĭ-ănş, saying, Teacher, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, and carest not for any one: for thou regardest not the person of men. 17 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Çæ'sär, or not? 18 But Jē'sŭs perceived their wickedness, and said, Why make ye trial of me, ye hypocrites? 19 Show me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a [3]denarius. 20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? 21 They say unto him, Çæ'sär's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Çæ'sär the things that are Çæ'sär's; and unto God the things that are God's. 22 And when they heard it, they marvelled, and left him, and went away.

23 On that day there came to him Săd'dū-çēes, [4]they that say that there is no [5]resurrection: and they asked him, 24 saying, Teacher, Mō'sĕs said, [6]If a man die, having no children, his brother [7]shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. 25 Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first married and deceased, and having no seed left his wife unto his brother; 26 in like manner the second also, and the third, unto the [8]seventh. 27 And after them all, the woman died. 28 In the resurrection therefore whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her. 29 But Jē'sŭs answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as angels[8] in heaven. 31 But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, 32 [9]I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Ī'sāac, and the God of Jacob? God is not *the God* of the dead, but of the living. 33 And when the multitudes heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

34 But the Phăr'ĭ-sēes, when they heard that he had put the Săd'dū-çēes to silence, gathered themselves together. 35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, trying him: 36 Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 And he said unto him, [10]Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 [11]And a second like *unto it* is this, [12]Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. 40 On these two commandments the whole law hangeth, and the prophets.

41 Now while the Phăr'ĭ-sēes

1 Gr. *bondservants* 2 Or, *ministers* 3 See marginal note on ch. 18.28

4 Many ancient authorities read *saying* 5 Dt. 25.5 6 Gr. *shall perform the duty of a husband's brother to his wife* 7 Gr. *seven* 8 Many ancient authorities add *of God* 9 Ex. 3.6 10 Dt. 6.5 11 Or, *And a second is like unto it, Thou shalt love &c.* 12 Lev. 19.18

were gathered together, Jē′sŭs asked them a question, 42 saying, What think ye of the Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, *The son* of David. 43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying,
44 [1]The Lord said unto my Lord,
Sit thou on my right hand,
Till I put thine enemies underneath thy feet?
45 If David then calleth him Lord, how is he his son? 46 And no one was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

23 Then spake Jē′sŭs to the multitudes and to his disciples, 2 saying, The scribes and the Phăr′ĭ-sēes sit on Mō′sēs' seat: 3 all things therefore whatsoever they bid you, *these* do and observe: but do not ye after their works; for they say, and do not. 4 Yea, they bind heavy burdens [2]and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger. 5 But all their works they do to be seen of men: for they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders *of their garments*, 6 and love the chief place at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, 7 and the salutations in the marketplaces, and to be called of men, Răb′bī. 8 But be not ye called Răb′bī: for one is your teacher, and all ye are brethren. 9 And call no man your father on the earth: for one is your Father, [3]*even* he who is in heaven. 10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your master, *even* the Christ. 11 But he that is [4]greatest among you shall be your [5]servant. 12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled; and whosoever shall humble himself shall be exalted.

13 But woe unto you, scribes and Phăr′ĭ-sēes, hypocrites! because ye shut the kingdom of heaven [6]against men: for ye enter not in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering in to enter.[7]

15 Woe unto you, scribes and Phăr′ĭ-sēes, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is become so, ye make him twofold more a son of [8]hell than yourselves.

16 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, that say, Whosoever shall swear by the [9]temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the [9]temple, he is [10]a debtor. 17 Ye fools and blind: for which is greater, the gold, or the [9]temple that hath sanctified the gold? 18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gift that is upon it, he is [10]a debtor. 19 Ye blind: for which is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift? 20 He therefore that sweareth by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon. 21 And he that sweareth by the [9]temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein. 22 And he that sweareth by the heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Phăr′ĭ-sēes, hypocrites! for ye tithe mint and [11]anise and cummin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law, justice, and mercy, and faith: but these ye ought to have done, and not to have left the other undone. 24 Ye blind guides, that strain out the gnat, and swallow the camel!

25 Woe unto you, scribes and Phăr′ĭ-sēes, hypocrites! for ye cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full from extortion and excess. 26 Thou blind Phăr′ĭ-sēe, cleanse first the inside of the cup and of the platter, that the outside thereof may become clean also.

27 Woe unto you, scribes and

[1] Ps. 110.1 [2] Many ancient authorities omit *and grievous to be borne* [3] Gr. *the heavenly* [4] Gr. *greater* [5] Or, *minister* [6] Gr. *before*
[7] Some authorities insert here, or after ver. 12, ver. 14 *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, even while for a pretence ye make long prayers: therefore ye shall receive greater condemnation.* See Mk. 12.40; Lk. 20.47 [8] Gr *Gehenna* [9] Or, *sanctuary:* as in ver. 35 [10] Or, *bound* by his oath [11] Or, *dill*

Phăr'ĭ-sēes, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but inwardly ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

29 Woe unto you, scribes and Phăr'ĭ-sēes, hypocrites! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and garnish the tombs of the righteous, 30 and say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we should not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. 31 Wherefore ye witness to yourselves, that ye are sons of them that slew the prophets. 32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. 33 Ye serpents, ye offspring of vipers, how shall ye escape the judgment of [1]hell? 34 Therefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: some of them shall ye kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city: 35 that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of Abel the righteous unto the blood of Zăch-ă-rī'ăh son of Băr-ă-chī'ăh, whom ye slew between the sanctuary and the altar. 36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

37 O Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, that killeth the prophets, and stoneth them that are sent unto her! how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! 38 Behold, your house is left unto you [2]desolate. 39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

24 And Jē'sŭs went out from the temple, and was going on his way; and his disciples came to him to show him the buildings of the temple. 2 But he answered and said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat on the mount of ŏl'ĭves, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy [3]coming, and of [4]the end of the world? 4 And Jē'sŭs answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man lead you astray. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Chrĭst; and shall lead many astray. 6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled: for *these things* must needs come to pass; but the end is not yet. 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines and earthquakes in divers places. 8 But all these things are the beginning of travail. 9 Then shall they deliver you up unto tribulation, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all the nations for my name's sake. 10 And then shall many stumble, and shall [5]deliver up one another, and shall hate one another. 11 And many false prophets shall arise, and shall lead many astray. 12 And because iniquity shall be multiplied, the love of the many shall wax cold. 13 But he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved. 14 And [6]this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole [7]world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end come.

15 When therefore ye see the abomination of desolation, which was [8]spoken of through Dăn'-ĭĕl the prophet, standing in [9]the holy place (let him that readeth understand), 16 then let them that are in Jū-dæ'ă flee unto the mountains: 17 let him that is on

[1] Gr. *Gehenna* [2] Some ancient authorities omit *desolate*

[3] Gr. *presence* [4] Or, *the consummation of the age* [5] See ch. 10.4 [6] Or, *these good tidings* [7] Gr. *inhabited earth* [8] Dan 9.27; 11.31; 12.11 [9] Or, *a holy place*

the housetop not go down to take out the things that are in his house: 18 and let him that is in the field not return back to take his cloak. 19 But woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days! 20 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on a sabbath: 21 for then shall be great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. 23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ, or, Here; believe [1]*it* not. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. 25 Behold, I have told you beforehand. 26 If therefore they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the wilderness; go not forth: Behold, he is in the inner chambers; believe [2]*it* not. 27 For as the lightning cometh forth from the east, and is seen even unto the west; so shall be the [3]coming of the Son of man. 28 Wheresoever the carcase is, there will the [4]eagles be gathered together.

29 But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send forth his angels [5]with [6]a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

32 Now from the fig tree learn her parable: when her branch is now become tender, and putteth forth its leaves, ye know that the summer is nigh; 33 even so ye also, when ye see all these things, know ye that [7]he is nigh, *even* at the doors. 34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all these things be accomplished. 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. 36 But of that day and hour knoweth no one, not even the angels of heaven, [8]neither the Son, but the Father only. 37 And as *were* the days of Noah, so shall be the [3]coming of the Son of man. 38 For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, 39 and they knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall be the [3]coming of the Son of man. 40 Then shall two men be in the field; one is taken, and one is left: 41 two women *shall be* grinding at the mill; one is taken, and one is left. 42 Watch therefore: for ye know not on what day your Lord cometh. 43 [9]But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch the thief was coming, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be [10]broken through. 44 Therefore be ye also ready; for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh.

45 Who then is the faithful and wise [11]servant, whom his lord hath set over his household, to give them their food in due season? 46 Blessed is that [11]servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 47 Verily I say unto you, that he will set him over all that he hath. 48 But if that evil [11]servant shall say in his heart, My lord tarrieth; 49 and shall begin to beat his fellow-servants, and

1 Or, him 2 Or, them 3 Gr. *presence*
4 Or, *vultures* 5 Many ancient authorities read *with a great trumpet, and they shall gather &c.* 6 Or, *a trumpet of great sound*
7 Or, *it* 8 Many authorities, some ancient, omit *neither the Son* 9 Or, *But this ye know*
10 Gr. *digged through* 11 Gr. *bondservant*

shall eat and drink with the drunken; 50 the lord of that [1]servant shall come in a day when he expecteth not, and in an hour when he knoweth not, 51 and shall [2]cut him asunder, and appoint his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

25 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, who took their [3]lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For the foolish, when they took their [3]lamps, took no oil with them: 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their [3]lamps. 5 Now while the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6 But at midnight there is a cry, Behold, the bridegroom! Come ye forth to meet him. 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their [3]lamps. 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our [3]lamps are going out. 9 But the wise answered, saying, Peradventure there will not be enough for us and you: go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10 And while they went away to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage feast: and the door was shut. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13 Watch therefore, for ye know not the day nor the hour.

14 For *it is* as *when* a man, going into another country, called his own [4]servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his several ability; and he went on his journey. 16 Straightway he that received the five talents went and traded with them, and made other five talents. 17 In like manner he also that *received* the two gained other two. 18 But he that received the one went away and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. 19 Now after a long time the lord of those [4]servants cometh, and maketh a reckoning with them. 20 And he that received the five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: lo, I have gained other five talents. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful [1]servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 22 And he also that *received* the two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: lo, I have gained other two talents. 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful [1]servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 24 And he also that had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou didst not sow, and gathering where thou didst not scatter; 25 and I was afraid, and went away and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, thou hast thine own. 26 But his lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful [1]servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I did not scatter; 27 thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back mine own with interest. 28 Take ye away therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him that hath the ten talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away. 30 And cast ye out the unprofitable [1]servant into the outer darkness: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

31 But when the Son of man

[1] Gr. *bondservant* [2] Or, *severely scourge him* [3] Or, *torches* [4] Gr. *bondservants*

shall come in his glory, and all the angels with him, then shall he sit on the throne of his glory: 32 and before him shall be gathered all the nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as the shepherd separateth the sheep from the goats; 33 and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry, and ye gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; 36 naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, and fed thee? or athirst, and gave thee drink? 38 And when saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39 And when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, *even* these least, ye did it unto me. 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, [1]Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry, and ye did not give me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink; 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of these least, ye did it not unto me. 46 And these shall go away into eternal punishment: but the righteous into eternal life.

[1] Or, *Depart from me under a curse*

26 And it came to pass, when Jē′sŭs had finished all these words, he said unto his disciples, 2 Ye know that after two days the passover cometh, and the Son of man is [2]delivered up to be crucified. 3 Then were gathered together the chief priests, and the elders of the people, unto the court of the high priest, who was called Cā′ĭă-phăs; 4 and they took counsel together that they might take Jē′sŭs by subtlety, and kill him. 5 But they said, Not during the feast, lest a tumult arise among the people.

6 Now when Jē′sŭs was in Bĕth′ă-nў, in the house of Sī′mŏn the leper, 7 there came unto him a woman having [3]an alabaster cruse of exceeding precious ointment, and she poured it upon his head, as [4]he sat at meat. 8 But when the disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste? 9 For this *ointment* might have been sold for much, and given to the poor. 10 But Jē′sŭs perceiving it said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. 11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. 12 For in that she [5]poured this ointment upon my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. 13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever [6]this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, that also which this woman hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

14 Then one of the twelve, who was called Jū′dăs Ĭs-căr′ĭ-ŏt, went unto the chief priests, 15 and said, What are ye willing to give me, and I will [7]deliver him unto you? And they weighed unto him thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from that time he sought opportunity to [7]deliver him *unto them.*

[2] See ch. 10.4 [3] Or, *a flask* [4] Or, *reclined at table* [5] Or, *cast* [6] Or, *these good tidings* [7] See ch. 10.4

17 Now on the first *day* of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jĕ'sŭs, saying, Where wilt thou that we make ready for thee to eat the passover? 18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Teacher saith, My time is at hand; I keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. 19 And the disciples did as Jĕ'sŭs appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

20 Now when even was come, he was [1]sitting at meat with the twelve [2]disciples; 21 and as they were eating, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall [3]betray me. 22 And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began to say unto him every one, Is it I, Lord? 23 And he answered and said, He that dipped his hand with me in the dish, the same shall [3]betray me. 24 The Son of man goeth, even as it is written of him: but woe unto that man through whom the Son of man is [3]betrayed! good were it [4]for that man if he had not been born. 25 And Jū'dăs, who [3]betrayed him, answered and said, Is it I, Răb'bĭ? He saith unto him, Thou hast said.

26 And as they were eating, Jĕ'sŭs took [5]bread, and blessed, and brake it; and he gave to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took [6]a cup, and gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 for this is my blood of the [7]covenant, which is poured out for many unto remission of sins. 29 But I say unto you, I shall not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out unto the mount of Ŏl'ĭves.

31 Then saith Jĕ'sŭs unto them, All ye shall be offended in me this night: for it is written, [8]I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. 32 But after I am raised up, I will go before you into Găl'ĭ-lēe. 33 But Peter answered and said unto him, If all shall be [9]offended in thee, I will never be [9]offended. 34 Jĕ'sŭs said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, that this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. 35 Peter saith unto him, Even if I must die with thee, *yet* will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

36 Then cometh Jĕ'sŭs with them unto [10]a place called Gĕth-sĕm'ă-nē, and saith unto his disciples, Sit ye here, while I go yonder and pray. 37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zĕb'ĕ-dēe, and began to be sorrowful and sore troubled. 38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: abide ye here, and watch with me. 39 And he went forward a little, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass away from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt. 40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 [11]Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 42 Again a second time he went away, and prayed, saying, My Father, if this cannot pass away, except I drink it, thy will be done. 43 And he came again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. 44 And he left them again, and went away, and prayed a third time, saying again the same words. 45 Then cometh he to the disciples, and saith unto them, [12]Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is [3]betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Arise, let us be going:

[1] Or, *reclining at table* [2] Many authorities, some ancient, omit *disciples* [3] See marginal note on ch. 10.4 [4] Gr. *for him if that man* [5] Or, *a loaf* [6] Some ancient authorities read *the cup* [7] Many ancient authorities insert *new* [8] Zech. 13.7
[9] Gr. *caused to stumble* [10] Gr. an *enclosed piece of ground* [11] Or, *Watch ye, and pray that ye enter not* [12] Or, *Do ye sleep on, then, and take your rest?*

behold, he is at hand that [1]betrayeth me.

47 And while he yet spake, lo, Jū'dăs, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. 48 Now he that [1]betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he: take him. 49 And straightway he came to Jē'sŭs, and said, Hail, Răb'bī; and [2]kissed him. 50 And Jē'sŭs said unto him, Friend, *do* that for which thou art come. Then they came and laid hands on Jē'sŭs, and took him. 51 And behold, one of them that were with Jē'sŭs stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and smote the [3]servant of the high priest, and struck off his ear. 52 Then saith Jē'sŭs unto him, Put up again thy sword into its place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. 53 Or thinkest thou that I cannot beseech my Father, and he shall even now send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 How then should the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? 55 In that hour said Jē'sŭs to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a robber with swords and staves to seize me? I sat daily in the temple teaching, and ye took me not. 56 But all this is come to pass, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples left him, and fled.

57 And they that had taken Jē'sŭs led him away to *the house of* Că'ĭă-phăs the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together. 58 But Peter followed him afar off, unto the court of the high priest, and entered in, and sat with the officers, to see the end. 59 Now the chief priests and the whole council sought false witness against Jē'sŭs, that they might put him to death; 60 and they found it not, though many false witnesses came. But afterward came two, 61 and said, This man said, I am able to destroy the [4]temple of God, and to build it in three days. 62 And the high priest stood up, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? 63 But Jē'sŭs held his peace. And the high priest said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou art the Chrīst, the Son of God. 64 Jē'sŭs saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Henceforth ye shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven. 65 Then the high priest rent his garments, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy: what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard the blasphemy: 66 what think ye? They answered and said, He is [5]worthy of death. 67 Then did they spit in his face and buffet him: and some smote him [6]with the palms of their hands, 68 saying, Prophesy unto us, thou Chrīst: who is he that struck thee?

69 Now Peter was sitting without in the court: and a maid came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jē'sŭs the Găl-i-læ'ăn. 70 But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. 71 And when he was gone out into the porch, another *maid* saw him, and saith unto them that were there, This man also was with Jē'sŭs of Năz'ă-rĕth. 72 And again he denied with an oath, I know not the man. 73 And after a little while they that stood by came and said to Peter, Of a truth thou also art *one* of them; for thy speech maketh thee known. 74 Then began he to curse and to swear, I know not the man. And straightway the cock crew. 75 And Peter remembered the word which Jē'sŭs had said, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

[1] See marginal note on ch. 10.4 [2] Gr. *kissed him much* [3] Gr. *bondservant*
[4] Or, *sanctuary:* as in ch. 23.35: 27.5 [5] Gr. *liable to* [6] Or, *with rods*

And he went out, and wept bitterly.

27 Now when morning was come, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jĕ'sŭs to put him to death: 2 and they bound him, and led him away, and delivered him up to Pī'lāte the governor.

3 Then Jū'dăs, who [1]betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 saying, I have sinned in that I [1]betrayed [2]innocent blood. But they said, What is that to us? see thou *to it*. 5 And he cast down the pieces of silver into the sanctuary, and departed; and he went away and hanged himself. 6 And the chief priests took the pieces of silver, and said, It is not lawful to put them into the [3]treasury, since it is the price of blood. 7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. 8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. 9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken through Jĕr-ĕ-mī'ăh the prophet, saying, [4]And [5]they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was priced, [6]whom *certain* of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl did price; 10 and [7]they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

11 Now Jĕ'sŭs stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jĕ'sŭs said unto him, Thou sayest. 12 And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. 13 Then saith Pī'lāte unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? 14 And he gave him no answer, not even to one word: insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly. 15 Now at [8]the feast the governor was wont to release unto the multitude one prisoner, whom they would. 16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Bär-ăb'băs. 17 When therefore they were gathered together, Pī'lāte said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Bär-ăb'băs, or Jĕ'sŭs who is called Christ? 18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him up. 19 And while he was sitting on the judgment-seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that righteous man; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream b cause of him. 20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Bär-ăb'băs, and destroy Jĕ'sŭs. 21 But the governor answered and said unto them, Which of the two will ye that I release unto you? And they said, Bär-ăb'băs. 22 Pī'lāte saith unto them, What then shall I do unto Jĕ'sŭs who is called Christ? They all say, Let him be crucified. 23 And he said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out exceedingly, saying, Let him be crucified. 24 So when Pī'lāte saw that he prevailed nothing, but rather that a tumult was arising, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent [9]of the blood of this righteous man; see ye *to it*. 25 And all the people answered and said, His blood *be* on us, and on our children. 26 Then released he unto them Bär-ăb'băs; but Jĕ'sŭs he scourged and delivered to be crucified.

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jĕ'sŭs into the [10]Præ-tō'rĭ-ŭm, and gathered unto him the whole [11]band. 28 And they [12]stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. 29 And they platted a crown of thorns and put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand; and they kneeled down be-

[1] See marginal note on ch. 10.4 [2] Many ancient authorities read *righteous* [3] Gr. *corbanas*, that is, *sacred treasury* [Comp. Mk. 7.11. [4] Zech. 11.12, 13 [5] Or, *I took* [6] Or, *whom they priced on the part of the sons of Israel* [7] Some ancient authorities read *I gave* [8] Or, *a feast*

[9] Some ancient authorities read *of this blood: see ye &c.* [10] Or, *palace* See Mk. 15.16 [11] Or, *cohort* [12] Some ancient authorities read *clothed*

fore him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! 30 And they spat upon him, and took the reed and smote him on the head. 31 And when they had mocked him, they took off from him the robe, and put on him his garments, and led him away to crucify him.

32 And as they came out, they found a man of Çy-rē′nê, Sī′mŏn by name: him they [1]compelled to go *with them,* that he might bear his cross.

33 And when they were come unto a place called Gŏl′gō-thâ, that is to say, The place of a skull, 34 they gave him wine to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted it, he would not drink. 35 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments among them, casting lots; 36 and they sat and watched him there. 37 And they set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JĔ′SŬS THE KING OF THE JEWS. 38 Then are there crucified with him two robbers, one on the right hand and one on the left. 39 And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, 40 and saying, Thou that destroyest the [2]temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself: if thou art the Son of God, come down from the cross. 41 In like manner also the chief priests mocking *him,* with the scribes and elders, said, 42 He saved others; [3]himself he cannot save. He is the King of ĭs′rā-ĕl; let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe on him. 43 He trusteth on God; let him deliver him now, if he desireth him: for he said, I am the Son of God. 44 And the robbers also that were crucified with him cast upon him the same reproach.

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the [4]land until the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jē′sŭs cried with a loud voice, saying, [5]Ē′lī, Ē′lī, lā′mâ sā-băch-thā′nī? that is, My God, my God, [6]why hast thou forsaken me? 47 And some of them that stood there, when they heard it, said, This man calleth Ē-lī′jăh. 48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. 49 And the rest said, Let be; let us see whether Ē-lī′jăh cometh to save him.[7] 50 And Jē′sŭs cried again with a loud voice, and yielded up his spirit. 51 And behold, the veil of the [2]temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake; and the rocks were rent; 52 and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints that had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming forth out of the tombs after his resurrection they entered into the holy city and appeared unto many. 54 Now the centurion, and they that were with him watching Jē′sŭs, when they saw the earthquake, and the things that were done, feared exceedingly, saying, Truly this was [8]the Son of God. 55 And many women were there beholding from afar, who had followed Jē′sŭs from Găl′ĭ-lēe, ministering unto him: 56 among whom was Mary Măg-dă-lē′nê, and Mary the mother of [9]James and Jō′sēs, and the mother of the sons of Zĕb′ē-dēe.

57 And when even was come, there came a rich man from Ăr-ĭ-mă-thæ′ă, named Joseph, who also himself was Jē′sŭs' disciple: 58 this man went to Pī′lāte, and asked for the body of Jē′sŭs. Then Pī′lāte commanded it to be given up. 59 And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed. 61 And Mary Măg-dă-lē′nê was there,

[1] Gr. *impressed* [2] Or, *sanctuary* [3] Or, *can he not save himself?* [4] Or, *earth* [5] Ps. 22.1
[6] Or, *why didst thou forsake me?* [7] Many ancient authorities add *And another took a spear and pierced his side, and there came out water and blood.* See Jn. 19.34 [8] Or, *a son of God* [9] Or, *Jacob*

and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

62 Now on the morrow, which is *the day* after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Phăr'ĭ-sēes were gathered together unto Pī'lāte, 63 saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said while he was yet alive, After three days I rise again. 64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest haply his disciples come and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: and the last error will be worse than the first. 65 Pī'lāte said unto them, [1]Ye have a guard: go, [2]make it *as* sure as ye can. 66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, the guard being with them.

28 Now late on the sabbath day, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Măg-dă-lē'nē and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it. 3 His appearance was as lightning, and his raiment white as snow: 4 and for fear of him the watchers did quake, and became as dead men. 5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jē'sŭs, who hath been crucified. 6 He is not here; for he is risen, even as he said. Come, see the place [3]where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples, He is risen from the dead; and lo, he goeth before you into Găl'ĭ-lēe; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. 8 And they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring his disciples word. 9 And behold, Jē'sŭs met them, saying, All hail. And they came and took hold of his feet, and [4]worshipped him. 10 Then saith Jē'sŭs unto them, Fear not: go tell my brethren that they depart into Găl'ĭ-lēe, and there shall they see me.

11 Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city, and told unto the chief priests all the things that were come to pass. 12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave much money unto the soldiers, 13 saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. 14 And if this [5]come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and rid you of care. 15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying was spread abroad among the Jews, *and continueth* until this day.

16 But the eleven disciples went into Găl'ĭ-lēe, unto the mountain where Jē'sŭs had appointed them. 17 And when they saw him, they [4]worshipped *him*; but some doubted. 18 And Jē'sŭs came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: 20 teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you [6]always, even unto [7]the end of the world.

1 Or, *Take a guard* 2 Gr. *make it sure, as ye know* 3 Many ancient authorities read *where he lay*

4 See marginal note on ch. 2.2 5 Or, *come to a hearing before the governor* 6 Gr. *all the days* 7 Or, *the consummation of the age*

ACCORDING TO MARK

Preaching of the Baptist. Baptism of Jesus. Temptation of Jesus. In Galilee

1 The beginning of the [1]gospel
of Jē′sŭs Christ, [2]the Son of God.
2 Even as it is written [3]in Ī-sā′-
iăh the prophet,
[4]Behold, I send my messenger
before thy face,
Who shall prepare thy way;
3 [5]The voice of one crying in the
wilderness,
Make ye ready the way of the
Lord,
Make his paths straight;
4 John came, who baptized in the wilderness and preached the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins. 5 And there went out unto him all the country of Jū-dæ′ă, and all they of Jē-ru′să-lĕm; and they were baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and *had* a leathern girdle about his loins, and did eat locusts and wild honey. 7 And he preached, saying, There cometh after me he that is mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not [6]worthy to stoop down and unloose. 8 I baptized you [7]in water; but he shall baptize you [7]in the Holy Spirit.

9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jē′sŭs came from Năz′-ă-rĕth of Găl′ĭ-lēe, and was baptized of John [8]in the Jordan. 10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens rent asunder, and the Spirit as a dove descending upon him: 11 and a voice came out of the heavens, Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased.

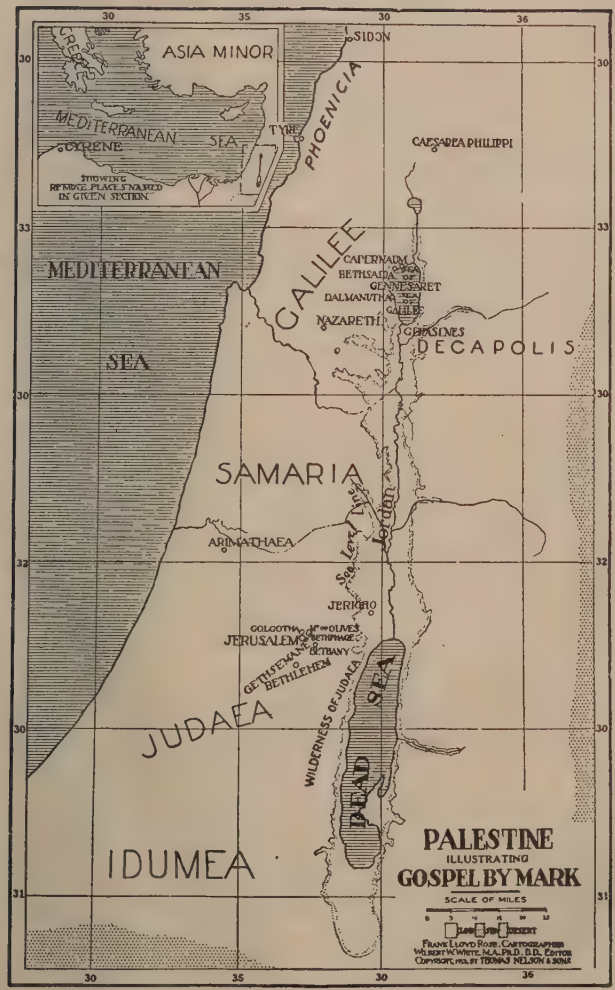
12 And straightway the Spirit driveth him forth into the wilderness. 13 And he was in the wilderness forty days tempted of Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

14 Now after John was delivered up, Jē′sŭs came into Găl′ĭ-lēe, preaching the [1]gospel of God, 15 and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe in the [1]gospel.

16 And passing along by the sea of Găl′ĭ-lēe, he saw Sī′mŏn and Andrew the brother of Sī′mŏn casting a net in the sea; for they were fishers. 17 And Jē′sŭs said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. 18 And straightway they left the nets, and followed him. 19 And going on a little further, he saw [9]James the *son* of Zĕb′ĕ-dēe, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending the nets. 20 And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zĕb′ĕ-dēe in the boat with the hired servants, and went after him.

21 And they go into Că-pēr′-nă-ŭm; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue and taught. 22 And they were astonished at his teaching: for he taught them as having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 And straightway there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, 24 saying, What have we to do with thee, Jē′sŭs thou Năz-ă-rēne′? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. 25 And Jē′sŭs rebuked [10]him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. 26 And the unclean spirit, [11]tearing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What is this? a new teaching! with authority he commandeth even the unclean spirits, and they obey him. 28 And the report of him went out straightway everywhere into all the region of Găl′ĭ-lēe round about.

[1] Or, *good tidings:* and so elsewhere [2] Some ancient authorities omit *the Son of God* [3] Some ancient authorities read *in the prophets* [4] Mal. 3.1 [5] Is. 40.3 [6] Gr. *sufficient* [7] Or, *with* [8] Gr. *into* [9] Or, *Jacob* [10] Or, *it* [11] Or, *convulsing*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29 And straightway, [1]when they were come out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Sī'mŏn and Andrew, with [2]James and John. 30 Now Sī'mŏn's wife's mother lay sick of a fever; and straightway they tell him of her: 31 and he came and took her by the hand, and raised her up; and the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were sick, and them that were [3]possessed with demons. 33 And all the city was gathered together at the door. 34 And he healed many that were sick with divers diseases, and cast out many demons; and he suffered not the demons to speak, because they knew him[4].

35 And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose up and went out, and departed into a desert place, and there prayed. 36 And Sī'mŏn and they that were with him followed after him; 37 and they found him, and say unto him, All are seeking thee. 38 And he saith unto them, Let us go elsewhere into the next towns, that I may preach there also; for to this end came I forth. 39 And he went into their synagogues throughout all Găl'ĭ-lēe, preaching and casting out demons.

40 And there cometh to him a leper, beseeching him, [5]and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 41 And being moved with compassion, he stretched forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou made clean. 42 And straightway the leprosy departed from him, and he was made clean. 43 And he [6]strictly charged him, and straightway sent him out, 44 and saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing the things which Mō'sĕs [7]commanded, for a testimony unto them. 45 But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to spread abroad the [8]matter, insomuch that [9]Jē'sŭs could no more openly enter into [10]a city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

2 And when he entered again into Că-pēr'nă-ŭm after some days, it was noised that he was [11]in the house. 2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room *for them*, no, not even about the door: and he spake the word unto them. 3 And they come, bringing unto him a man sick of the palsy, borne of four. 4 And when they could not [12]come nigh unto him for the crowd, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the [13]bed whereon the sick of the palsy lay. 5 And Jē'sŭs seeing their faith saith unto the sick of the palsy, [14]Son, thy sins are forgiven. 6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, 7 Why doth this man thus speak? he blasphemeth: who can forgive sins but one, *even* God? 8 And straightway Jē'sŭs, perceiving in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, saith unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins are forgiven; or to say, Arise, and take up thy [13]bed, and walk? 10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath authority on earth to forgive sins (he saith to the sick of the palsy), 11 I say unto thee, Arise, take up thy [13]bed, and go unto thy house. 12 And he arose, and straightway took up the [13]bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

1 Some ancient authorities read *when he was come out of the synagogue, he came &c.* 2 Or, *Jacob* 3 Or, *demoniacs* 4 Many ancient authorities add *to be Christ.* See Lk. 4.41 5 Some ancient authorities omit *and kneeling down to him* 6 Or, *sternly* 7 Lex. 13.49; 14.2 ff. 8 Gr. *word* 9 Gr. *he* 10 Or, *the city* 11 Or, *at home* 12 Many ancient authorities read *bring him unto him* 13 Or, *pallet* 14 Gr. *Child*

13 And he went forth again by
the sea side; and all the multitude
resorted unto him, and he taught
them. 14 And as he passed by,
he saw Lĕ'vi the *son* of Ăl-phæ'ŭs
sitting at the place of toll, and he
saith unto him, Follow me. And
he arose and followed him.

15 And it came to pass, that he
was sitting at meat in his house,
and many [1]publicans and sinners
sat down with Jē'sŭs and his dis-
ciples: for there were many, and
they followed him. 16 And the
scribes [2]of the Phăr'ĭ-sēes, when
they saw that he was eating with
the sinners and [1]publicans, said
unto his disciples, [3]*How is it* that
he eateth [4]and drinketh with [1]pub-
licans and sinners? 17 And when
Jē'sŭs heard it, he saith unto
them, They that are [5]whole have
no need of a physician, but they
that are sick: I came not to call the
righteous, but sinners.

18 And John's disciples and the
Phăr'ĭ-sēes were fasting: and they
come and say unto him, Why do
John's disciples and the disciples
of the Phăr'ĭ-sēes fast, but thy
disciples fast not? 19 And Jē'sŭs
said unto them, Can the [6]sons of
the bridechamber fast, while the
bridegroom is with them? as long
as they have the bridegroom with
them, they cannot fast. 20 But
the days will come, when the
bridegroom shall be taken away
from them, and then will they fast
in that day. 21 No man seweth
a piece of undressed cloth on an
old garment: else that which should
fill it up taketh from it, the new
from the old, and a worse rent is
made. 22 And no man putteth
new wine into old [7]wine-skins; else
the wine will burst the skins, and
the wine perisheth, and the skins:
but *they put* new wine into fresh
wine-skins.

23 And it came to pass, that he
was going on the sabbath day
through the grainfields; and his
disciples [8]began, as they went, to
pluck the ears. 24 And the Phăr'-
ĭ-sēes said unto him, Behold, why
do they on the sabbath day that
which is not lawful? 25 And he
said unto them, [9]Did ye never read
what David did, when he had
need, and was hungry, he, and
they that were with him? 26 How
he entered into the house of God
[10]when Ă-bī'ă-thär was high priest,
and ate the showbread, which it is
not lawful to eat save for the priests,
and gave also to them that were
with him? 27 And he said unto
them, The sabbath was made for
man, and not man for the sabbath:
28 so that the Son of man is lord
even of the sabbath.

3 And he entered again into the
synagogue; and there was a man
there who had his hand withered.
2 And they watched him, whether
he would heal him on the sabbath
day; that they might accuse him.
3 And he saith unto the man that
had his hand withered, [11]Stand
forth. 4 And he saith unto them,
Is it lawful on the sabbath day to
do good, or to do harm? to save a
life, or to kill? But they held their
peace. 5 And when he had looked
round about on them with anger,
being grieved at the hardening of
their heart, he saith unto the man,
Stretch forth thy hand. And he
stretched it forth; and his hand
was restored. 6 And the Phăr'ĭ-
sēes went out, and straightway
with the Hĕ-rō'dĭ-ăns took counsel
against him, how they might de-
stroy him.

7 And Jē'sŭs with his disciples
withdrew to the sea: and a great
multitude from Găl'ĭ-lēe followed;
and from Jū-dæ'ă, 8 and from Jĕ-
ru'să-lĕm, and from Ĭd-ū-mæ'ă,
and beyond the Jordan, and about
Tȳre and Sī'dŏn, a great multitude,
hearing [12]what great things he did,
came unto him. 9 And he spake
to his disciples, that a little boat
should wait on him because of the

[1] That is, *collectors or renters of Roman taxes* [2] Some ancient authorities read *and the Pharisees* [3] Or, *He eateth . . . sinners* [4] Some ancient authorities omit *and drinketh* [5] Gr. *strong* [6] That is, *companions of the bridegroom* [7] That is, *skins used as bottles*
[8] Gr. *began to make* their *way plucking* [9] 1 S.21. 6 [10] Some ancient authorities read *in the days of Abiathar the high priest* [11] Gr. *Arise into the midst* [12] Or, *all the things that he did*

crowd, lest they should throng him: 10 for he had healed many; insomuch that as many as had [1]plagues [2]pressed upon him that they might touch him. 11 And the unclean spirits, whensoever they beheld him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God. 12 And he charged them much that they should not make him known.

13 And he goeth up into the mountain, and calleth unto him whom he himself would; and they went unto him. 14 And he appointed twelve, [3]that they might be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, 15 and to have authority to cast out demons: 16 [4]and Sĭ'mŏn he surnamed Peter; 17 and [5]James the *son* of Zĕb'ĕ-dēe, and John the brother of [5]James; and them he surnamed Bō-ă-nēr'-gēs, which is, Sons of thunder: 18 and Andrew, and Philip, and Băr-thŏl'ō-mew, and Măt'thew, and Thomas, and [5]James the *son* of Al-phæ'ŭs, and Thăd-dæ'ŭs, and Sĭ'mŏn the [6]Că-nă-næ'ăn, 19 and Jū'dăs Ĭs-căr'ĭ-ŏt, who also [7]betrayed him.

And he cometh [8]into a house. 20 And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. 21 And when his friends heard it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself. 22 And the scribes that came down from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm said, He hath [9]Bĕ-ĕl'zĕ-bûb, and, [10]By the prince of the demons casteth he out the demons. 23 And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26 And if Satan hath risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end. 27 But no one can enter into the house of the strong *man*, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong *man*; and then he will spoil his house. 28 Verily I say unto you, All their sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and their blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: 29 but whosoever shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit hath never forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin: 30 because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

31 And there come his mother and his brethren; and, standing without, they sent unto him, calling him. 32 And a multitude was sitting about him; and they say unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee. 33 And he answereth them, and saith, Who is my mother and my brethren? 34 And looking round on them that sat round about him, he saith, Behold, my mother and my brethren! 35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

4 And again he began to teach by the sea side. And there is gathered unto him a very great multitude, so that he entered into a boat, and sat in the sea; and all the multitude were by the sea on the land. 2 And he taught them many things in parables, and said unto them in his teaching, 3 Hearken: Behold, the sower went forth to sow: 4 and it came to pass, as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the way side, and the birds came and devoured it. 5 And other fell on the rocky *ground*, where it had not much earth; and straightway it sprang up, because it had no deepness of earth: 6 and when the sun was risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. 7 And other fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. 8 And others fell into the good ground, and yielded fruit, growing up and increasing; and brought forth, thirtyfold, and sixty-

[1] Gr. *scourges* [2] Gr. *fell* [3] Some ancient authorities add *whom also he named apostles*. See Lk. 6.13; comp. ch. 6.30 [4] Some ancient authorities insert *and he appointed twelve* [5] Or, *Jacob* [6] Or, *Zealot*. See Lk. 6.15; Acts 1.13 [7] Or, *delivered him up* [8] Or, *home* [9] Gr. *Beelzebul* [10] Or, *In*

fold, and a hundredfold. 9 And he said, Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parables. 11 And he said unto them, Unto you is given the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all things are done in parables: 12 that seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest haply they should turn again, and it should be forgiven them. 13 And he saith unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how shall ye know all the parables? 14 The sower soweth the word. 15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; and when they have heard, straightway cometh Satan, and taketh away the word which hath been sown in them. 16 And these in like manner are they that are sown upon the rocky *places*, who, when they have heard the word, straightway receive it with joy; 17 and they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, straightway they stumble. 18 And others are they that are sown among the thorns; these are they that have heard the word, 19 and the cares of the [1]world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. 20 And those are they that were sown upon the good ground; such as hear the word, and accept it, and bear fruit, thirtyfold, and sixtyfold, and a hundredfold.

21 And he said unto them, Is the lamp brought to be put under the bushel, or under the bed, *and* not to be put on the stand? 22 For there is nothing hid, save that it should be manifested; neither was *anything* made secret, but that it should come to light. 23 If any man hath ears to hear, let him hear. 24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete it shall be measured unto you; and more shall be given unto you. 25 For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he hath.

26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed upon the earth; 27 and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring up and grow, he knoweth not how. 28 The earth [2]beareth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when the fruit [3]is ripe, straightway he [4]putteth forth the sickle, because the harvest is come.

30 And he said, How shall we liken the kingdom of God? or in what parable shall we set it forth? 31 [5]It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown upon the earth, though it be less than all the seeds that are upon the earth, 32 yet when it is sown, groweth up, and becometh greater than all the herbs, and putteth out great branches; so that the birds of the heaven can lodge under the shadow thereof.

33 And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it; 34 and without a parable spake he not unto them: but privately to his own disciples he expounded all things.

35 And on that day, when even was come, he saith unto them, Let us go over unto the other side. 36 And leaving the multitude, they take him with them, even as he was, in the boat. And other boats were with him. 37 And there ariseth a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the boat, insomuch that the boat was now filling. 38 And he himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion: and they awake him, and say unto him, Teacher, carest thou not that we perish? 39 And he awoke, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And

[1] Or, *age* [2] Or, *yieldeth* [3] Or, *alloweth*
[4] Or, *sendeth forth* [5] Gr. *As unto*

the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 And he said unto them, Why are ye fearful? have ye not yet faith? 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

5 And they came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gĕr'ā-sēnes'. 2 And when he was come out of the boat, straightway there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 3 who had his dwelling in the tombs: and no man could any more bind him, no, not with a chain; 4 because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been rent asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: and no man had strength to tame him. 5 And always, night and day, in the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out, and cutting himself with stones. 6 And when he saw Jē'sŭs from afar, he ran and [1]worshipped him; 7 and crying out with a loud voice, he saith, What have I to do with thee, Jē'sŭs, thou Son of the Most High God? I adjure thee by God, torment me not. 8 For he said unto him, Come forth, thou unclean spirit, out of the man. 9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he saith unto him, My name is Legion; for we are many. 10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. 11 Now there was there on the mountain side a great herd of swine feeding. 12 And they besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. 13 And he gave them leave. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered into the swine: and the herd rushed down the steep into the sea, *in number* about two thousand; and they were drowned in the sea. 14 And they that fed them fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they came to see what it was that had come to pass. 15 And they come to Jē'sŭs, and behold [2]him that was possessed with demons sitting, clothed and in his right mind, *even* him that had the legion: and they were afraid. 16 And they that saw it declared unto them how it befell [2]him that was possessed with demons, and concerning the swine. 17 And they began to beseech him to depart from their borders. 18 And as he was entering into the boat, [2]he that had been possessed with demons besought him that he might be with him. 19 And he suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go to thy house unto thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and *how* he had mercy on thee. 20 And he went his way, and began to publish in Dĕ-căp'ō-lĭs how great things Jē'sŭs had done for him: and all men marvelled.

21 And when Jē'sŭs had crossed over again in the boat unto the other side, a great multitude was gathered unto him; and he was by the sea. 22 And there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jā-ī'rŭs by name; and seeing him, he falleth at his feet, 23 and beseecheth him much, saying, My little daughter is at the point of death: *I pray thee,* that thou come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be [3]made whole, and live. 24 And he went with him; and a great multitude followed him, and they thronged him.

25 And a woman, who had an issue of blood twelve years, 26 and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, 27 having heard the things concerning Jē'sŭs, came in the crowd behind, and touched his garment. 28 For she said, If I touch but his garments, I shall be [3]made whole. 29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her [4]plague. 30 And straightway

[1] The Greek word denotes an act of reverence, whether paid to a creature (see Mt. 4.9; 18.26) or to the Creator (see Mt. 4.10)

[2] Or, *the demoniac* [3] Or, *saved* [4] Gr. *scourge*

Jĕ'sŭs, perceiving in himself that the power *proceeding* from him had gone forth, turned him about in the crowd, and said, Who touched my garments? 31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? 32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what had been done to her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. 34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath [1]made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy [2]plague.

35 While he yet spake, they come from the ruler of the synagogue's *house*, saying, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Teacher any further? 36 But Jĕ'sŭs, [3]not heeding the word spoken, saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Fear not, only believe. 37 And he suffered no man to follow with him, save Peter, and [4]James, and John the brother of [4]James. 38 And they come to the house of the ruler of the synagogue; and he beholdeth a tumult, and *many* weeping and wailing greatly. 39 And when he was entered in, he saith unto them, Why make ye a tumult, and weep? the child is not dead, but sleepeth. 40 And they laughed him to scorn. But he, having put them all forth, taketh the father of the child and her mother and them that were with him, and goeth in where the child was. 41 And taking the child by the hand, he saith unto her, Tă'ĭthă cū'mĭ; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, Arise. 42 And straightway the damsel rose up, and walked; for she was twelve years old. And they were amazed straightway with a great amazement. 43 And he charged them much that no man should know this: and he commanded that *something* should be given her to eat.

[1] Or, *saved thee* [2] Gr. *scourge* [3] Or, *overhearing* [4] Or, *Jacob*

6 And he went out from thence; and he cometh into his own country; and his disciples follow him. 2 And when the sabbath was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and [5]many hearing him were astonished, saying, Whence hath this man these things? and, What is the wisdom that is given unto this man, and *what mean* such [6]mighty works wrought by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of [4]James, and Jō'sēs, and Jū'dās, and Sī'mŏn? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were [7]offended in him. 4 And Jĕ'sŭs said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. 5 And he could there do no [8]mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. 6 And he marvelled because of their unbelief.

And he went round about the villages teaching.

7 And he calleth unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and he gave them authority over the unclean spirits; 8 and he charged them that they should take nothing for *their* journey, save a staff only; no bread, no wallet, no [9]money in their [10]purse; 9 but *to go* shod with sandals: and, *said he*, put not on two coats. 10 And he said unto them, Wheresoever ye enter into a house, there abide till ye depart thence. 11 And whatsoever place shall not receive you, and they hear you not, as ye go forth thence, shake off the dust that is under your feet for a testimony unto them. 12 And they went out, and preached that *men* should repent. 13 And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

14 And king Hĕr'ŏd heard *thereof*; for his name had become known: and [11]he said, John the

[5] Some ancient authorities insert *the* [6] Gr. *powers* [7] Gr. caused *to stumble* [8] Gr. *power* [9] Gr. *brass* [10] Gr. *girdle* [11] Some ancient authorities read *they*

Băp-tī′zĕr is risen from the dead, and therefore do these powers work in him. 15 But others said, It is Ē-lī′jăh. And others said, *It is* a prophet, *even* as one of the prophets. 16 But Hĕr′ŏd, when he heard *thereof*, said, John, whom I beheaded, he is risen. 17 For Hĕr′ŏd himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Hĕ-rō′dĭ-ăs, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. 18 For John said unto Hĕr′ŏd, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. 19 And Hĕ-rō′dĭ-ăs set herself against him, and desired to kill him; and she could not; 20 for Hĕr′ŏd feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. And when he heard him, he [1]was much perplexed; and he heard him gladly. 21 And when a convenient day was come, that Hĕr′ŏd on his birthday made a supper to his lords, and the [2]high captains, and the chief men of Găl′ĭ-lēe; 22 and when [3]the daughter of Hĕ-rō′dĭ-ăs herself came in and danced, [4]she pleased Hĕr′ŏd and them that sat at meat with him; and the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. 23 And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom. 24 And she went out, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Băp-tī′zĕr. 25 And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou forthwith give me on a platter the head of John the Băp′tĭst. 26 And the king was exceeding sorry; but for the sake of his oaths, and of them that sat at meat, he would not reject her. 27 And straightway the king sent forth a soldier of his guard, and commanded to bring his head: and he went and beheaded him in the prison, 28 and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the damsel; and the damsel gave it to her mother. 29 And when his disciples heard *thereof*, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

30 And the apostles gather themselves together unto Jē′sŭs; and they told him all things, whatsoever they had done, and whatsoever they had taught. 31 And he saith unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while. For there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a desert place apart. 33 And *the people* saw them going, and many knew *them*, and they ran together there [5]on foot from all the cities, and outwent them. 34 And he came forth and saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things. 35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, The place is desert, and the day is now far spent; 36 send them away, that they may go into the country and villages round about, and buy themselves somewhat to eat. 37 But he answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred [6]shillings' worth of bread, and give them to eat? 38 And he saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go *and* see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. 39 And he commanded them that all should [7]sit down by companies upon the green grass. 40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties. 41 And he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake the loaves; and he gave to the disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. 42 And

[1] Many ancient authorities read *did many things* [2] Or, *military tribunes* Gr. *chiliarchs* [3] Some ancient authorities read *his daughter Herodias* [4] Or, *it*

[5] Or, *by land* [6] The word in the Greek denotes a coin worth about eight pence halfpenny, or nearly seventeen cents [7] Gr. *recline*

they all ate, and were filled. 43 And they took up broken pieces, twelve basketfuls, and also of the fishes. 44 And they that ate the loaves were five thousand men.

45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to enter into the boat, and to go before *him* unto the other side to Bĕth-să'ĭ-dâ, while he himself sendeth the multitude away. 46 And after he had taken leave of them, he departed into the mountain to pray. 47 And when even was come, the boat was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. 48 And seeing them distressed in rowing, for the wind was contrary unto them, about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking on the sea; and he would have passed by them: 49 but they, when they saw him walking on the sea, supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out; 50 for they all saw him, and were troubled. But he straightway spake with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid. 51 And he went up unto them into the boat; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves; 52 for they understood not concerning the loaves, but their heart was hardened.

53 And when they had [1]crossed over, they came to the land unto Gĕn-nĕs'ă-rĕt, and moored to the shore. 54 And when they were come out of the boat, straightway *the people* knew him, 55 and ran round about that whole region, and began to carry about on their [2]beds those that were sick, where they heard he was. 56 And wheresoever he entered, into villages, or into cities, or into the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched [3]him were made whole.

7 And there are gathered together unto him the Phăr'ĭ-sees, and certain of the scribes, who had come from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, 2 and had seen that some of his disciples ate their bread with [4]defiled, that is, unwashen, hands. 3 (For the Phăr'ĭ-sees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands [5]diligently, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders; 4 and *when they come* from the marketplace, except they [6]bathe themselves, they eat not; and many other things there are, which they have received to hold, [7]washings of cups, and pots, and brasen vessels[8].) 5 And the Phăr'ĭ-sees and the scribes ask him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with [4]defiled hands? 6 And he said unto them, Well did Ī-să'ĭăh prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

> [9]This people honoreth me with their lips,
> But their heart is far from me.
> 7 But in vain do they worship me,
> Teaching *as their* doctrines the precepts of men.

8 Ye leave the commandment of God, and hold fast the tradition of men. 9 And he said unto them, Full well do ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your tradition. 10 For Mō'sĕs said, [10]Honor thy father and thy mother; and, He that speaketh evil of father or mother, let him [11]die the death: 11 but ye say, If a man shall say to his father or his mother, That wherewith thou mightest have been profited by me is Côr'băn, that is to say, Given *to God*; 12 ye no longer suffer him to do aught for his father or his mother; 13 making void the word of God by your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things ye do. 14 And he called to him the multitude again, and said unto them, Hear me all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing from without the man, that going into him can defile him;

[1] Or, *crossed over to the land, they came unto Gennesaret* [2] Or, *pallets* [3] Or, *it*
[4] Or, *common* [5] Or, *up to the elbow* Gr. *with the fist* [6] Gr. *baptize.* Some ancient authorities read *sprinkle themselves* [7] Or *baptizings* [8] Many ancient authorities add *and couches* [9] Is. 29.13 [10] Ex. 20.12; Dt. 5. 16; Ex. 21.17; Lev. 20.9 [11] Or, *surely die*

but the things which proceed out of the man are those that defile the man.[1] 17 And when he was entered into the house from the multitude, his disciples asked of him the parable. 18 And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Perceive ye not, that whatsoever from without goeth into the man, *it* cannot defile him; 19 because it goeth not into his heart, but into his belly, and goeth out into the draught? *This he said,* making all meats clean. 20 And he said, That which proceedeth out of the man, that defileth the man. 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, [2]evil thoughts proceed, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, 22 covetings, wickednesses, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, railing, pride, foolishness: 23 all these evil things proceed from within, and defile the man.

24 And from thence he arose, and went away into the borders of Tyre [3]and Sī'dŏn. And he entered into a house, and would have no man know it; and he could not be hid. 25 But straightway a woman, whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, having heard of him, came and fell down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a [4]Grēek, a Sỹ-rō-phœ-nī'cĭan by race. And she besought him that he would cast forth the demon out of her daughter. 27 And he said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's [5]bread and cast it to the dogs. 28 But she answered and saith unto him, Yea, Lord; even the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. 29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the demon is gone out of thy daughter. 30 And she went away unto her house, and found the child laid upon the bed, and the demon gone out.

31 And again he went out from the borders of Tyre, and came through Sī'dŏn unto the sea of Gă'lĭ-lēe, through the midst of the borders of Dē-căp'ŏ-lĭs. 32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to lay his hand upon him. 33 And he took him aside from the multitude privately, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat, and touched his tongue; 34 and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ĕph'phă-thā, that is, Be opened. 35 And his ears were opened, and the bond of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. 36 And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it. 37 And they were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well; he maketh even the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

8 In those days, when there was again a great multitude, and they had nothing to eat, he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, 2 I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: 3 and if I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint on the way; and some of them are come from far. 4 And his disciples answered him, Whence shall one be able to fill these men with [6]bread here in a desert place? 5 And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. 6 And he commandeth the multitude to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he brake, and gave to his disciples, to set before them; and they set them before the multitude. 7 And they had a few small fishes: and having blessed them, he commanded to set these also before them. 8 And they ate, and were filled: and they took up, of broken pieces that remained over, seven baskets. 9 And they were about four thousand: and he

[1] Many ancient authorities insert ver. 16 *If any man hath ears to hear, let him hear* See ch. 4. 9, 23 [2] Gr. *thoughts that are evil* [3] Some ancient authorities omit *and Sidon* [4] Or, *Gentile* [5] Or, *loaf* [6] Gr. *loaves*

sent them away. 10 And straightway he entered into the boat with his disciples, and came into the parts of Dăl-mă-nū'thā.

11 And the Phăr'ĭ-sēes came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, trying him. 12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation. 13 And he left them, and again entering into *the boat* departed to the other side.

14 And they forgot to take bread; and they had not in the boat with them more than one loaf. 15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Phăr'ĭ-sēes and the leaven of Hĕr'ŏd. 16 And they reasoned one with another, [1]saying, [2]We have no bread. 17 And Jē'sŭs perceiving it saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? do ye not yet perceive, neither understand? have ye your heart hardened? 18 Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember? 19 When I brake the five loaves among the five thousand, how many [3]baskets full of broken pieces took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve. 20 And when the seven among the four thousand, how many [3]basketfuls of broken pieces took ye up? And they say unto him, Seven. 21 And he said unto them, Do ye not yet understand?

22 And they come unto Bĕth-să'ĭ-dā. And they bring to him a blind man, and beseech him to touch him. 23 And he took hold of the blind man by the hand, and brought him out of the village; and when he had spit on his eyes, and laid his hands upon him, he asked him, Seest thou aught? 24 And he looked up, and said, I see men; for I behold *them* as trees, walking. 25 Then again he laid his hands upon his eyes; and he looked stedfastly, and was restored, and saw all things clearly. 26 And he sent him away to his home, saying, Do not even enter into the village.

27 And Jē'sŭs went forth, and his disciples, into the villages of Cæs-ă-rē'ă Phĭ-lĭp'pi: and on the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Who do men say that I am? 28 And they told him, saying, John the Băp'tĭst; and others, Ē-lī'jăh; but others, One of the prophets. 29 And he asked them, But who say ye that I am? Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Chrĭst. 30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, and the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he spake the saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. 33 But he turning about, and seeing his disciples, rebuked Peter, and saith, Get thee behind me, Satan; for thou mindest not the things of God, but the things of men. 34 And he called unto him the multitude with his disciples, and said unto them, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 35 For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the [4]gospel's shall save it. 36 For what doth it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? 37 For what should a man give in exchange for his life? 38 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man also shall be ashamed of him, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. 9 1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There are some here of them that stand *by*, who shall in no wise

[1] Some ancient authorities read *because they had no bread* [2] Or, It is *because we have no bread* [3] *Basket* in ver. 19 and 20 represents different Greek words

[4] See marginal note on ch. 1.1

taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God come with power.

2 And after six days Jē'sŭs taketh with him Peter, and [1]James, and John, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them; 3 and his garments became glistering, exceeding white, so as no fuller on earth can whiten them. 4 And there appeared unto them Ē-lī'jăh with Mō'sēs: and they were talking with Jē'sŭs. 5 And Peter answereth and saith to Jē'sŭs, Răb'bi, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three [2]tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Mō'sēs, and one for Ē-lī'jăh. 6 For he knew not what to answer; for they became sore afraid. 7 And there came a cloud overshadowing them: and there came a voice out of the cloud, This is my beloved Son: hear ye him. 8 And suddenly looking round about, they saw no one any more, save Jē'sŭs only with themselves.

9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, save when the Son of man should have risen again from the dead. 10 And they kept the saying, questioning among themselves what the rising again from the dead should mean. 11 And they asked him, saying, [3]*How is it* that the scribes say that Ē-lī'jăh must first come? 12 And he said unto them, Ē-lī'jăh indeed cometh first, and restoreth all things: and how is it written of the Son of man, that he should suffer many things and be set at nought? 13 But I say unto you, that Ē-lī'jăh is come, and they have also done unto him whatsoever they would, even as it is written of him.

14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great multitude about them, and scribes questioning with them. 15 And straightway all the multitude, when they saw him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him. 16 And he asked them, What question ye with them? 17 And one of the multitude answered him, Teacher, I brought unto thee my son, who hath a dumb spirit; 18 and wheresoever it taketh him, it [4]dasheth him down: and he foameth, and grindeth his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast it out; and they were not able. 19 And he answereth them and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with you? bring him unto me. 20 And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit [5]tare him grievously; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. 21 And he asked his father, How long time is it since this hath come unto him? And he said, From a child. 22 And oft-times it hath cast him both into the fire and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us. 23 And Jē'sŭs said unto him, If thou canst! All things are possible to him that believeth. 24 Straightway the father of the child cried out, and said[6], I believe; help thou mine unbelief. 25 And when Jē'sŭs saw that a multitude came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I command thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. 26 And having cried out, and [5]torn him much, he came out: and *the boy* became as one dead; insomuch that the more part said, He is dead. 27 But Jē'sŭs took him by the hand, and raised him up; and he arose. 28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, [7]*How is it* that we could not cast it out? 29 And he said unto them, This kind can come out by nothing, save by prayer[8].

[1] Or, *Jacob* [2] Or, *booths* [3] Or, *The scribes say . . . come*

[4] Or, *rendeth him* See Mt. 7.6 [5] Or, *convulsed*. See ch. 1.26 [6] Many ancient authorities add *with tears* [7] Or, saying, *We could not cast it out* [8] Many ancient authorities add *and fasting*

30 And they went forth from thence, and passed through Gă'l-i-lēe; and he would not that any man should know it. 31 For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is [1]delivered up into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he shall rise again. 32 But they understood not the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

33 And they came to Că-pĕr'-nă-ŭm: and when he was in the house he asked them, What were ye reasoning on the way? 34 But they held their peace: for they had disputed one with another on the way, who *was* the [2]greatest. 35 And he sat down, and called the twelve; and he saith unto them, If any man would be first, he shall be last of all, and [3]servant of all. 36 And he took a little child, and set him in the midst of them: and taking him in his arms, he said unto them, 37 Whosoever shall receive one of such little children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever receiveth me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

38 John said unto him, Teacher, we saw one casting out demons in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followed not us. 39 But Jĕ'sŭs said, Forbid him not: for there is no man who shall do a [4]mighty work in my name, and be able quickly to speak evil of me. 40 For he that is not against us is for us. 41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink, [5]because ye are Christ's, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. 42 And whosoever shall cause one of these little ones that believe [6]on me to stumble, it were better for him if [7]a great millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. 43 And if thy hand cause thee to stumble, cut it off: it is good for thee to enter into life maimed, rather than having thy two hands to go into [8]hell, into the unquenchable fire,[9] 45 And if thy foot cause thee to stumble, cut it off: it is good for thee to enter into life halt, rather than having thy two feet to be cast into [8]hell. 47 And if thine eye cause thee to stumble, cast it out: it is good for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into [8]hell; 48 where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 49 For every one shall be salted with fire[10]. 50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost its saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace one with another.

10 And he arose from thence, and cometh into the borders of Jŭ-dæ'ă and beyond the Jordan: and multitudes come together unto him again; and, as he was wont, he taught them again.

2 And there [1]came unto him Phăr'i-sees, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away *his* wife? trying him. 3 And he answered and said unto them, [11]What did Mō'sĕs command you? 4 And they said, Mō'sĕs suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. 5 But Jĕ'sŭs said unto them, For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. 6 But from the beginning of the creation, Male and female made he them. 7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, [12]and shall cleave to his wife; 8 and the two shall become one flesh: so that they are no more two, but one flesh. 9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. 10 And in the house the disciples asked him again of this matter. 11 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her: 12 and if she herself shall put away her

[1] See ch. 3.19 [2] Gr. *greater* [3] Or, *minister* [4] Gr. *power* [5] Gr. *in name that ye are* [6] Many ancient authorities omit *on me* [7] Gr. *a millstone turned by an ass* [8] Gr. *Gehenna* [9] Ver. 44 and 46 (which are identical with ver. 48) are omitted by the best ancient authorities [10] Many ancient authorities add *and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.* See Lev. 2.13 [11] Dt. 24.1, 3 [12] Some ancient authorities omit *and shall cleave to his wife*

husband, and marry another, she committeth adultery.

13 And they were bringing unto him little children, that he should touch them: and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jē'sŭs saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for [1]to such belongeth the kingdom of God. 15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. 16 And he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

17 And as he was going forth [2]into the way, there ran one to him, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? 18 And Jē'sŭs said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good save one, *even* God. 19 Thou knowest the commandments, [3]Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor thy father and mother. 20 And he said unto him, Teacher, all these things have I observed from my youth. 21 And Jē'sŭs looking upon him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. 22 But his countenance fell at the saying, and he went away sorrowful: for he was one that had great possessions.

23 And Jē'sŭs looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! 24 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jē'sŭs answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it [4]for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. 26 And they were astonished exceedingly, saying [5]unto him, Then who can be saved? 27 Jē'sŭs looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for all things are possible with God. 28 Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. 29 Jē'sŭs said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands, for my sake, and for the [6]gospel's sake, 30 but he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the [7]world to come eternal life. 31 But many *that are* first shall be last; and the last first.

32 And they were on the way, going up to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and Jē'sŭs was going before them: and they were amazed; and they that followed were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them the things that were to happen unto him, 33 *saying*, Behold, we go up to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests and the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him unto the Gĕn'tiles: 34 and they shall mock him, and shall spit upon him, and shall scourge him, and shall kill him; and after three days he shall rise again.

35 And there come near unto him [8]James and John, the sons of Zĕb'ĕdēe, saying unto him, Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall ask of thee. 36 And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? 37 And they said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and one on *thy* left hand, in thy glory. 38 But Jē'sŭs said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink the cup that I drink? or to be bap-

[1] Or, *of such is* [2] Or, *on his way* [3] Ex. 20. 12-16; Dt. 5.16-20 [4] Some ancient authorities omit *for them that trust in riches*

[5] Many ancient authorities read *among themselves* [6] See marginal note on ch. 1.1 [7] Or, *age* [8] Or, *Jacob*

tized with the baptism that I am baptized with? 39 And they said unto him, We are able. And Jē'sŭs said unto them, The cup that I drink ye shall drink; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: 40 but to sit on my right hand or on *my* left hand is not mine to give; but *it is for them* for whom it hath been prepared. 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be moved with indignation concerning [1]James and John. 42 And Jē'sŭs called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they who are accounted to rule over the Gĕn'tiles lord it over them; and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it is not so among you: but whosoever would become great among you, shall be your [2]minister; 44 and whosoever would be first among you, shall be [3]servant of all. 45 For the Son of man also came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

46 And they come to Jĕr'ĭ-chō: and as he went out from Jĕr'ĭ-chō, with his disciples and a great multitude, the son of Tĭ-mæ'ŭs, Băr-tĭ-mæ'ŭs, a blind beggar, was sitting by the way side. 47 And when he heard that it was Jē'sŭs the Năz-ă-rēne', he began to cry out, and say, Jē'sŭs, thou son of David, have mercy on me. 48 And many rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried out the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. 49 And Jē'sŭs stood still, and said, Call ye him. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good cheer: rise, he calleth thee. 50 And he, casting away his garment, sprang up, and came to Jē'sŭs. 51 And Jē'sŭs answered him, and said, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? And the blind man said unto him, [1]Răb-bō nī, that I may receive my sight. 52 And Jē'sŭs said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath [3]made thee whole. And straightway he received his sight, and followed him in the way.

11 And when they draw nigh unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, unto Bĕth'phă-gē and Bĕth'ă-nỹ, at the mount of ŏl'ĭves, he sendeth two of his disciples, 2 and saith unto them, Go your way into the village that is over against you: and straightway as ye enter into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon no man ever yet sat; loose him, and bring him. 3 And if any one say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye, The Lord hath need of him; and straightway he [2]will send him [3]back hither. 4 And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door without in the open street; and they loose him. 5 And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt? 6 And they said unto them even as Jē'sŭs had said: and they let them go. 7 And they bring the colt unto Jē'sŭs, and cast on him their garments; and he sat upon him. 8 And many spread their garments upon the way; and others [3]branches, which they had cut from the fields. 9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, Hō-săn'nă; Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord: 10 Blessed *is* the kingdom that cometh, *the kingdom* of our father David: Hō-săn'nă in the highest.

11 And he entered into Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, into the temple; and when he had looked round about upon all things, it being now eventide, he went out unto Bĕth'ă-nỹ with the twelve.

12 And on the morrow, when they were come out from Bĕth'ă-nỹ, he hungered. 13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for it was not the season of figs. 14 And he answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit from thee henceforward for ever. And his disciples heard it.

[1] Or, *Jacob* [2] Or, *servant* [3] Gr. *bondservant* [4] See John 20.16 [5] Or, *saved thee*
[6] Gr. *sendeth* [7] Or, *again* [8] Gr. *layers of leaves*

15 And they come to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and he entered into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and them that bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold the doves; 16 and he would not suffer that any man should carry a vessel through the temple. 17 And he taught, and said unto them, Is it not written, [1]My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations? [2]but ye have made it a den of robbers. 18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, for all the multitude was astonished at his teaching.

19 And [3]every evening [4]he went forth out of the city.

20 And as they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away from the roots. 21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Răb'bī, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. 22 And Jĕ'sŭs answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou taken up and cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that what he saith cometh to pass; he shall have it. 24 Therefore I say unto you, All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye [5]receive them, and ye shall have them. 25 And whensoever ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any one; that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.[6]

27 And they come again to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders; 28 and they said unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? or who gave thee this authority to do these things? 29 And Jĕ'sŭs said unto them, I will ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. 30 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men? answer me. 31 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him? 32 [8]But should we say, From men—they feared the people: [9]for all verily held John to be a prophet. 33 And they answered Jĕ'sŭs and say, We know not. And Jĕ'sŭs saith unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

12 And he began to speak unto them in parables. A man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and digged a pit for the winepress, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into another country. 2 And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a [10]servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruits of the vineyard. 3 And they took him, and beat him, and sent him away empty. 4 And again he sent unto them another [10]servant; and him they wounded in the head, and handled shamefully. 5 And he sent another; and him they killed: and many others; beating some, and killing some. 6 He had yet one, a beloved son: he sent him last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son. 7 But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours. 8 And they took him, and killed him, and cast him forth out of the vineyard. 9 What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others. 10 Have ye not read even this scripture:

[1] Is. 56.7 [2] Jer. 7.11 [3] Gr. *whenever evening came* [4] Some ancient authorities read *they* [5] Gr. *received* [6] Many ancient authorities add ver. 26 *But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your trespasses.* Comp. Mt. 6.15; 18.35

[7] Gr. *word* [8] Or, *But shall we say, From men?* [9] Or, *for all held John to be a prophet indeed* [10] Gr. *bondservant*

[1]The stone which the builders
rejected,
The same was made the head
of the corner;
11 This was from the Lord,
And it is marvellous in our eyes?
12 And they sought to lay hold on him; and they feared the multitude; for they perceived that he spake the parable against them: and they left him, and went away.

13 And they send unto him certain of the Phăr'ĭ-sēes and of the Hĕ-rō'dĭ-ăns, that they might catch him in talk. 14 And when they were come, they say unto him, Teacher, we know that thou art true, and carest not for any one; for thou regardest not the person of men, but of a truth teachest the way of God: Is it lawful to give tribute unto Çæ'sär, or not? 15 Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why make ye trial of me? bring me a [2]denarius, that I may see it. 16 And they brought it. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Cæ'sär's. 17 And Jē'sŭs said unto them, Render unto Çæ'sär the things that are Çæ'sär's, and unto God the things that are God's. And they marvelled greatly at him.

18 And there come unto him Săd'dū-çees, who say that there is no resurrection; and they asked him, saying, 19 Teacher, Mō'sēs wrote unto us, [3]If a man's brother die, and leave a wife behind him, and leave no child, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. 20 There were seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and dying left no seed; 21 and the second took her, and died, leaving no seed behind him; and the third likewise: 22 and the seven left no seed. Last of all the woman also died. 23 In the resurrection whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife. 24 Jē'sŭs said unto them, Is it not for this cause that ye err, that ye know not the scriptures, nor the power of God? 25 For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as angels in heaven. 26 But as touching the dead, that they are raised; have ye not read in the book of Mō'sēs, in *the place concerning* the Bush, how God spake unto him, saying, [4]*I am* the God of Abraham, and the God of Ī'săac, and the God of Jacob? 27 He is not the God of the dead, but of the living: ye do greatly err.

28 And one of the scribes came, and heard them questioning together, and knowing that he had answered them well, asked him, What commandment is the first of all? 29 Jē'sŭs answered, The first is, [5]Hear, O Ĭs'rā-ĕl; [6]The Lord our God, the Lord is one: 30 and thou shalt love the Lord thy God [7]with all thy heart, and [7]with all thy soul, and [7]with all thy mind, and [7]with all thy strength. 31 The second is this, [8]Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. 32 And the scribe said unto him, Of a truth, Teacher, thou hast well said that he is one; and there is none other but he: 33 and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is much more than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices. 34 And when Jē'sŭs saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

35 And Jē'sŭs answered and said, as he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that the Christ is the son of David? 36 David himself said in the Holy Spirit,
[9]The Lord said unto my Lord,
Sit thou on my right hand,
Till I make thine enemies [10]the
footstool of thy feet.

1 Ps. 118.22 f. 2 See marginal note on ch. 6.37 3 Dt. 25.5
4 Ex. 3.6 5 Dt. 6.4 ff. 6 Or, *The Lord is our God; the Lord is one* 7 Gr. *from* 8 Lev. 19.18 9 Ps. 110.1 10 Some ancient authorities read *underneath thy feet*

37 David himself calleth him
Lord; and whence is he his son?
And [1]the common people heard
him gladly.

38 And in his teaching he said,
Beware of the scribes, who desire
to walk in long robes, and *to have*
salutations in the marketplaces,
39 and chief seats in the syna-
gogues, and chief places at feasts:
40 they that devour widows' houses,
[2]and for a pretence made long
prayers; these shall receive greater
condemnation.

41 And he sat down over against
the treasury, and beheld how the
multitude cast [3]money into the
treasury: and many that were rich
cast in much. 42 And there came
[4]a poor widow, and she cast in two
mites, which make a farthing. 43
And he called unto him his disci-
ples, and said unto them, Verily I
say unto you, This poor widow cast
in more than all they that are casting
into the treasury: 44 for they all
did cast in of their superfluity; but
she of her want did cast in all that
she had, *even* all her living.

13 And as he went forth out of
the temple, one of his disci-
ples saith unto him, Teacher, be-
hold, what manner of stones and
what manner of buildings! 2 And
Jĕ'sŭs said unto him, Seest thou
these great buildings? there shall
not be left here one stone upon
another, which shall not be thrown
down.

3 And as he sat on the mount of
ŏl'ĭves over against the temple,
Peter and [5]James and John and
Andrew asked him privately, 4 Tell
us, when shall these things be?
and what *shall be* the sign when
these things are all about to be
accomplished? 5 And Jē'sŭs be-
gan to say unto them, Take heed
that no man lead you astray.
6 Many shall come in my name,
saying, I am *he*; and shall lead
many astray. 7 And when ye
shall hear of wars and rumors of
wars, be not troubled: *these things*
must needs come to pass; but the
end is not yet. 8 For nation shall
rise against nation, and kingdom
against kingdom; there shall be
earthquakes in divers places; there
shall be famines: these things are
the beginning of travail.

9 But take ye heed to your-
selves: for they shall deliver you
up to councils; and in synagogues
shall ye be beaten; and before
governors and kings shall ye stand
for my sake, for a testimony unto
them. 10 And the [6]gospel must
first be preached unto all the na-
tions. 11 And when they lead
you *to judgment*, and deliver you
up, be not anxious beforehand
what ye shall speak: but whatso-
ever shall be given you in that
hour, that speak ye; for it is not ye
that speak, but the Holy Spirit.
12 And brother shall [7]deliver up
brother to death, and the father his
child; and children shall rise up
against parents, and [8]cause them
to be put to death. 13 And ye
shall be hated of all men for my
name's sake: but he that endureth
to the end, the same shall be saved.

14 But when ye see the abomi-
nation of desolation standing where
he ought not (let him that readeth
understand), then let them that
are in Jū-dæ'ā flee unto the moun-
tains: 15 and let him that is on the
housetop not go down, nor enter in,
to take anything out of his house:
16 and let him that is in the field
not return back to take his cloak.
17 But woe unto them that are
with child and to them that give
suck in those days! 18 And pray
ye that it be not in the winter.
19 For those days shall be tribula-
tion, such as there hath not been
the like from the beginning of the
creation which God created until
now, and never shall be. 20 And
except the Lord had shortened the
days, no flesh would have been
saved; but for the elect's sake,
whom he chose, he shortened the
days. 21 And then if any man
shall say unto you, Lo, here is the

[1] Or, *the great multitude* [2] Or, *even while for a pretence they make* [3] Gr. *brass* [4] Gr. *one* [5] Or, *Jacob*

[6] See marginal note on ch. 1.1 [7] See ch. 3.19 [8] Or, *put them to death*

Christ; or, Lo, there; believe [1]*it* not: 22 for there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show signs and wonders, that they may lead astray, if possible, the elect. 23 But take ye heed: behold, I have told you all things beforehand.

24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, 25 and the stars shall be falling from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens shall be shaken. 26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then shall he send forth the angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

28 Now from the fig tree learn her parable: when her branch is now become tender, and putteth forth its leaves, ye know that the summer is nigh; 29 even so ye also, when ye see these things coming to pass, know ye that [2]he is nigh, *even* at the doors. 30 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, until all these things be accomplished. 31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. 32 But of that day or that hour knoweth no one, not even the angels in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

33 Take ye heed, watch [3]and pray: for ye know not when the time is. 34 *It is* as *when* a man, sojourning in another country, having left his house, and given authority to his [4]servants, to each one his work, commanded also the porter to watch. 35 Watch therefore: for ye know not when the lord of the house cometh, whether at even, or at midnight, or at cockcrowing, or in the morning; 36 lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

[1] Or, him [2] Or, *it* [3] Some ancient authorities omit *and pray* [4] Gr. *bondservants*

14 Now after two days was *the feast of* the passover and the unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him with subtlety, and kill him: 2 for they said, Not during the feast, lest haply there shall be a tumult of the people.

3 And while he was in Bĕth'ă-nў in the house of Sī'mŏn the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having [5]an alabaster cruse of ointment of [6]pure nard very costly; *and* she brake the cruse, and poured it over his head. 4 But there were some that had indignation among themselves, *saying*, To what purpose hath this waste of the ointment been made? 5 For this ointment might have been sold for above three hundred [7]shillings, and given to the poor. And they murmured against her. 6 But Jē'sŭs said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. 7 For ye have the poor always with you, and whensoever ye will ye can do them good: but me ye have not always. 8 She hath done what she could; she hath anointed my body beforehand for the burying. 9 And verily I say unto you, Wheresoever the [8]gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, that also which this woman hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

10 And Jū'dăs Ĭs-căr'ĭ-ŏt, [9]he that was one of the twelve, went away unto the chief priests, that he might [10]deliver him unto them. 11 And they, when they heard it, were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently [10]deliver him *unto them*.

12 And on the first day of unleavened bread, when they sacrificed the passover, his disciples say unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and make ready that thou mayest eat the passover? 13 And he

[5] Or, *a flask* [6] Or, *liquid nard* [7] See marginal note on ch. 6.37 [8] See marginal note on ch. 1.1 [9] Gr. *the one of the twelve* [10] See ch. 3.19

sendeth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him; 14 and wheresoever he shall enter in, say to the master of the house, The Teacher saith, Where is my guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? 15 And he will himself show you a large upper room furnished *and* ready: and there make ready for us. 16 And the disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

17 And when it was evening he cometh with the twelve. 18 And as they [1]sat and were eating, Jē'sŭs said, Verily I say unto you, One of you shall [2]betray me, *even* he that eateth with me. 19 They began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? 20 And he said unto them, *It is* one of the twelve, he that dippeth with me in the dish. 21 For the Son of man goeth, even as it is written of him: but woe unto that man through whom the Son of man is [2]betrayed! good were it [3]for that man if he had not been born.

22 And as they were eating, he took [4]bread, and when he had blessed, he brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take ye: this is my body. 23 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave to them: and they all drank of it. 24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the [5]covenant, which is poured out for many. 25 Verily I say unto you, I shall no more drink of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

26 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out unto the mount of ŏl'ĭves.

27 And Jē'sŭs saith unto them, All ye shall be [6]offended: for it is written, [7]I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered abroad. 28 Howbeit, after I am raised up, I will go before you into Găl'ĭ-lēe. 29 But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be [6]offended, yet will not I. 30 And Jē'sŭs saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, that thou to-day, *even* this night, before the cock crow twice, shalt deny me thrice. 31 But he spake exceeding vehemently, If I must die with thee, I will not deny thee. And in like manner also said they all.

32 And they come unto [8]a place which was named Gĕth-sĕm'ă-nē: and he saith unto his disciples, Sit ye here, while I pray. 33 And he taketh with him Peter and [9]James and John, and began to be greatly amazed, and sore troubled. 34 And he saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death: abide ye here, and watch. 35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass away from him. 36 And he said, Ăb'bà, Father, all things are possible unto thee; remove this cup from me: howbeit not what I will, but what thou wilt. 37 And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Sī'mŏn, sleepest thou? couldest thou not watch one hour? 38 [10]Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 39 And again he went away, and prayed, saying the same words. 40 And again he came, and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they knew not what to answer him. 41 And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, [11]Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough; the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is [2]betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Arise, let us be going: behold, he that [2]betrayeth me is at hand.

43 And straightway, while he yet spake, cometh Jū'dăs, one of the twelve, and with him a multi-

[1] Gr. *reclined* [2] See marginal note on ch. 3.19 [3] Gr. *for him if that man* [4] Or, *a loaf* [5] Some ancient authorities insert *new* [6] Gr. *caused to stumble* [7] Zech. 13.7
[8] Gr. *an enclosed piece of ground* [9] Or, *Jacob* [10] Or, *Watch ye, and pray that ye enter not* [11] Or, *Do ye sleep on, then, and take your rest?*

tude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. 44 Now he that [1]betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he; take him, and lead him away safely. 45 And when he was come, straightway he came to him, and saith, Răb'bī; and [2]kissed him. 46 And they laid hands on him, and took him. 47 But a certain one of them that stood by drew his sword, and smote the [3]servant of the high priest, and struck off his ear. 48 And Jē'sŭs answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a robber, with swords and staves to seize me? 49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but *this is done* that the scriptures might be fulfilled. 50 And they all left him, and fled.

51 And a certain young man followed with him, having a linen cloth cast about him, over *his* naked *body*: and they lay hold on him; 52 but he left the linen cloth, and fled naked.

53 And they led Jē'sŭs away to the high priest: and there come together with him all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes. 54 And Peter had followed him afar off, even within, into the court of the high priest; and he was sitting with the officers, and warming himself in the light *of the fire*. 55 Now the chief priests and the whole council sought witness against Jē'sŭs to put him to death; and found it not. 56 For many bare false witness against him, and their witness agreed not together. 57 And there stood up certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, 58 We heard him say, I will destroy this [4]temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands. 59 And not even so did their witness agree together. 60 And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jē'sus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? 61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and saith unto him, Art thou the Chrīst, the Son of the Blessed? 62 And Jē'sŭs said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven. 63 And the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What further need have we of witnesses? 64 Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be [5]worthy of death. 65 And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophesy: and the officers received him with [6]blows of their hands.

66 And as Peter was beneath in the court, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest; 67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and saith, Thou also wast with the Năz-ă-rēne', *even* Jē'sŭs. 68 But he denied, saying, [7]I neither know, nor understand what thou sayest: and he went out into the [8]porch; [9]and the cock crew. 69 And the maid saw him, and began again to say to them that stood by, This is *one* of them. 70 But he again denied it. And after a little while again they that stood by said to Peter, Of a truth thou art *one* of them; for thou art a Găl-ĭ-læ'ăn. 71 But he began to curse, and to swear, I know not this man of whom ye speak. 72 And straightway the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word, how that Jē'sŭs said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. [10]And when he thought thereon, he wept.

15 And straightway in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consulta-

1 See marginal note on ch. 3.19 2 Gr. *kissed him much* 3 Gr. *bondservant* 4 Or, *sanctuary*
5 Gr. *liable to* 6 Or, *strokes of rods* 7 Or, *I neither know, nor understand: thou, what sayest thou?* 8 Gr. *forecourt* 9 Many ancient authorities omit *and the cock crew* 10 Or, *And he began to weep*

tion, and bound Jē'sŭs, and carried him away, and delivered him up to Pī'lāte. 2 And Pī'lāte asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering saith unto him, Thou sayest. 3 And the chief priests accused him of many things. 4 And Pī'lāte again asked him, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they accuse thee of. 5 But Jē'sŭs no more answered anything; insomuch that Pī'lāte marvelled.

6 Now at [1]the feast he used to release unto them one prisoner, whom they asked of him. 7 And there was one called Bär-ăb'bās, *lying* bound with them that had made insurrection, men who in the insurrection had committed murder. 8 And the multitude went up and began to ask him *to do* as he was wont to do unto them. 9 And Pī'lāte answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews? 10 For he perceived that for envy the chief priests had delivered him up. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the multitude, that he should rather release Bär-ăb'bās unto them. 12 And Pī'lāte again answered and said unto them, What then shall I do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews? 13 And they cried out again, Crucify him. 14 And Pī'lāte said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out exceedingly, Crucify him. 15 And Pī'lāte, wishing to content the multitude, released unto them Bär-ăb'bās, and delivered Jē'sŭs, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

16 And the soldiers led him away within the court, which is the [2]Præ-tō'rĭ-ŭm; and they call together the whole [3]band. 17 And they clothe him with purple, and platting a crown of thorns, they put it on him; 18 and they began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews! 19 And they smote his head with a reed, and spat upon him, and bowing their knees [4]worshipped him. 20 And when they had mocked him, they took off from him the purple, and put on him his garments. And they lead him out to crucify him.

21 And they [5]compel one passing by, Sī'mŏn of Çy-rē'nė, coming from the country, the father of Ăl-ĕx-ăn'dĕr and Ru'fŭs, to go *with them*, that he might bear his cross.

22 And they bring him unto the place Gŏl'gŏ-thȧ, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. 23 And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not. 24 And they crucify him, and part his garments among them, casting lots upon them, what each should take. 25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. 26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 27 And with him they crucify two robbers; one on his right hand, and one on his left.[6] 29 And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ha! thou that destroyest the [7]temple, and buildest it in three days, 30 save thyself, and come down from the cross. 31 In like manner also the chief priests mocking *him* among themselves with the scribes said, He saved others; [8]himself he cannot save. 32 Let the Christ, the King of Ĭs'rȧ-ĕl, now come down from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reproached him.

33 And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole [9]land until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jē'sŭs cried with a loud voice, Ĕ-lō'ĭ, Ĕ-lō'ĭ, lā'mȧ sȧ-bȧch-thā'nĭ? which is, being interpreted, [10]My God, my God, [11]why hast thou forsaken me? 35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said,

[1] Or, *a feast* [2] Or, *palace* [3] Or, *cohort* [4] See marginal note on ch. 5.6 [5] Gr. *impress* [6] Many ancient authorities insert ver. 28 *And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was reckoned with transgressors.* See Lk. 22.37 [7] Or, *sanctuary* [8] Or, *can he not save himself?* [9] Or, *earth* [10] Ps. 22.1 [11] Or, *why didst thou forsake me?*

Behold, he calleth Ē-lī'jăh. 36 And one ran, and filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let be; let us see whether Ē-lī'jăh cometh to take him down. 37 And Jē'sŭs uttered a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. 38 And the veil of the [1]temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom. 39 And when the centurion, who stood by over against him, saw that he [2]so gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was [3]the Son of God. 40 And there were also women beholding from afar: among whom *were* both Mary Măg-dă-lē'nē, and Mary the mother of [4]James the [5]less and of Jō'sēs, and Să-lō'mē; 41 who, when he was in Găl'ĭ-lēe, followed him, and ministered unto him; and many other women that came up with him unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm.

42 And when even was now come, because it was the Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, 43 there came Joseph of Ăr-i-mă-thæ'ă, a councillor of honorable estate, who also himself was looking for the kingdom of God; and he boldly went in unto Pī'lāte, and asked for the body of Jē'sŭs. 44 And Pī'lāte marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he [6]had been any while dead. 45 And when he learned it of the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph. 46 And he bought a linen cloth, and taking him down, wound him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of a rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. 47 And Mary Măg-dă-lē'nē and Mary the *mother* of Jō'sēs beheld where he was laid.

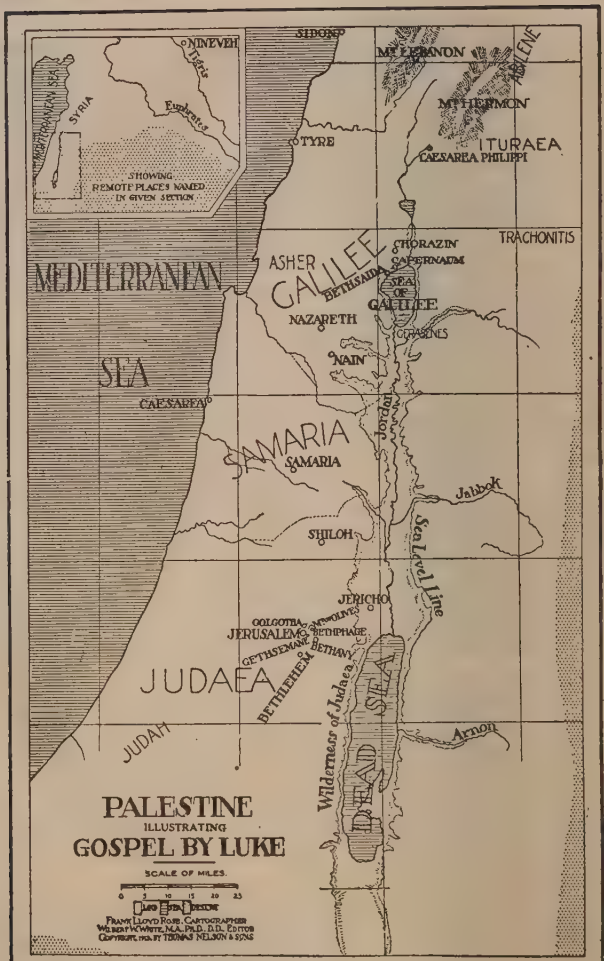
16 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Măg-dă-lē'nē, and Mary the *mother* of [4]James, and Să-lō'mē, bought spices, that they might come and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, they come to the tomb when the sun was risen. 3 And they were saying among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the tomb? 4 and looking up, they see that the stone is rolled back: for it was exceeding great. 5 And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, arrayed in a white robe; and they were amazed. 6 And he saith unto them, Be not amazed: ye seek Jē'sŭs, the Năz-ă-rēne', who hath been crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold, the place where they laid him! 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, He goeth before you into Găl'ĭ-lēe: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. 8 And they went out, and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them: and they said nothing to any one; for they were afraid.

9 [7]Now when he was risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Măg-dă-lē'nē, from whom he had cast out seven demons. 10 She went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. 11 And they, when they heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, disbelieved.

12 And after these things he was manifested in another form unto two of them, as they walked, on their way into the country. 13 And they went away and told it unto the rest: neither believed they them.

14 And afterward he was manifested unto the eleven themselves as they sat at meat; and he upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them that had seen him after he was risen. 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the [8]gospel to the whole creation.

[1] Or, *sanctuary* [2] Many ancient authorities read *so cried out, and gave up the ghost* [3] Or, *a son of God* [4] Or, *Jacob* [5] Gr. *little* [6] Many ancient authorities read *were already dead* [7] The two oldest Greek manuscripts, and some other authorities, omit from ver. 9 to the end. Some other authorities have a different ending to the Gospel [8] See marginal note on ch. 1.1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16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned. 17 And these signs shall accompany them that believe: in my name shall they cast out demons; they shall speak with [1]new tongues; 18 they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall in no wise hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

19 So then the Lord Jē′sŭs, after he had spoken unto them, was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word by the signs that followed. Ā-mĕn′.

[1] Some ancient authorities omit *new*

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1 Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to draw up a narrative concerning those matters which have been [1]fulfilled among us, 2 even as they delivered them unto us, who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, 3 it seemed good to me also, having traced the course of all things accurately from the first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Thĕ-ŏph′ĭ-lŭs; 4 that thou mightest know the certainty concerning the [2]things [3]wherein thou wast instructed.

5 There was in the days of Hĕr′ŏd, king of Jū-dæ′ā, a certain priest named Zăch-ă-rī′ăs, of the course of Ā-bī′jăh: and he had a wife of the daughters of Aär′ŏn, and her name was Ē-lĭs′ă-bĕth. 6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. 7 And they had no child, because that Ē-lĭs′-ă-bĕth was barren, and they both were *now* [4]well stricken in years.

8 Now it came to pass, while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, 9 according to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to enter into the [5]temple of the Lord and burn incense. 10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the hour of incense.

11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And Zăch-ă-rī′ăs was troubled when he saw *him*, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zăch-ă-rī′ăs: because thy supplication is heard, and thy wife Ē-lĭs′ă-bĕth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. 14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. 15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor [6]strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. 16 And many of the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl shall he turn unto the Lord their God. 17 And he shall [7]go before his face in the spirit and power of Ē-lī′jăh, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient *to walk* in the wisdom of the just; to make ready for the Lord a people prepared *for him*. 18 And Zăch-ă-rī′ăs said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife [8]well stricken in years. 19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gā′brĭ-ĕl, that stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak unto thee, and to bring thee these good tidings. 20 And behold, thou shalt be silent and not

[1] Or, *fully established* [2] Gr. *words* [3] Or, *which thou wast taught by word of mouth* [4] Gr. *advanced in their days* [5] Or, *sanctuary*

[6] Gr. *sikera* [7] Some ancient authorities read *come nigh before his face* [8] Gr. *advanced in her days*

able to speak, until the day that these things shall come to pass, because thou believedst not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season. 21 And the people were waiting for Zăch-ă-rī'ăs, and they marvelled [1]while he tarried in the [2]temple. 22 And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the [2]temple: and he continued making signs unto them, and remained dumb. 23 And it came to pass, when the days of his ministration were fulfilled, he departed unto his house.

24 And after these days Ē-lĭs'ă-bĕth his wife conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, 25 Thus hath the Lord done unto me in the days wherein he looked upon *me*, to take away my reproach among men.

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gā'brĭ-ĕl was sent from God unto a city of Găl'ĭ-lēe, named Năz'ă-rĕth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art [3]highly favored, the Lord *is* with thee[4]. 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this might be. 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found [5]favor with God. 31 And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JĒ'SŪS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 and he shall reign over the house of Jacob [6]for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 34 And Mary said unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: wherefore also [7]the holy thing which is begotten [8]shall be called the Son of God. 36 And behold, Ē-lĭs'ă-bĕth thy kinswoman, she also hath conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her that [9]was called barren. 37 For no word from God shall be void of power. 38 And Mary said, Behold, the [10]handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

39 And Mary arose in these days and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Jū'dăh; 40 and entered into the house of Zăch-ă-rī'ăs and saluted Ē-lĭs'ă-bĕth. 41 And it came to pass, when Ē-lĭs'ă-bĕth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Ē-lĭs'ă-bĕth was filled with the Holy Spirit; 42 and she lifted up her voice with a loud cry, and said, Blessed *art* thou among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of thy womb. 43 And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come unto me? 44 For behold, when the voice of thy salutation came into mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45 And blessed *is* she that [11]believed; for there shall be a fulfilment of the things which have been spoken to her from the Lord. 46 And Mary said,

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in
God my Saviour.
48 For he hath looked upon the
low estate of his [10]handmaid:
For behold, from henceforth
all generations shall call me
blessed.
49 For he that is mighty hath done
to me great things;
And holy is his name.
50 And his mercy is unto generations
and generations
On them that fear him.
51 He hath showed strength with
his arm;

[1] Or, *at his tarrying* [2] Or, *sanctuary* [3] Or, *endued with grace* [4] Many ancient authorities add *blessed art thou among women* See ver. 42 [5] Or, *grace* [6] Gr. *unto the ages* [7] Or, *that which is to be born shall be called holy, the Son of God* [8] Some ancient authorities insert *of thee* [9] Or, *is* [10] Gr. *bondmaid* [11] Or, *believeth that there shall be*

He hath scattered the proud [1]in the imagination of their heart.
52 He hath put down princes from *their* thrones,
And hath exalted them of low degree.
53 The hungry he hath filled with good things;
And the rich he hath sent empty away.
54 He hath given help to Ĭs'rā-ĕl his servant,
That he might remember mercy
55 (As he spake unto our fathers)
Toward Abraham and his seed for ever.

56 And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned unto her house.

57 Now Ē-lĭs'ă-bĕth's time was fulfilled that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. 58 And her neighbors and her kinsfolk heard that the Lord had magnified his mercy towards her; and they rejoiced with her. 59 And it came to pass on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him Zăch-ă-rī'ăs, after the name of his father. 60 And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. 61 And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. 62 And they made signs to his father, what he would have him called. 63 And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all. 64 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue *loosed*, and he spake, blessing God. 65 And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Jū-dæ'ā. 66 And all that heard them laid them up in their heart, saying, What then shall this child be? For the hand of the Lord was with him.

67 And his father Zăch-ă-rī'ăs was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying,
68 Blessed *be* the Lord, the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl;
For he hath visited and wrought redemption for his people,
69 And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us
In the house of his servant David
70 (As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old),
71 Salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;
72 To show mercy towards our fathers,
And to remember his holy covenant;
73 The oath which he sware unto Abraham our father,
74 To grant unto us that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies
Should serve him without fear,
75 In holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
76 Yea and thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Most High:
For thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to make ready his ways;
77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people
In the remission of their sins,
78 Because of the [2]tender mercy of our God,
[3]Whereby the dayspring from on high [4]shall visit us,
79 To shine upon them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death;
To guide our feet into the way of peace.

80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his showing unto Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

2 Now it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Cæ'sär Au-gŭs'tŭs, that all [5]the world should be enrolled. 2 This was the first enrolment made when Quĭ-rĭn'ĭ-ŭs was governor of Sўr'ĭ-ā. 3 And all went to enrol themselves, every one to his own city. 4 And Joseph also

[1] Or, *by* [2] Or, *heart of mercy* [3] Or, *Wherein* [4] Many ancient authorities read *hath visited us* [5] Gr. *the inhabited earth*

went up from Găl'ĭ-lēe, out of the city of Năz'ă-rĕth, into Jū-dæ'ă, to the city of David, which is called Bĕth'lĕ-hĕm, because he was of the house and family of David; 5 to enrol himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, being great with child. 6 And it came to pass, while they were there, the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping [1]watch by night over their flock. 9 And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: 11 for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is [2]Christ the Lord. 12 And this *is* the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth [3]peace among [4]men
in whom he is well pleased.

15 And it came to pass, when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bĕth'lĕ-hĕm, and see this [5]thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. 16 And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known concerning the saying which was spoken to them about this child. 18 And all that heard it wondered at the things which were spoken unto them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these [6]sayings, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken unto them.

21 And when eight days were fulfilled for circumcising him, his name was called JĒ'SŬS, which was so called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days of their purification [7]according to the law of Mō'sĕs were fulfilled, they brought him up to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, [8]Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord), 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, [9]A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. 25 And behold, there was a man in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, whose name was Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jē'sŭs, that they might do concerning him after the custom of the law, 28 then he received him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 Now lettest thou thy [10]servant depart, [11]Lord,
According to thy word, in peace;
30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples;
32 A light for [12]revelation to the Gĕn'tiles,
And the glory of thy people Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

[1] Or, *night-watches* [2] Or, *Anointed Lord* [3] Many ancient authorities read *peace, good pleasure among men* [4] Gr. *men of good pleasure* [5] Or, *saying* [6] Or, *things* [7] Lev. 12.2-6 [8] Ex. 13.2, 12 [9] Lev. 12.8; 5.11 [10] Gr. *bondservant* [11] Gr. *Master* [12] Or, *the unveiling of the Gentiles*

33 And his father and his mother were marvelling at the things which were spoken concerning him; 34 and Sim'ĕ-ŏn blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is set for the falling and the rising of many in ĭs'rā-ĕl; and for a sign which is spoken against; 35 yea and a sword shall pierce through thine own soul; that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed. 36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phăn'ū-ĕl, of the tribe of Ăsh'ĕr (she was [1]of a great age, having lived with a husband seven years from her virginity, 37 and she had been a widow even unto fourscore and four years), who departed not from the temple, worshipping with fastings and supplications night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks unto God, and spake of him to all them that were looking for the redemption of Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm. 39 And when they had accomplished all things that were according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Găl'ĭ-lēe, to their own city Năz'ă-rĕth.

40 And the child grew, and waxed strong, [2]filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

41 And his parents went every year to Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm at the feast of the passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up after the custom of the feast; 43 and when they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the boy Jē'sŭs tarried behind in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm; and his parents knew it not; 44 but supposing him to be in the company, they went a day's journey; and they sought for him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance: 45 and when they found him not, they returned to Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, seeking for him. 46 And it came to pass, after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the [3]teachers, both hearing them, and asking them questions: 47 and all that heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 And when they saw him, they were astonished; and his mother said unto him, [4]Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I sought thee sorrowing. 49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? knew ye not that I must be [5]in my Father's house? 50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. 51 And he went down with them, and came to Năz'ă-rĕth; and he was subject unto them: and his mother kept all *these* [6]sayings in her heart.

52 And Jē'sŭs advanced in wisdom and [7]stature, and in [8]favor with God and men.

3 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tī-bē'rĭ-ŭs Çæ'sär, Pŏn'tĭŭs Pī'lăte being governor of Jū-dæ'ă, and Hĕr'ŏd being tetrarch of Găl'ĭ-lēe, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of ĭt-ū-ræ'ă and Trăch-ŏ-nī'tĭs, and Lȳ-sā'nĭ-ăs tetrarch of Ăb-ĭ-lē'nē, 2 in the highpriesthood of Ăn'năs and Că'ĭă-phăs, the word of God came unto John the son of Zăch-ă-rī'ăs in the wilderness. 3 And he came into all the region round about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins; 4 as it is written in the book of the words of ĭ-sā'ĭăh the prophet,

[9]The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
Make ye ready the way of the Lord,
Make his paths straight.
5 Every valley shall be filled,
And every mountain and hill shall be brought low;
And the crooked shall become straight,
And the rough ways smooth;
6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

7 He said therefore to the multitudes that went out to be baptized

1 Gr. *advanced in many days* 2 Gr. *becoming full of wisdom* 3 Or, *doctors* See ch. 5.17; Acts 5.34

4 Gr. *Child* 5 Or, *about my Father's business* Gr. *in the things of my Father* 6 Or, *things* 7 Or, *age* 8 Or, *grace* 9 Is. 40.3 ff.

of him, Ye offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of [1]repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. 9 And even now the axe also lieth at the root of the trees: every tree therefore that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 10 And the multitudes asked him, saying, What then must we do? 11 And he answered and said unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath food, let him do likewise. 12 And there came also [2]publicans to be baptized, and they said unto him, Teacher, what must we do? 13 And he said unto them, Extort no more than that which is appointed you. 14 And [3]soldiers also asked him, saying, And we, what must we do? And he said unto them, Extort from no man by violence, neither accuse *any one* wrongfully; and be content with your wages.

15 And as the people were in expectation, and all men reasoned in their hearts concerning John, whether haply he were the Christ; 16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but there cometh he that is mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not [4]worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you [5]in the Holy Spirit and *in* fire: 17 whose fan is in his hand, thoroughly to cleanse his threshing-floor, and to gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire.

18 With many other exhortations therefore preached he [6]good tidings unto the people; 19 but Hĕr'ŏd the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Hĕ-rō'dĭ-ăs his brother's wife, and for all the evil things which Hĕr'ŏd had done, 20 added this also to them all, that he shut up John in prison.

21 Now it came to pass, when all the people were baptized, that, Jē'sŭs also having been baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form, as a dove, upon him, and a voice came out of heaven, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

23 And Jē'sŭs himself, when he began *to teach*, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the *son* of Hē'lī, 24 the *son* of Măt'thăt, the *son* of Lē'vī, the *son* of Měl'chī, the *son* of Jăn'nā-ī, the *son* of Joseph, 25 the *son* of Măt-tă-thī'ăs, the *son* of Ā'mŏs, the *son* of Nā'hŭm, the *son* of Ēs'lī, the *son* of Năg'gā-ī, 26 the *son* of Mā'ăth, the *son* of Măt-tă-thī'ăs, the *son* of Sĕm'ĕ-ĭn, the *son* of Jō'sĕch, the *son* of Jō'dă, 27 the *son* of Jō-ăn'ăn, the *son* of Rhē'sà, the *son* of Zĕ-rŭb'bă-bĕl, the *son* of [7]Shĕ-ăl'tĭ-ĕl, the *son* of Nē'rī, 28 the *son* of Měl'chī, the *son* of Ăd'dī, the *son* of Cō'săm, the *son* of Ĕl-mā'dăm, the *son* of Ēr, 29 the *son* of Jē'sŭs, the *son* of Ē-lĭ-ē'zĕr, the *son* of Jō'rĭm, the *son* of Măt'thăt, the *son* of Lē'vī, 30 the *son* of Sȳm'ĕ-ŏn, the *son* of Jū'dăs, the *son* of Joseph, the *son* of Jō'năm, the *son* of Ē-lī'ă-kĭm, 31 the *son* of Mē'lĕ-ă, the *son* of Mĕn'nà, the *son* of Măt'tă-thà, the *son* of Nā'thăn, the *son* of David, 32 the *son* of Jĕs'sĕ, the *son* of Ō'bĕd, the *son* of Bō'ăz, the *son* of [8]Săl'mŏn, the *son* of Năh'shŏn, 33 the *son* of Ăm-mĭn'ă-dăb, [9]the *son* of [10]Ăr'nī, the *son* of Hĕz'rŏn, the *son* of Pē'rĕz, the *son* of Jū'dăh, 34 the *son* of Jacob, the *son* of Ī'săac, the *son* of Abraham, the *son* of Tĕ'răh, the *son* of Nā'hôr, 35 the *son* of Sē'rŭg, the *son* of Rē'u, the *son* of Pē'lĕg, the *son* of Ē'bĕr, the *son* of Shē'lăh, 36 the *son* of Că-ī'năn, the *son* of Ăr-

[1] Or, *your repentance* [2] That is, *collectors or renters of Roman taxes* [3] Gr. *soldiers on service* [4] Gr. *sufficient* [5] Or, *with* [6] Or, *the gospel*

[7] Gr. *Salathiel* [8] Some ancient authorities write *Sala* [9] Many ancient authorities insert *the son of Admin*: and one writes *Admin* for *Amminadab* [10] Some ancient authorities write *Aram*

phăx'ăd, the *son* of Shem, the *son* of Noah, the *son* of Lā'měch, 37 the *son* of Mĕ-thū'sĕ-lăh, the *son* of Ē'nŏch, the *son* of Jā'rĕd, the *son* of Mā-hā'lă-lē-ĕl, the *son* of Că-ī'nán, 38 the *son* of Ē'nŏs, the *son* of Seth, the *son* of Adam, the *son* of God.

4 And Jē'sŭs, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led in the Spirit in the wilderness 2 during forty days, being tempted of the devil. And he did eat nothing in those days: and when they were completed, he hungered. 3 And the devil said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, command this stone that it become [1]bread. 4 And Jē'sŭs answered unto him, It is written, [2]Man shall not live by bread alone. 5 And he led him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of [3]the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said unto him, To thee will I give all this authority, and the glory of them: for it hath been delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. 7 If thou therefore wilt [4]worship before me, it shall all be thine. 8 And Jē'sŭs answered and said unto him, It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 9 And he led him to Jē-ru'să-lĕm, and set him on the [5]pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: 10 for it is written,

> [6]He shall give his angels charge concerning thee, to guard thee:
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> 11 and,
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> On their hands they shall bear thee up,
>
> Lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone.

12 And Jē'sŭs answering said unto him, It is said, [7]Thou shalt not make trial of the Lord thy God.

13 And when the devil had completed every temptation, he departed from him [8]for a season.

14 And Jē'sŭs returned in the power of the Spirit into Găl'ĭ-lēe: and a fame went out concerning him through all the region round about. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

16 And he came to Năz'ă-rĕth, where he had been brought up: and he entered, as his custom was, into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And there was delivered unto him [9]the book of the prophet Ī-să'ĭăh. And he opened the [10]book, and found the place where it was written,

18 [11]The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
Because he anointed me to
[12]preach [13]good tidings to the poor:
He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives,
And recovering of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the [10]book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down: and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 And he began to say unto them, To-day hath this scripture been fulfilled in your ears. 22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the words of grace which proceeded out of his mouth: and they said, Is not this Joseph's son? 23 And he said unto them, Doubtless ye will say unto me this parable, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done at Că-pēr'nă-ŭm, do also here in thine own country. 24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is acceptable in his own country. 25 But of a truth I say unto you, There were many widows in Ĭs'rā-ĕl in the days of Ē-lī'jăh, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there came a great famine over all the land; 26 and unto none of them

[1] Or, *a loaf* [2] Dt. 8.3 [3] Gr. *the inhabited earth* [4] The Greek word denotes an act of reverence, whether paid to a creature, or to the Creator (comp. marginal note on Mt. 2.2) [5] Gr. *wing* [6] Ps. 91.11, 12 [7] Dt. 6.16 [8] Or, *until* [9] Or, *a roll* [10] Or, *roll* [11] Is. 61.1 f. [12] Or, *Wherefore* [13] Or, *the gospel*

was Ē-lī'jăh sent, but only to [1]Zăr'-ĕ-phăth, in the land of Sī'dŏn, unto a woman that was a widow. 27 And there were many lepers in Ĭs'rā-ĕl in the time of Ē-lī'shā the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Nā'ă-măn the Sўr'ĭ-ăn. 28 And they were all filled with wrath in the synagogue, as they heard these things; 29 and they rose up, and cast him forth out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might throw him down headlong. 30 But he passing through the midst of them went his way.

31 And he came down to Că-pēr'nă-ŭm, a city of Găl'ĭ-lēe. And he was teaching them on the sabbath day: 32 and they were astonished at his teaching; for his word was with authority. 33 And in the synagogue there was a man, that had a spirit of an unclean demon; and he cried out with a loud voice, 34 [2]Ah! what have we to do with thee, Jē'sŭs thou Năz-ă-rēne'? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. 35 And Jē'sŭs rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst, he came out of him, having done him no hurt. 36 And amazement came upon all, and they spake together, one with another, saying, What is [3]this word? for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out. 37 And there went forth a rumor concerning him into every place of the region round about.

38 And he rose up from the synagogue, and entered into the house of Sī'mŏn. And Sī'mŏn's wife's mother was holden with a great fever; and they besought him for her. 39 And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she rose up and ministered unto them.

40 And when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. 41 And demons also came out from many, crying out, and saying, Thou art the Son of God. And rebuking them, he suffered them not to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

42 And when it was day, he came out and went into a desert place: and the multitudes sought after him, and came unto him, and would have stayed him, that he should not go from them. 43 But he said unto them, I must preach [4]the good tidings of the kingdom of God to the other cities also: for therefore was I sent.

44 And he was preaching in the synagogues of [5]Găl'ĭ-lēe.

5 Now it came to pass, while the multitude pressed upon him and heard the word of God, that he was standing by the lake of Gĕn-nĕs'ă-rĕt; 2 and he saw two boats standing by the lake: but the fishermen had gone out of them, and were washing their nets. 3 And he entered into one of the boats, which was Sī'mŏn's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the multitudes out of the boat. 4 And when he had left speaking, he said unto Sī'mŏn, Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. 5 And Sī'mŏn answered and said, Master, we toiled all night, and took nothing: but at thy word I will let down the nets. 6 And when they had done this, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes; and their nets were breaking; 7 and they beckoned unto their partners in the other boat, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But Sī'mŏn Peter, when he saw it, fell down at Jē'sŭs' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. 9 For he was amazed, and all that were with

1 Gr. *Sarepta* 2 Or, *Let alone* 3 Or, *this word, that with authority . . . come out?*
4 Or, *the gospel* 5 Very many ancient authorities read *Judæa*

him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken; 10 and so were also [1]James and John, sons of Zĕb'ĕ-dēe, who were partners with Sī'mŏn. And Jē'sŭs said unto Sī'mŏn, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt [2]catch men. 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left all, and followed him.

12 And it came to pass, while he was in one of the cities, behold, a man full of leprosy: and when he saw Jē'sŭs, he fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 13 And he stretched forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou made clean. And straightway the leprosy departed from him. 14 And he charged him to tell no man: but go thy way, and show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, [3]according as Mō'sēs commanded, for a testimony unto them. 15 But so much the more went abroad the report concerning him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed of their infirmities. 16 But he withdrew himself in the deserts, and prayed.

17 And it came to pass on one of those days, that he was teaching; and there were Phăr'ĭ-sēes and doctors of the law sitting by, who were come out of every village of Găl'ĭ-lēe and Jū-dæ'ā and Jē-ru'să-lĕm: and the power of the Lord was with him [4]to heal. 18 And behold, men bring on a bed a man that was palsied: and they sought to bring him in, and to lay him before him. 19 And not finding by what *way* they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went up to the housetop, and let him down through the tiles with his couch into the midst before Jē'sŭs. 20 And seeing their faith, he said, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. 21 And the scribes and the Phăr'ĭ-sēes began to reason, saying, Who is this that speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone? 22 But Jē'sŭs perceiving their [5]reasonings, answered and said unto them, [6]Why reason ye in your hearts? 23 Which is easier, to say, Thy sins are forgiven thee; or to say, Arise and walk? 24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath authority on earth to forgive sins (he said unto him that was palsied), I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go unto thy house. 25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his house, glorifying God. 26 And amazement took hold on all, and they glorified God; and they were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to-day.

27 And after these things he went forth, and beheld a [7]publican, named Lē'vī, sitting at the place of toll, and said unto him, Follow me. 28 And he forsook all, and rose up and followed him.

29 And Lē'vī made him a great feast in his house: and there was a great multitude of [7]publicans and of others that were sitting at meat with them. 30 And [8]the Phăr'ĭ-sēes and their scribes murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with the [7]publicans and sinners? 31 And Jē'sŭs answering said unto them, They that are [9]in health have no need of a physician; but they that are sick. 32 I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

33 And they said unto him, The disciples of John fast often, and make supplications; likewise also the *disciples* of the Phăr'ĭ-sēes; but thine eat and drink. 34 And Jē'sŭs said unto them, Can ye make the [10]sons of the bride-chamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? 35 But the days will come; and when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them,

1 Or, *Jacob* 2 Gr. *take alive* 3 Lev. 13.49; 14.2 ff. 4 Gr. *that he should heal.* Many ancient authorities read *that* he *should heal them*
5 Or, *questionings* 6 Or, *What* 7 See marginal note on ch. 3.12 8 Or, *the Pharisees and the scribes among them* 9 Gr. *sound*
10 That is, *companions of the bridegroom*

then will they fast in those days. 36 And he spake also a parable unto them: No man rendeth a piece from a new garment and putteth it upon an old garment; else he will rend the new, and also the piece from the new will not agree with the old. 37 And no man putteth new wine into old [1]wine-skins; else the new wine will burst the skins, and itself will be spilled, and the skins will perish. 38 But new wine must be put into fresh wine-skins. 39 And no man having drunk old *wine* desireth new; for he saith, The old is [2]good.

6 Now it came to pass on a [3]sabbath, that he was going through the grainfields; and his disciples plucked the ears, and did eat, rubbing them in their hands. 2 But certain of the Phăr'ĭ-sēes said, Why do ye that which it is not lawful to do on the sabbath day? 3 And Jē'sŭs answering them said, [4]Have ye not read even this, what David did, when he was hungry, he, and they that were with him; 4 how he entered into the house of God, and took and ate the show-bread, and gave also to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat save for the priests alone? 5 And he said unto them, The Son of man is lord of the sabbath.

6 And it came to pass on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man there, and his right hand was withered. 7 And the scribes and the Phăr'ĭ-sēes watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath; that they might find how to accuse him. 8 But he knew their thoughts; and he said to the man that had his hand withered, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth. 9 And Jē'sŭs said unto them, I ask you, Is it lawful on the sabbath to do good, or to do harm? to save a life, or to destroy it? 10 And he looked round about on them all, and said unto him, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did *so*: and his hand was restored. 11 But they were filled with [5]madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jē'sŭs.

12 And it came to pass in these days, that he went out into the mountain to pray; and he continued all night in prayer to God. 13 And when it was day, he called his disciples; and he chose from them twelve, whom also he named apostles: 14 Sī'mŏn, whom he also named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and [6]James and John, and Philip and Băr-thŏl'ō-mew, 15 and Măt'thew and Thomas, and [6]James *the son* of Ăl-phæ'ŭs, and Sī'mŏn who was called the Zealot, 16 and Jū'dăs *the* [7]*son* of [6]James, and Jū'dăs Ĭs-căr'ĭ-ŏt, who became a traitor; 17 and he came down with them, and stood on a level place, and a great multitude of his disciples, and a great number of the people from all Jū-dæ'ā and Jē-ru'să-lĕm, and the sea coast of Tȳre and Sī'dŏn, who came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; 18 and they that were troubled with unclean spirits were healed. 19 And all the multitude sought to touch him; for power came forth from him, and healed *them* all.

20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed *are* ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed *are* ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed *are* ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh. 22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you *from their company*, and reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap *for joy*: for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same manner did their fathers unto the prophets. 24 But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. 25 Woe unto you, ye that are full now! for ye shall hunger.

1 That is, *skins used as bottles* 2 Many ancient authorities read *better* 3 Many ancient authorities insert *second-first* 4 1 S. 21.6
5 Or, *foolishness* 6 Or, *Jacob* 7 Or, brother. See Jude 1

Woe *unto you*, ye that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep. 26 Woe *unto you*, when all men shall speak well of you! for in the same manner did their fathers to the false prophets.

27 But I say unto you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, 28 bless them that curse you, pray for them that despitefully use you. 29 To him that smiteth thee on the *one* cheek offer also the other; and from him that taketh away thy cloak withhold not thy coat also. 30 Give to every one that asketh thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. 31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. 32 And if ye love them that love you, what thank have ye? for even sinners love those that love them. 33 And if ye do good to them that do good to you, what thank have ye? for even sinners do the same. 34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? even sinners lend to sinners, to receive again as much. 35 But love your enemies, and do *them* good, and lend, [1]never despairing; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be sons of the Most High: for he is kind toward the unthankful and evil. 36 Be ye merciful, even as your Father is merciful. 37 And judge not, and ye shall not be judged: and condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: release, and ye shall be released: 38 give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall they give into your bosom. For with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again.

39 And he spake also a parable unto them, Can the blind guide the blind? shall they not both fall into a pit? 40 The disciple is not above his teacher: but every one when he is perfected shall be as his teacher. 41 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 42 Or how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me cast out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote that is in thy brother's eye. 43 For there is no good tree that bringeth forth corrupt fruit; nor again a corrupt tree that bringeth forth good fruit. 44 For each tree is known by its own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. 45 The good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and the evil *man* out of the evil *treasure* bringeth forth that which is evil: for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? 47 Every one that cometh unto me, and heareth my words, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: 48 he is like a man building a house, who digged and went deep, and laid a foundation upon the rock: and when a flood arose, the stream brake against that house, and could not shake it: [2]because it had been well builded. 49 But he that [3]heareth, and [4]doeth not, is like a man that built a house upon the earth without a foundation; against which the stream brake, and straightway it fell in; and the ruin of that house was great.

7 After he had ended all his sayings in the ears of the people, he entered into Că-pĕr'nă-ŭm.

2 And a certain centurion's [5]servant, who was [6]dear unto him, was sick and at the point of death. 3 And when he heard concerning Jē'sŭs, he sent unto him elders of the Jews, asking him that he

[1] Some ancient authorities read *despairing of no man*

[2] Many ancient authorities read *for it had been founded upon the rock*: as in Mt. 7.25
[3] Gr. *heard* [4] Gr. *did not* [5] Gr. *bondservant*
[6] Or, *precious to him* Or, *honorable with him*

would come and save his [1]servant. 4 And they, when they came to Jĕ'sŭs, besought him earnestly, saying, He is worthy that thou shouldest do this for him; 5 for he loveth our nation, and himself built us our synagogue. 6 And Jĕ'sŭs went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself; for I am not [2]worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: 7 wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say [3]the word, and my [4]servant shall be healed. 8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under myself soldiers: and I say to this one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my [1]servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 9 And when Jĕ'sŭs heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned and said unto the multitude that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Ĭs'rā-ĕl. 10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the [1]servant whole.

11 And it came to pass [5]soon afterwards, that he went to a city called Nā'ĭn; and his disciples went with him, and a great multitude. 12 Now when he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, there was carried out one that was dead, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. 13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. 14 And he came nigh and touched the bier: and the bearers stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. 15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. 16 And fear took hold on all: and they glorified God, saying, A great prophet is arisen among us: and, God hath visited his people. 17 And this report went forth concerning him in the whole of Jū-dæ'ā, and all the region round about.

18 And the disciples of John told him of all these things. 19 And John calling unto him [6]two of his disciples sent them to the Lord, saying, Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another? 20 And when the men were come unto him, they said, John the Băp'tĭst hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another? 21 In that hour he cured many of diseases and [7]plagues and evil spirits; and on many that were blind he bestowed sight. 22 And he answered and said unto them, Go and tell John the things which ye have seen and heard; the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have [8]good tidings preached to them. 23 And blessed is he, whosoever shall find no occasion of stumbling in me.

24 And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to behold? a reed shaken with the wind? 25 But what went ye out to see? a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts. 26 But what went ye out to see? a prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. 27 This is he of whom it is written,

> [9]Behold, I send my messenger
> before thy face,
> Who shall prepare thy way be-
> fore thee.

28 I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there is none greater than John: yet he that is [10]but little in the kingdom of God is greater than he. 29 And all the people when they heard, and the [11]publicans, justified God,

1 Gr. *bondservant* 2 Gr. *sufficient* 3 Gr. *with a word* 4 Or, *boy* 5 Many ancient authorities read *on the next day*

6 Gr. *certain two* 7 Gr. *scourges* 8 Or, *the gospel* 9 Mal. 3.1 10 Gr. *lesser* 11 See marginal note on ch. 3.12

[1]being baptized with the baptism of John. 30 But the Phăr'ĭ-sēes and the lawyers rejected for themselves the counsel of God, [2]being not baptized of him. 31 Whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generation, and to what are they like? 32 They are like unto children that sit in the marketplace, and call one to another; who say, We piped unto you, and ye did not dance; we wailed, and ye did not weep. 33 For John the Băp'tĭst is come eating no bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a demon. 34 The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold, a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of [3]publicans and sinners! 35 And wisdom [4]is justified of all her children.

36 And one of the Phăr'ĭ-sēes desired him that he would eat with him. And he entered into the Phăr'ĭ-sēe's house, and [5]sat down to meat. 37 And behold, a woman who was in the city, a sinner; and when she knew that he was [6]sitting at meat in the Phăr'ĭ-sēe's house, she brought [7]an alabaster cruse of ointment, 38 and standing behind at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and [8]kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. 39 Now when the Phăr'ĭ-sēe that had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were [9]a prophet, would have perceived who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him, that she is a sinner. 40 And Jē-sŭs answering said unto him, Sī'-mŏn, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Teacher, say on. 41 A certain lender had two debtors: the one owed five hundred [10]shillings, and the other fifty. 42 When they had not *wherewith* to pay, he forgave them both. Which of them therefore will love him most? 43 Sī'mŏn answered and said, He, I suppose, to whom he forgave the most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. 44 And turning to the woman, he said unto Sī'mŏn, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thy house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath wetted my feet with her tears, and wiped them with her hair. 45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but she, since the time I came in, hath not ceased to [11]kiss my feet. 46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but she hath anointed my feet with ointment. 47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loveth little. 48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. 49 And they that [12]sat at meat with him began to say [13]within themselves, Who is this that even forgiveth sins? 50 And he said unto the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

8 And it came to pass soon afterwards, that he went about through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the [14]good tidings of the kingdom of God, and with him the twelve, 2 and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary that was called Măg-dă-lē'nē, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 and Jō-ăn'nā the wife of Chū'zăs Hĕr'ōd's steward, and Sū-săn'nā, and many others, who ministered unto [15]them of their substance.

4 And when a great multitude came together, and they of every city resorted unto him, he spake by a parable: 5 The sower went forth to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden under foot, and the birds of the heaven devoured it. 6 And other fell on the rock; and as soon as it grew, it withered away, because it had no moisture.

[1] Or, *having been* [2] Or, *not having been* [3] See marginal note on ch. 3.12 [4] Or, *was* [5] Or, *reclined at table* [6] Or, *reclining at table* [7] Or, *a flask* [8] Gr. *kissed much* [9] Some ancient authorities read *the prophet*. See Jn. 1.21, 25 [10] The word in the Greek denotes a coin worth about eight pence half-penny, or nearly seventeen cents

[11] Gr, *kiss much* [12] Gr. *reclined* [13] Or, *among* [14] Or, *gospel* [15] Many ancient authorities read *him*

7 And other fell amidst the thorns; and the thorns grew with it, and choked it. 8 And other fell into the good ground, and grew, and brought forth fruit a hundredfold. As he said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

9 And his disciples asked him what this parable might be. 10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to the rest in parables; that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. 11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 And those by the way side are they that have heard; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word from their heart, that they may not believe and be saved. 13 And those on the rock *are* they who, when they have heard, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. 14 And that which fell among the thorns, these are they that have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to perfection. 15 And that in the good ground, these are such as in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, hold it fast, and bring forth fruit with [1]patience.

16 And no man, when he hath lighted a lamp, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but putteth it on a stand, that they that enter in may see the light. 17 For nothing is hid, that shall not be made manifest; nor *anything* secret, that shall not be known and come to light. 18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he [2]thinketh he hath.

19 And there came to him his mother and brethren, and they could not come at him for the crowd. 20 And it was told him, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee. 21 But he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these that hear the word of God, and do it.

22 Now it came to pass on one of those days, that he entered into a boat, himself and his disciples; and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake: and they launched forth. 23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filling *with water*, and were in jeopardy. 24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. And he awoke, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And being afraid they marvelled, saying one to another, Who then is this, that he commandeth even the winds and the water, and they obey him?

26 And they arrived at the country of the [3]Gĕr'ă-sēnes', which is over against Găl'ĭ-lēe. 27 And when he was come forth upon the land, there met him a certain man out of the city, who had demons; and for a long time he had worn no clothes, and abode not in *any* house, but in the tombs. 28 And when he saw Jĕ'sŭs, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jĕ'sŭs, thou Son of the Most High God? I beseech thee, torment me not. 29 For he was commanding the unclean spirit to come out from the man. For [4]oftentimes it had seized him: and he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters; and breaking the bands asunder, he was driven of the demon into the deserts. 30 And Jĕ'sŭs asked him, What is thy name? And he said, Legion; for many demons were entered into him. 31 And

1 Or, *stedfastness* 2 Or, *seemeth to have*

3 Many ancient authorities read *Gergesenes*; others, *Gadarenes*: and so in ver. 37

4 Or, *of a long time*

they entreated him that he would not command them to depart into the abyss. 32 Now there was there a herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they entreated him that he would give them leave to enter into them. And he gave them leave. 33 And the demons came out from the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd rushed down the steep into the lake, and were drowned. 34 And when they that fed them saw what had come to pass, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. 35 And they went out to see what had come to pass; and they came to Jē′sŭs, and found the man, from whom the demons were gone out, sitting, clothed and in his right mind, at the feet of Jē′sŭs: and they were afraid. 36 And they that saw it told them how he that was possessed with demons was [1]made whole. 37 And all the people of the country of the Gĕr′ā-sēnes′ round about asked him to depart from them; for they were holden with great fear: and he entered into a boat, and returned. 38 But the man from whom the demons were gone out prayed him that he might be with him: but he sent him away, saying, 39 Return to thy house, and declare how great things God hath done for thee. And he went his way, publishing throughout the whole city how great things Jē′sŭs had done for him.

40 And as Jē′sŭs returned, the multitude welcomed him; for they were all waiting for him. 41 And behold, there came a man named Jā-ī′rŭs, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jē′sŭs' feet, and besought him to come into his house; 42 for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as he went the multitudes thronged him.

43 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, who [2]had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed of any, 44 came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately the issue of her blood stanched. 45 And Jē′sŭs said, Who is it that touched me? And when all denied, Peter said, [3]and they that were with him, Master, the multitudes press thee and crush *thee*. 46 But Jē′sŭs said, Some one did touch me; for I perceived that power had gone forth from me. 47 And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people for what cause she touched him, and how she was healed immediately. 48 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath [4]made thee whole; go in peace.

49 While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's *house*, saying, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Teacher. 50 But Jē′sŭs hearing it, answered him, Fear not: only believe, and she shall be [1]made whole. 51 And when he came to the house, he suffered not any man to enter in with him, save Peter, and John, and James, and the father of the maiden and her mother. 52 And all were weeping, and bewailing her: but he said, Weep not; for she is not dead, but sleepeth. 53 And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. 54 But he, taking her by the hand, called, saying, Maiden, arise. 55 And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately: and he commanded that *something* be given her to eat. 56 And her parents were amazed: but he charged them to tell no man what had been done.

9 And he called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. 2 And he sent them forth to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal [5]the sick.

[1] Or, *saved* [2] Some ancient authorities omit *had spent all her living upon physicians, and*
[3] Some ancient authorities omit *and they that were with him*
[4] Or, *saved thee*
[5] Some ancient authorities omit *the sick*

3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staff, nor wallet, nor bread, nor money; neither have two coats. 4 And into whatsoever house ye enter, there abide, and thence depart. 5 And as many as receive you not, when ye depart from your city, shake off the dust from your feet for a testimony against them. 6 And they departed, and went throughout the villages, preaching the [1]gospel, and healing everywhere.

7 Now Hĕr'ŏd the tetrarch heard of all that was done: and he was much perplexed, because that it was said by some, that John was risen from the dead; 8 and by some, that Ē-lī'jăh had appeared; and by others, that one of the old prophets was risen again. 9 And Hĕr'ŏd said, John I beheaded: but who is this, about whom I hear such things? And he sought to see him.

10 And the apostles, when they were returned, declared unto him what things they had done. And he took them, and withdrew apart to a city called Bĕth-sā'ĭ-dà. 11 But the multitudes perceiving it followed him: and he welcomed them, and spake to them of the kingdom of God, and them that had need of healing he cured. 12 And the day began to wear away; and the twelve came, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages and country round about, and lodge, and get provisions: for we are here in a desert place. 13 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more than five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy food for all this people. 14 For they were about five thousand men. And he said unto his disciples, Make them [2]sit down in companies, about fifty each. 15 And they did so, and made them all [2]sit down. 16 And he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake; and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude. 17 And they ate, and were all filled: and there was taken up that which remained over to them of broken pieces, twelve baskets.

18 And it came to pass, as he was praying apart, the disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Who do the multitudes say that I am? 19 And they answering said, John the Băp'tĭst; but others *say*, Ē-lī'jăh; and others, that one of the old prophets is risen again. 20 And he said unto them, But who say ye that I am? And Peter answering said, The Christ of God. 21 But he charged them, and commanded *them* to tell this to no man; 22 saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up. 23 And he said unto all, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. 24 For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. 25 For what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose or forfeit his own self? 26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in his own glory, and *the glory* of the Father, and of the holy angels. 27 But I tell you of a truth, There are some of them that stand here, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God.

28 And it came to pass about eight days after these sayings, that he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up into the mountain to pray. 29 And as he was praying, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment *became* white *and* dazzling. 30 And behold, there talked with him two men, who were Mō'sĕs and Ē-lī'jăh; 31 who appeared in glory, and spake of his [3]decease which he was about to accomplish at Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm. 32 Now Peter and they that were with him were

[1] Or, *good tidings* [2] Gr. *recline* [3] Or, *departure*

heavy with sleep: but [1]when they were fully awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him. 33 And it came to pass, as they were parting from him, Peter said unto Jē′sŭs, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three [2]tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Mō′sĕs, and one for Ē-lī′jăh: not knowing what he said. 34 And while he said these things, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is [3]my Son, my chosen: hear ye him. 36 And when the voice [4]came, Jē′sŭs was found alone. And they held their peace, and told no man in those days any of the things which they had seen.

37 And it came to pass, on the next day, when they were come down from the mountain, a great multitude met him. 38 And behold, a man from the multitude cried, saying, Teacher, I beseech thee to look upon my son; for he is mine only child: 39 and behold, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it [5]teareth him that he foameth, and it hardly departeth from him, bruising him sorely. 40 And I besought thy disciples to cast it out; and they could not. 41 And Jē′sŭs answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and bear with you? bring hither thy son. 42 And as he was yet a coming, the demon [6]dashed him down, and [7]tare *him* grievously. But Jē′sŭs rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. 43 And they were all astonished at the majesty of God.

But while all were marvelling at all the things which he did, he said unto his disciples, 44 Let these words sink into your ears: for the Son of man shall be [8]delivered up into the hands of men. 45 But they understood not this saying, and it was concealed from them, that they should not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

46 And there arose a [9]reasoning among them, which of them was the [10]greatest. 47 But when Jē′sŭs saw the [9]reasoning of their heart, he took a little child, and set him by his side, 48 and said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this little child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is [11]least among you all, the same is great.

49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out demons in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us. 50 But Jē′sŭs said unto him, Forbid *him* not: for he that is not against you is for you.

51 And it came to pass, when the days [12]were well-nigh come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jē-ru′să-lĕm, 52 and sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Să-măr′ĭ-tănș, to make ready for him. 53 And they did not receive him, because his face was *as though he were* going to Jē-ru′să-lĕm. 54 And when his disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we bid fire to come down from heaven, and consume them[13]? 55 But he turned, and rebuked them[14]. 56 And they went to another village.

57 And as they went on the way, a certain man said unto him, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. 58 And Jē′sŭs said unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven *have* [15]nests; but the Son of man hath not where

[1] Or, *having remained awake* [2] Or, *booths* [3] Many ancient authorities read *my beloved Son* See Mt. 17.5; Mk. 9.7 [4] Or, *was past* [5] Or, *convulseth* [6] Or, *rent him* [7] Or, *convulsed* [8] Or, *betrayed*

[9] Or, *questioning* [10] Gr. *greater* [11] Gr. *lesser* [12] Gr. *were being fulfilled* [13] Many ancient authorities add *even as Elijah did.* Comp. 2 K. 1.10-12 [14] Some ancient authorities add *and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.* Some, but fewer, add also *For the Son of man came not to destroy men's lives but to save* them. Comp. ch. 19.10; Jn. 3.17; 12.47 [15] Gr. *lodging-places*

to lay his head. 59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 60 But he said unto him, Leave the dead to bury their own dead; but go thou and publish abroad the kingdom of God. 61 And another also said, I will follow thee, Lord; but first suffer me to bid farewell to them that are at my house. 62 But Jē'sŭs said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

10 Now after these things the Lord appointed seventy[1] others, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself was about to come. 2 And he said unto them, The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest. 3 Go your ways; behold, I send you forth as lambs in the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no wallet, no shoes; and salute no man on the way. 5 And into whatsoever house ye shall [2]enter, first say, Peace *be* to this house. 6 And if a son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon [3]him: but if not, it shall turn to you again. 7 And in that same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. 8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: 9 and heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. 10 But into whatsoever city ye shall enter, and they receive you not, go out into the streets thereof and say, 11 Even the dust from your city, that cleaveth to our feet, we wipe off against you: nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh. 12 I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable in that day for Söd'ŏm, than for that city. 13 Woe unto thee, Chŏ-rā'zĭn! woe unto thee, Bĕth-sā'ĭ-dà! for if the [4]mighty works had been done in Tȳre and Sī'dŏn, which were done in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14 But it shall be more tolerable for Tȳre and Sī'dŏn in the judgment, than for you. 15 And thou, Că-pēr'nă-ŭm, shalt thou be exalted unto heaven? thou shalt be brought down unto Hā'dēs. 16 He that heareth you heareth me; and he that rejecteth you rejecteth me; and he that rejecteth me rejecteth him that sent me.

17 And the seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject unto us in thy name. 18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan fallen as lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall in any wise hurt you. 20 Nevertheless in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

21 In that same hour he rejoiced [5]in the Holy Spirit, and said, I [6]thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou didst hide these things from the wise and understanding, and didst reveal them unto babes: yea, Father; [7]for so it was well-pleasing in thy sight. 22 All things have been delivered unto me of my Father: and no one knoweth who the Son is, save the Father; and who the Father is, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son willeth to reveal *him*. 23 And turning to the disciples, he said privately, Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things that ye see: 24 for I say unto you, that many prophets and kings desired to see the things which ye see, and saw them not; and to hear the things which ye hear, and heard them not.

25 And behold, a certain lawyer

[1] Many ancient authorities add *and two*: and so in ver. 17 [2] Or, *enter first, say* [3] Or, *it* [4] Gr. *powers* [5] Or, *by* [6] Or, *praise* [7] Or, *that*

stood up and made trial of him, saying, Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 26 And he said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? 27 And he answering said, [1]Thou shalt love the Lord thy God [2]with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; [3]and thy neighbor as thyself. 28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. 29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said unto Jĕ'sŭs, And who is my neighbor? 30 Jĕ'sŭs made answer and said, A certain man was going down from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm to Jĕr'ĭ-chō; and he fell among robbers, who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 And by chance a certain priest was going down that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 And in like manner a Lē'vīte also, when he came to the place, and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Să-măr'ĭ-tăn, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion, 34 and came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on *them* oil and wine; and he set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 And on the morrow he took out two [4]shillings, and gave them to the host, and said, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, I, when I come back again, will repay thee. 36 Which of these three, thinkest thou, proved neighbor unto him that fell among the robbers? 37 And he said, He that showed mercy on him. And Jĕ'sŭs said unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet, and heard his word. 40 But Martha was [5]cumbered about much serving; and she came up to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister did leave me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 41 But the Lord answered and said unto her, [6]Martha, Martha, thou art anxious and troubled about many things: 42 [7]but one thing is needful: for Mary hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

11 And it came to pass, as he was praying in a certain place, that when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, even as John also taught his disciples. 2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, [8]Father, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.[9] 3 Give us day by day [10]our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins; for we ourselves also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And bring us not into temptation[11].

5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 for a friend of mine is come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him; 7 and he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee? 8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will arise and give him [12]as many as he needeth. 9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10 For every one that asketh re-

[1] Dt. 6.5 [2] Gr. *from* [3] Lev. 19.18 [4] See marginal note on ch. 7.41

[5] Gr. *distracted* [6] A few ancient authorities read *Martha, Martha, thou art troubled; Mary hath chosen &c.* [7] Many ancient authorities read *but few things are needful, or one* [8] Many ancient authorities read *Our Father, who art in heaven.* See Mt. 6.9 [9] Many ancient authorities add *Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth.* See Mt. 6.10 [10] Gr. *our bread for the coming day.* Or, *our needful bread:* as in Mt. 6.11 [11] Many ancient authorities add *but deliver us from the evil* one (or, *from evil*). See Mt. 6.13 [12] Or, *whatsoever things*

ceiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 11 And of which of you that is a father shall his son ask [1]a loaf, and he give him a stone? or a fish, and he for a fish give him a serpent? 12 Or *if* he shall ask an egg, will he give him a scorpion? 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

14 And he was casting out a demon *that was* dumb. And it came to pass, when the demon was gone out, the dumb man spake; and the multitudes marvelled. 15 But some of them said, [2]By [3]Bē-ĕl'zĕ-bŭb the prince of the demons casteth he out demons. 16 And others, trying *him*, sought of him a sign from heaven. 17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; [4]and a house *divided* against a house falleth. 18 And if Satan also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out demons [2]by [3]Bē-ĕl'zĕ-bŭb. 19 And if I [2]by [3]Bē-ĕl'zĕ-bŭb cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. 20 But if I by the finger of God cast out demons, then is the kingdom of God come upon you. 21 When the strong *man* fully armed guardeth his own court, his goods are in peace: 22 but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him his whole armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. 23 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. 24 The unclean spirit when [5]he is gone out of the man, passeth through waterless places, seeking rest, and finding none, [5]he saith, I will turn back unto my house whence I came out. 25 And when [5]he is come, [5]he findeth it swept and garnished. 26 Then goeth [5]he, and taketh *to him* seven other spirits more evil than [6]himself; and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man becometh worse than the first.

27 And it came to pass, as he said these things, a certain woman out of the multitude lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the breasts which thou didst suck. 28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

29 And when the multitudes were gathering together unto him, he began to say, This generation is an evil generation: it seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it but the sign of Jō'năh. 30 For even as Jō'năh became a sign unto the Nĭn'ĕ-vītes, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation. 31 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and shall condemn them: for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn; and behold, [7]a greater than Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn is here. 32 The men of Nĭn'ĕ-vĕh shall stand up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jō'năh; and behold, [7]a greater than Jō'năh is here.

33 No man, when he hath lighted a lamp, putteth it in a cellar, neither under the bushel, but on the stand, that they which enter in may see the light. 34 The lamp of thy body is thine eye: when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when it is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. 35 Look therefore whether the light that is in thee be not darkness. 36 If therefore thy whole body be full of light, having no part dark, it shall be wholly full of light, as when the lamp with its bright shining doth give thee light.

37 Now as he spake, a Phăr'ĭ-sēe asketh him to [8]dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to

[1] Some ancient authorities omit *a loaf, and he give him a stone? or* [2] Or, *In* [3] Gr. *Beelzebul* [4] Or, *and house falleth upon house* [5] Or, *it* [6] Or, *itself* [7] Gr. *more than* [8] Gr. *breakfast*

meat. 38 And when the Phăr'ĭ-sēe saw it, he marvelled that he had not first bathed himself before [1]dinner. 39 And the Lord said unto him, Now ye the Phăr'ĭ-sēes cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter; but your inward part is full of extortion and wickedness. 40 Ye foolish ones, did not he that made the outside make the inside also? 41 But give for alms those things which [2]are within; and behold, all things are clean unto you.

42 But woe unto you Phăr'ĭ-sēes! for ye tithe mint and rue and every herb, and pass over justice and the love of God: but these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. 43 Woe unto you Phăr'ĭ-sēes! for ye love the chief seats in the synagogues, and the salutations in the marketplaces. 44 Woe unto you! for ye are as the tombs which appear not, and the men that walk over *them* know it not.

45 And one of the lawyers answering saith unto him, Teacher, in saying this thou reproachest us also. 46 And he said, Woe unto you lawyers also! for ye load men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers. 47 Woe unto you! for ye build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. 48 So ye are witnesses and consent unto the works of your fathers: for they killed them, and ye build *their tombs*. 49 Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send unto them prophets and apostles; and *some* of them they shall kill and persecute; 50 that the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; 51 from the blood of Ā'bĕl unto the blood of Zăch-ă-rī'ăh, who perished between the altar and the [3]sanctuary: yea, I say unto you, it shall be required of this generation. 52 Woe unto you lawyers! for ye took away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

53 And when he was come out from thence, the scribes and the Phăr'ĭ-sēes began to [4]press upon *him* vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of [5]many things; 54 laying wait for him, to catch something out of his mouth.

12 In the mean time, when [6]the many thousands of the multitude were gathered together, insomuch that they trod one upon another, he began to [7]say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Phăr'ĭ-sēes, which is hypocrisy. 2 But there is nothing covered up, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. 3 Wherefore whatsoever ye have said in the darkness shall be heard in the light; and what ye have spoken in the ear in the inner chambers shall be proclaimed upon the house-tops. 4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. 5 But I will warn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, who after he hath killed hath [8]power to cast into [9]hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. 6 Are not five sparrows sold for two pence? and not one of them is forgotten in the sight of God. 7 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not: ye are of more value than many sparrows. 8 And I say unto you, Every one who shall confess [10]me before men, [11]him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: 9 but he that denieth me in the presence of men shall be denied in the presence of the angels of God. 10 And every one who shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Spirit it shall not be forgiven. 11 And when they bring you before the synagogues, and the rulers, and the authorities, be not anxious how or what ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: 12 for

[1] Gr. *breakfast* [2] Or, *ye can* [3] Gr. *house*
[4] Or, *set themselves vehemently against* him [5] Or, *more* [6] Gr. *the myriads of* [7] Or, *say unto his disciples, First of all beware ye* [8] Or, *authority* [9] Gr. *Gehenna* [10] Gr. *in me* [11] Gr. *in him*

the Holy Spirit shall teach you in that very hour what ye ought to say.

13 And one out of the multitude said unto him, Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me. 14 But he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? 15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and keep yourselves from all covetousness: [1]for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. 16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: 17 and he reasoned within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have not where to bestow my fruits? 18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my [2]soul, [2]Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, be merry. 20 But God said unto him, Thou foolish one, this night [3]is thy [3]soul required of thee: and the things which thou hast prepared, whose shall they be? 21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious for *your* [4]life, what ye shall eat; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. 23 For the [4]life is more than the food, and the body than the raiment. 24 Consider the ravens, that they sow not, neither reap; which have no store-chamber nor barn; and God feedeth them: of how much more value are ye than the birds! 25 And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit unto [5]the measure of his life? 26 If then ye are not able to do even that which is least, why are ye anxious concerning the rest? 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; yet I say unto you, Even Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 But if God doth so clothe the grass in the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven; how much more *shall he clothe* you, O ye of little faith? 29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, and what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. 30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: but your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. 31 Yet seek ye [6]his kingdom, and these things shall be added unto you. 32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell that which ye have, and give alms; make for yourselves purses which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief draweth near, neither moth destroyeth. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

35 Let your loins be girded about, and your lamps burning; 36 and be ye yourselves like unto men looking for their lord, when he shall return from the marriage feast; that, when he cometh and knocketh, they may straightway open unto him. 37 Blessed are those [7]servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and shall come and serve them. 38 And if he shall come in the second watch, and if in the third, and find *them* so, blessed are those *servants*. 39 [8]But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched, and not have left his house to be [9]broken through. 40 Be ye also ready: for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh.

41 And Peter said, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even unto all? 42 And the Lord said, Who then is [10]the faithful and wise steward, whom his lord

[1] Or, *for* even *in a man's abundance his life is not from the things which he possesseth*
[2] Or, *life* [3] Gr. *they require thy soul* [4] Or, *soul* [5] Or, *his stature*
[6] Many ancient authorities read *the kingdom of God* [7] Gr. *bondservants* [8] Or, *But this ye know* [9] Gr. *digged through* [10] Or, *the faithful steward, the wise* man *whom &c.*

shall set over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? 43 Blessed is that [1]servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will set him over all that he hath. 45 But if that [1]servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and the maidservants, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; 46 the lord of that [1]servant shall come in a day when he expecteth not, and in an hour when he knoweth not, and shall [2]cut him asunder, and appoint his portion with the unfaithful. 47 And that [1]servant, who knew his lord's will, and made not ready, nor did according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*; 48 but he that knew not, and did things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few *stripes*. And to whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required: and to whom they commit much, of him will they ask the more.

49 I came to cast fire upon the earth; and [3]what do I desire, if it is already kindled? 50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished! 51 Think ye that I am come to give peace in the earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: 52 for there shall be from henceforth five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. 53 They shall be divided, father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against her mother; mother in law against her daughter in law, and daughter in law against her mother in law.

54 And he said to the multitudes also, When ye see a cloud rising in the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it cometh to pass. 55 And when *ye see* a south wind blowing, ye say, There will be a [4]scorching heat; and it cometh to pass. 56 Ye hypocrites, ye know how to [5]interpret the face of the earth and the heaven; but how is it that ye know not how to [5]interpret this time? 57 And why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right? 58 For as thou art going with thine adversary before the magistrate, on the way give diligence to be quit of him; lest haply he drag thee unto the judge, and the judge shall deliver thee to the [6]officer, and the [6]officer shall cast thee into prison. 59 I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou have paid the very last mite.

13 Now there were some present at that very season who told him of the Gă-lĭ-læ'ăns, whose blood Pī'lāte had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And he answered and said unto them, Think ye that these Gă-lĭ-læ'ăns were sinners above all the Gă-lĭ-læ'ăns, because they have suffered these things? 3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all in like manner perish. 4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Sĭ-lō'ăm fell, and killed them, think ye that they were [7]offenders above all the men that dwell in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm? 5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

6 And he spake this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit thereon, and found none. 7 And he said unto the vinedresser, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why doth it also cumber the ground? 8 And he answering saith unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: 9 and if it bear fruit thenceforth, *well*; but if not, thou shalt cut it down.

10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath day. 11 And behold, a woman that had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years; and she was bowed together, and could in no wise lift

[1] Gr. *bondservant* [2] Or, *severely scourge him* [3] Or, *how would I that it were already kindled!* [4] Or, *hot wind*
[5] Gr. *prove* [6] Gr. *exactor* [7] Gr. *debtors*

herself up. 12 And when Jĕ'sŭs saw her, he called her, and said to her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. 13 And he laid his hands upon her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. 14 And the ruler of the synagogue, being moved with indignation because Jĕ'sŭs had healed on the sabbath, answered and said to the multitude, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the day of the sabbath. 15 But the Lord answered him, and said, Ye hypocrites, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the [1]stall, and lead him away to watering? 16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan had bound, lo, *these* eighteen years, to have been loosed from this bond on the day of the sabbath? 17 And as he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame: and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

18 He said therefore, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I liken it? 19 It is like unto a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his own garden; and it grew, and became a tree; and the birds of the heaven lodged in the branches thereof.

20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? 21 It is like unto leaven, which a woman took and hid in three [2]measures of meal, till it was all leavened.

22 And he went on his way through cities and villages, teaching, and journeying on unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 23 And one said unto him, Lord, are they few that are saved? And he said unto them, 24 Strive to enter in by the narrow door: for many, I say unto you, shall seek to enter in, and shall not be [3]able. 25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, open to us; and he shall answer and say to you, I know you not whence ye are; 26 then shall ye begin to say, We did eat and drink in thy presence, and thou didst teach in our streets; 27 and he shall say, I tell you, I know not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. 28 There shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and I'săac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and yourselves cast forth without. 29 And they shall come from the east and west, and from the north and south, and shall [4]sit down in the kingdom of God. 30 And behold, there are last who shall be first, and there are first who shall be last.

31 In that very hour there came certain Phăr'ĭ-sees, saying to him, Get thee out, and go hence: for Hĕr'ŏd would fain kill thee. 32 And he said unto them, Go and say to that fox, Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures to-day and to-morrow, and the third *day* I [5]am perfected. 33 Nevertheless I must go on my way to-day and to-morrow and the *day* following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 34 O Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, that killeth the prophets, and stoneth them that are sent unto her! how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen *gathereth* her own brood under her wings, and ye would not! 35 Behold, your house is left unto you *desolate*: and I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until ye shall say, Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

14 And it came to pass, when he went into the house of one of the rulers of the Phăr'ĭ-sees on a sabbath to eat bread, that they were watching him. 2 And behold, there was before him a certain man that had the dropsy.

[1] Gr. *manger* [2] See marginal note on Mt. 13.33 [3] Or, *able, when once*
[4] Gr. *recline* [5] Or, *end my course*

3 And Jē'sŭs answering spake unto the lawyers and Phăr'ĭ-sēes, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath, or not? 4 But they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go. 5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have [1]an ass or an ox fallen into a well, and will not straightway draw him up on a sabbath day? 6 And they could not answer again unto these things.

7 And he spake a parable unto those that were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief seats; saying unto them, 8 When thou art bidden of any man to a marriage feast, [2]sit not down in the chief seat; lest haply a more honorable man than thou be bidden of him, 9 and he that bade thee and him shall come and say to thee, Give this man place; and then thou shalt begin with shame to take the lowest place. 10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest place; that when he that hath bidden thee cometh, he may say to thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have glory in the presence of all that [3]sit at meat with thee. 11 For every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

12 And he said to him also that had bidden him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, nor thy kinsmen, nor rich neighbors; lest haply they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. 13 But when thou makest a feast, bid the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: 14 and thou shalt be blessed; because they have not *wherewith* to recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed in the resurrection of the just.

15 And when one of them that [4]sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. 16 But he said unto him, A certain man made a great supper; and he bade many: 17 and he sent forth his [5]servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for *all* things are now ready. 18 And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a field, and I must needs go out and see it; I pray thee have me excused. 19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them; I pray thee have me excused. 20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. 21 And the [5]servant came, and told his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his [5]servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor and maimed and blind and lame. 22 And the [5]servant said, Lord, what thou didst command is done, and yet there is room. 23 And the lord said unto the [5]servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and constrain *them* to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I say unto you, that none of those men that were bidden shall taste of my supper.

25 Now there went with him great multitudes: and he turned, and said unto them, 26 If any man cometh unto me, and hateth not his own father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whosoever doth not bear his own cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, doth not first sit down and count the cost, whether he have *wherewith* to complete it? 29 Lest haply, when he hath laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all that behold begin to mock him, 30 saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. 31 Or what king, as he goeth to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether

[1] Many ancient authorities read *a son*. See ch. 13.15 [2] Gr. *recline not* [3] Gr. *recline*. Comp. ch. 7.36, 37, marg. [4] Gr. *reclined*. Comp. ch. 7.36, 37, marg. [5] Gr. *bondservant*

he is able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and asketh conditions of peace. 33 So therefore whosoever he be of you that renounceth not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. 34 Salt therefore is good: but if even the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be seasoned? 35 It is fit neither for the land nor for the dunghill: *men* cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

15 Now all the [1]publicans and sinners were drawing near unto him to hear him. 2 And both the Phăr'ĭ-sees and the scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

3 And he spake unto them this parable, saying, 4 What man of you, having a hundred sheep, and having lost one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? 5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and his neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost. 7 I say unto you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, *more* than over ninety and nine righteous persons, who need no repentance.

8 Or what woman having ten [2]pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a lamp, and sweep the house, and seek diligently until she find it? 9 And when she hath found it, she calleth together her friends and neighbors, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I had lost. 10 Even so, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

11 And he said, A certain man had two sons: 12 and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of [3]*thy* substance that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. 13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together and took his journey into a far country; and there he wasted his substance with riotous living. 14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that country; and he began to be in want. 15 And he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would fain [4]have filled his belly with [5]the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. 17 But when he came to himself he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight: 19 I am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. 20 And he arose, and came to his father. But while he was yet afar off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and [6]kissed him. 21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight: I am no more worthy to be called thy son.[7] 22 But the father said to his [8]servants, Bring forth quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: 23 and bring the fatted calf, *and* kill it, and let us eat, and make merry: 24 for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. 25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 And he called to

1 See marginal note on ch. 3.12 2 Gr. *drachma*, a coin worth about eight pence, or sixteen cents

3 Gr. *the* 4 Many ancient authorities read *have been filled* 5 Gr. *the pods of the carob tree* 6 Gr. *kissed him much.* See ch. 7.38, 45 7 Some ancient authorities add *make me as one of thy hired servants.* See ver. 19 8 Gr. *bondservants*

him one of the servants, and inquired what these things might be. 27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. 28 But he was angry, and would not go in: and his father came out, and entreated him. 29 But he answered and said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, and I never transgressed a commandment of thine; and *yet* thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: 30 but when this thy son came, who hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou killedst for him the fatted calf. 31 And he said unto him, [1]Son, thou art ever with me, and all that is mine is thine. 32 But it was meet to make merry and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive *again*; and *was* lost, and is found.

16 And he said also unto the disciples, There was a certain rich man, who had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he was wasting his goods. 2 And he called him, and said unto him, What is this that I hear of thee? render the account of thy stewardship; for thou canst be no longer steward. 3 And the steward said within himself, What shall I do, seeing that my lord taketh away the stewardship from me? I have not strength to dig; to beg I am ashamed. 4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. 5 And calling to him each one of his lord's debtors, he said to the first, How much owest thou unto my lord? 6 And he said, A hundred [2]measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy [3]bond, and sit down quickly and write fifty. 7 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, A hundred [4]measures of wheat. He saith unto him, Take thy [3]bond, and write fourscore. 8 And his lord commended [5]the unrighteous steward because he had done wisely: for the sons of this [6]world are for their own generation wiser than the sons of the light. 9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends [7]by means of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when it shall fail, they may receive you into the eternal tabernacles. 10 He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much: and he that is unrighteous in a very little is unrighteous also in much. 11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*? 12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is [8]your own? 13 No [9]servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

14 And the Phăr'ĭ-sēes, who were lovers of money, heard all these things; and they scoffed at him. 15 And he said unto them, Ye are they that justify yourselves in the sight of men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. 16 The law and the prophets *were* until John: from that time the [10]gospel of the kingdom of God is preached, and every man entereth violently into it. 17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one tittle of the law to fall.

18 Every one that putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and he that marrieth one that is put away from a husband committeth adultery.

19 Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, [11]faring sumptuously every day: 20 and a certain beggar named Lăz'ă-rŭs was laid

[1] Gr. *Child* [2] Gr. *baths*, the bath being a Hebrew measure. See Ezek. 45.10, 11, 14 [3] Gr. *writings* [4] Gr. *cors*, the cor being a Hebrew measure. See Ezek. 45.14 [5] Gr. *the steward of unrighteousness* [6] Or, *age* [7] Gr. *out of* [8] Some ancient authorities read *our own* [9] Gr. *household-servant* [10] Or, *good tidings:* comp. ch. 3.18 [11] Or, *living in mirth and splendor every day*

at his gate, full of sores, 21 and desiring to be fed with the *crumbs* that fell from the rich man's table; yea, even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and that he was carried away by the angels into Abraham's bosom: and the rich man also died, and was buried. 23 And in Hā'dēs he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Läz'ă-rŭs in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Läz'ă-rŭs, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame. 25 But Abraham said, [1]Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and Läz'ă-rŭs in like manner evil things: but now here he is comforted, and thou art in anguish. 26 And [2]besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, that they that would pass from hence to you may not be able, and that none may cross over from thence to us. 27 And he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house; 28 for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. 29 But Abraham saith, They have Mō'sēs and the prophets; let them hear them. 30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one go to them from the dead, they will repent. 31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Mō'sēs and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, if one rise from the dead.

17 And he said unto his disciples, It is impossible but that occasions of stumbling should come; but woe unto him, through whom they come! 2 It were well for him if a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, rather than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble. 3 Take heed to yourselves: if thy brother sin, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. 4 And if he sin against thee seven times in the day, and seven times turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. 6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye would say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou rooted up, and be thou planted in the sea; and it would obey you. 7 But who is there of you, having a [3]servant plowing or keeping sheep, that will say unto him, when he is come in from the field, Come straightway and sit down to meat; 8 and will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? 9 Doth he thank the [3]servant because he did the things that were commanded? 10 Even so ye also, when ye shall have done all the things that are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable [4]servants; we have done that which it was our duty to do.

11 And it came to pass, [5]as they were on the way to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, that he was passing [6]along the borders of Să-mā'rĭ-ă and Găl'ĭ-lēe. 12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, who stood afar off: 13 and they lifted up their voices, saying, Jē'sŭs, Master, have mercy on us. 14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go and show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, as they went, they were cleansed. 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, with a loud voice glorifying God; 16 and he fell upon his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Să-mär'ĭ-tăn. 17 And Jē'sŭs answering said, Were not the ten cleansed? but where are the nine? 18 [7]Were there none found that returned to give glory to God,

[1] Gr. *Child* [2] Or, *in all these things*
[3] Gr. *bondservant* [4] Gr. *bondservants*
[5] Or, *as he was* [6] Or, *through the midst of &c.*
[7] Or, *There were none found . . . save this stranger*

save this [1]stranger? 19 And he said unto him, Arise, and go thy way: thy faith hath [2]made thee whole.

20 And being asked by the Phăr'ĭ-sēes, when the kingdom of God cometh, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, There! for lo, the kingdom of God is [3]within you.

22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it. 23 And they shall say to you, Lo, there! Lo, here! go not away, nor follow after *them*: 24 for as the lightning, when it lighteneth out of the one part under the heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall the Son of man be [4]in his day. 25 But first must he suffer many things and be rejected of this generation. 26 And as it came to pass in the days of Noah, even so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise even as it came to pass in the days of Lot; they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29 but in the day that Lot went out from Sŏd'ŏm it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all: 30 after the same manner shall it be in the day that the Son of man is revealed. 31 In that day, he that shall be on the housetop, and his goods in the house, let him not go down to take them away: and let him that is in the field likewise not return back. 32 Remember Lot's wife. 33 Whosoever shall seek to gain his life shall lose it: but whosoever shall lose *his life* shall [5]preserve it. 34 I say unto you, In that night there shall be two men on one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. 35 There shall be two women grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.[6] 37 And they answering say unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Where the body *is*, thither will the [7]eagles also be gathered together.

18 And he spake a parable unto them to the end that they ought always to pray, and not to faint; 2 saying, There was in a city a judge, who feared not God, and regarded not man: 3 and there was a widow in that city; and she came oft unto him, saying, [8]Avenge me of mine adversary. 4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; 5 yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, [9]lest she [10]wear me out by her continual coming. 6 And the Lord said, Hear what [11]the unrighteous judge saith. 7 And shall not God avenge his elect, that cry to him day and night, [12]and *yet* he is long-suffering over them? 8 I say unto you, that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find [13]faith on the earth?

9 And he spake also this parable unto certain who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and set [14]all others at nought: 10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Phăr'ĭ-sēe, and the other a [15]publican. 11 The Phăr'ĭ-sēe stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this [15]publican. 12 I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I get. 13 But the [15]publican, standing afar off, would not

1 Or, *alien* 2 Or, *saved thee* 3 Or, *in the midst of you* 4 Some ancient authorities omit *in his day* 5 Gr. *save it alive*

6 Some ancient authorities add ver. 36 *There shall be two men in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.* Mt. 24.40 7 Or, *vultures* 8 Or, *Do me justice of:* and so in ver. 5, 7, 8 9 Or, *lest at last by her coming she wear me out* 10 Gr. *bruise* 11 Gr. *the judge of unrighteousness* 12 Or, *and is he slow to punish on their behalf?* 13 Or, *the faith* 14 Gr. *the rest* 15 See marginal note on ch. 3.12

lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, saying, God, [1]be thou merciful to me [2]a sinner. 14 I say unto you, This man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

15 And they were bringing unto him also their babes, that he should touch them: but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. 16 But Jĕ'sŭs called them unto him, saying, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for [3]to such belongeth the kingdom of God. 17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein.

18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 19 And Jĕ'sŭs said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, *even* God. 20 Thou knowest the commandments, [4]Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor thy father and mother. 21 And he said, All these things have I observed from my youth up. 22 And when Jĕ'sŭs heard it, he said unto him, One thing thou lackest yet: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. 23 But when he heard these things, he became exceeding sorrowful; for he was very rich. 24 And Jĕ'sŭs seeing him said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! 25 For it is easier for a camel to enter in through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. 26 And they that heard it said, Then who can be saved? 27 But he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. 28 And Peter said, Lo, we have left [5]our own, and followed thee. 29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or wife, or brethren, or parents, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, 30 who shall not receive manifold more in this time, and in the [6]world to come eternal life.

31 And he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and all the things that are written through the prophets shall be accomplished unto the Son of man. 32 For he shall be [7]delivered up unto the Gĕn'tiles, and shall be mocked, and shamefully treated, and spit upon: 33 and they shall scourge and kill him: and the third day he shall rise again. 34 And they understood none of these things; and this saying was hid from them, and they perceived not the things that were said.

35 And it came to pass, as he drew nigh unto Jĕr'ĭ-chō, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: 36 and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. 37 And they told him, that Jĕ'sŭs of Năz'ă-rĕth passeth by. 38 And he cried, saying, Jĕ'sŭs, thou son of David, have mercy on me. 39 And they that went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried out the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. 40 And Jĕ'sŭs stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, 41 What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. 42 And Jĕ'sŭs said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath [8]made thee whole. 43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

19 And he entered and was passing through Jĕr'ĭ-chō. 2 And behold, a man called by

[1] Or, *be thou propitiated* [2] Or, *the sinner* [3] Or, *of such is* [4] Ex. 20.12-16; Dt. 5.16-20 [5] Or, *our own* homes. See Jn. 19.27 [6] Or, *age* [7] Or, *betrayed* [8] Or, *saved thee*

name Zăc-chæ'ŭs; and he was a chief publican, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see Jē'sŭs who he was; and could not for the crowd, because he was little of stature. 4 And he ran on before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. 5 And when Jē'sŭs came to the place, he looked up, and said unto him, Zăc-chæ'ŭs, make haste, and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy house. 6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, He is gone in to lodge with a man that is a sinner. 8 And Zăc-chæ'ŭs stood, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have wrongfully exacted aught of any man, I restore fourfold. 9 And Jē'sŭs said unto him, To-day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.

11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jē-ru'să-lĕm, and *because* they supposed that the kingdom of God was immediately to appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country, to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called ten [1]servants of his, and gave them ten [2]pounds, and said unto them, Trade ye *herewith* till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent an ambassage after him, saying, We will not that this man reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, when he was come back again, having received the kingdom, that he commanded these [1]servants, unto whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by trading. 16 And the first came before him, saying, Lord, thy pound hath made ten pounds more. 17 And he said unto him, Well done, thou good [3]servant: because thou wast found faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Thy pound, Lord, hath made five pounds. 19 And he said unto him also, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And [4]another came, saying, Lord, behold, *here is* thy pound, which I kept laid up in a napkin: 21 for I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that which thou laydest not down, and reapest that which thou didst not sow. 22 He saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked [3]servant. Thou knewest that I am an austere man, taking up that which I laid not down, and reaping that which I did not sow; 23 then wherefore gavest thou not my money into the bank, and [5]I at my coming should have required it with interest? 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take away from him the pound, and give it unto him that hath the ten pounds. 25 And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds. 26 I say unto you, that unto every one that hath shall be given; but from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away from him. 27 But these mine enemies, that would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.

28 And when he had thus spoken, he went on before, going up to Jē-ru'să-lĕm.

29 And it came to pass, when he drew nigh unto Bĕth'phă-gē and Bĕth'ă-nў, at the mount that is called ŏl'ĭ-vĕt, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, Go your way into the village over against *you*; in which as ye enter ye shall find a colt tied, whereon no man ever yet sat: loose him, and bring him. 31 And if any one ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say, The Lord hath need of him. 32 And

[1] Gr. *bondservants* [2] *Mina*, here translated a pound, is equal to one hundred drachmas. See ch. 15.8

[3] Gr. *bondservant* [4] Gr. *the other*
[5] Or, *I should have gone and required*

they that were sent went away, and found even as he had said unto them. 33 And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? 34 And they said, The Lord hath need of him. 35 And they brought him to Jē'sŭs: and they threw their garments upon the colt, and set Jē'sŭs thereon. 36 And as he went, they spread their garments in the way. 37 And as he was now drawing nigh, *even* at the descent of the mount of ŏl'ĭves, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the [1]mighty works which they had seen; 38 saying, Blessed *is* the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. 39 And some of the Phăr'ĭ-sēes from the multitude said unto him, Teacher, rebuke thy disciples. 40 And he answered and said, I tell you that, if these shall hold their peace, the stones will cry out.

41 And when he drew nigh, he saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, [2]If thou hadst known in [3]this day, even thou, the things which belong unto [4]peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. 43 For the days shall come upon thee, when thine enemies shall cast up a [5]bank about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, 44 and shall dash thee to the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

45 And he entered into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold, 46 saying unto them, It is written, [6]And my house shall be a house of prayer: but [7]ye have made it a den of robbers.

47 And he was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people sought to destroy him: 48 and they could not find what they might do; for the people all hung upon him, listening.

20 And it came to pass, on one of the days, as he was teaching the people in the temple, and preaching the [8]gospel, there came upon him the chief priests and the scribes with the elders; 2 and they spake, saying unto him, Tell us: By what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority? 3 And he answered and said unto them, I also will ask you a [9]question; and tell me: 4 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men? 5 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why did ye not believe him? 6 But if we shall say, From men; all the people will stone us: for they are persuaded that John was a prophet. 7 And they answered, that they knew not whence *it was*. 8 And Jē'sŭs said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

9 And he began to speak unto the people this parable: A man planted a vineyard, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into another country for a long time. 10 And at the season he sent unto the husbandmen a [10]servant, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty. 11 And he sent yet another [10]servant: and him also they beat, and handled him shamefully, and sent him away empty. 12 And he sent yet a third: and him also they wounded, and cast him forth. 13 And the lord of the vineyard said, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; it may be they will reverence him. 14 But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned one with another, saying, This is the heir; let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours. 15 And they cast him forth out of the vineyard, and killed him. What

[1] Gr. *powers* [2] Or, *O that thou hadst known* [3] Some ancient authorities read *this thy day* [4] Some ancient authorities read *thy peace* [5] Gr. *palisade* [6] Is. 56.7 [7] Jer. 7.11
[8] Or, *good tidings:* comp. ch. 3.18 [9] Gr. *word* [10] Gr. *bondservant*

therefore will the lord of the vineyard do unto them? 16 He will come and destroy these husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others. And when they heard it, they said, [1]God forbid. 17 But he looked upon them, and said, What then is this that is written,

[2]The stone which the builders rejected,
The same was made the head of the corner?

18 Every one that falleth on that stone shall be broken to pieces; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will scatter him as dust.

19 And the scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him in that very hour; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he spake this parable against them. 20 And they watched him, and sent forth spies, who feigned themselves to be righteous, that they might take hold of his speech, so as to deliver him up to the [3]rule and to the authority of the governor. 21 And they asked him, saying, Teacher, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, and acceptest not the person *of any*, but of a truth teachest the way of God: 22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Cæ'sär, or not? 23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, 24 Show me a [4]denarius. Whose image and superscription hath it? And they said, Cæ'sär's. 25 And he said unto them, Then render unto Cæ'sär the things that are Cæ'sär's, and unto God the things that are God's. 26 And they were not able to take hold of the saying before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.

27 And there came to him certain of the Săd'dū-çees, they that say that there is no resurrection; 28 and they asked him, saying, Teacher, [5]Mō'sēs wrote unto us, that if a man's brother die, having a wife, and he be childless, his brother should take the wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. 29 There were therefore seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and died childless; 30 and the second: 31 and the third took her; and likewise the seven also left no children, and died. 32 Afterward the woman also died. 33 In the resurrection therefore whose wife of them shall she be? for the seven had her to wife. 34 And Jē'sŭs said unto them, The sons of this [6]world marry, and are given in marriage: 35 but they that are accounted worthy to attain to that [6]world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: 36 for neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. 37 But that the dead are raised, even Mō'sēs showed, in [7]*the place concerning* the Bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of I'sāac, and the God of Jacob. 38 Now he is not the God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him. 39 And certain of the scribes answering said, Teacher, thou hast well said. 40 For they durst not any more ask him any question.

41 And he said unto them, How say they that the Christ is David's son? 42 For David himself saith in the book of Psalms,

[8]The Lord said unto my Lord,
Sit thou on my right hand,
43 Till I make thine enemies the
footstool of thy feet.

44 David therefore calleth him Lord, and how is he his son?

45 And in the hearing of all the people he said unto his disciples, 46 Beware of the scribes, who desire to walk in long robes, and love salutations in the marketplaces, and chief seats in the synagogues, and chief places at feasts; 47 who devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater condemnation.

21 And he looked up, [9]and saw the rich men that were

1 Gr. *Be it not so* 2 Ps. 118.22 3 Or, *ruling power* 4 See marginal note on ch. 7.41 5 Dt. 25.5
6 Or, *age* 7 Ex. 3.6 8 Ps. 110.1 9 Or, *and saw them that . . . treasury, and they were rich*

casting their gifts into the treasury. 2 And he saw a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. 3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, This poor widow cast in more than they all: 4 for all these did of their superfluity cast in unto the gifts; but she of her want did cast in all the living that she had.

5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and offerings, he said, 6 As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in which there shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. 7 And they asked him, saying, Teacher, when therefore shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign when these things are about to come to pass? 8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not led astray: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am *he*; and, The time is at hand: go ye not after them. 9 And when ye shall hear of wars and tumults, be not terrified: for these things must needs come to pass first; but the end is not immediately.

10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; 11 and there shall be great earthquakes, and in divers places famines and pestilences; and there shall be terrors and great signs from heaven. 12 But before all these things, they shall lay their hands on you, and shall persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, [1]bringing you before kings and governors for my name's sake. 13 It shall turn out unto you for a testimony. 14 Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate beforehand how to answer: 15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to withstand or to gainsay. 16 But ye shall be [2]delivered up even by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and *some* of you [3]shall they cause to be put to death. 17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. 18 And not a hair of your head shall perish. 19 In your [4]patience ye shall win your [5]souls.

20 But when ye see Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm compassed with armies, then know that her desolation is at hand. 21 Then let them that are in Jū-dæ'a flee unto the mountains; and let them that are in the midst of her depart out; and let not them that are in the country enter therein. 22 For these are days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 Woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days! for there shall be great distress upon the [6]land, and wrath unto this people. 24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led captive into all the nations: and Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm shall be trodden down of the Gĕn'tiles, until the times of the Gĕn'tiles be fulfilled.

25 And there shall be signs in sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, in perplexity for the roaring of the sea and the billows; 26 men [7]fainting for fear, and for expectation of the things which are coming on [8]the world: for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. 27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads; because your redemption draweth nigh.

29 And he spake to them a parable: Behold the fig tree, and all the trees: 30 when they now shoot forth, ye see it and know of your own selves that the summer is now nigh. 31 Even so ye also, when ye see these things coming to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh. 32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all things be accomplished. 33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

34 But take heed to yourselves,

1 Gr. you *being brought* 2 Or, *betrayed*
3 Or, *shall they put to death*
4 Or, *stedfastness* 5 Or, *lives* 6 Or, *earth*
7 Or, *expiring* 8 Gr. *the inhabited earth*

lest haply your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you suddenly as a snare: 35 for *so* shall it come upon all them that dwell on the face of all the earth. 36 But watch ye at every season, making supplication, that ye may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

37 And every day he was teaching in the temple; and every night he went out, and lodged in the mount that is called Ŏl'ĭ-vĕt. 38 And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, to hear him.

22 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. 2 And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might put him to death; for they feared the people.

3 And Satan entered into Jū'dăs who was called ĭs-căr'ĭ-ōt, being of the number of the twelve. 4 And he went away, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might [1]deliver him unto them. 5 And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. 6 And he consented, and sought opportunity to [1]deliver him unto them [2]in the absence of the multitude.

7 And the day of unleavened bread came, on which the passover must be sacrificed. 8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and make ready for us the passover, that we may eat. 9 And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we make ready? 10 And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house whereinto he goeth. 11 And ye shall say unto the master of the house, The Teacher saith unto thee, Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? 12 And he will show you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. 13 And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the apostles with him. 15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: 16 for I say unto you, I shall not eat it, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. 17 And he received a cup, and when he had given thanks, he said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: 18 for I say unto you, I shall not drink from henceforth of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. 19 And he took [3]bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave to them, saying, This is my body [4]which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. 20 And the cup in like manner after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood, *even* that which is poured out for you. 21 But behold, the hand of him that [5]betrayeth me is with me on the table. 22 For the Son of man indeed goeth, as it hath been determined: but woe unto that man through whom he is [5]betrayed! 23 And they began to question among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

24 And there arose also a contention among them, which of them was accounted to be [6]greatest. 25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gĕn'tiles have lordship over them; and they that have authority over them are called Benefactors. 26 But ye *shall* not *be* so: but he that is the greater among you, let him become as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. 27 For which is greater, he that [7]sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that [7]sitteth at meat? but I am in the midst of you as he that serveth. 28 But ye are they that have continued

[1] Or, *betray* [2] Or, *without tumult* [3] Or, *a loaf* [4] Some ancient authorities omit *which is given for you . . . which is poured out for you* [5] See ver. 4 [6] Gr. *greater* [7] Gr. *reclineth*

with me in my temptations; 29 and [1]I appoint unto you a kingdom, even as my Father appointed unto me, 30 that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and ye shall sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

31 Sī'mŏn, Sī'mŏn, behold, Satan [2]asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat: 32 but I made supplication for thee, that thy faith fail not; and do thou, when once thou hast turned again, establish thy brethren. 33 And he said unto him, Lord, with thee I am ready to go both to prison and to death. 34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, until thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

35 And he said unto them, When I sent you forth without purse, and wallet, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, Nothing. 36 And he said unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise a wallet; [3]and he that hath none, let him sell his cloak, and buy a sword. 37 For I say unto you, that this which is written must be fulfilled in me, [4]And he was reckoned with transgressors: for that which concerneth me hath [5]fulfilment. 38 And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.

39 And he came out, and went, as his custom was, unto the mount of ŏl'ĭves; and the disciples also followed him. 40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. 41 And he was parted from them about a stone's cast; and he kneeled down and prayed, 42 saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. 43 [6]And there appeared unto him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. 44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the ground. 45 And when he rose up from his prayer, he came unto the disciples, and found them sleeping for sorrow, 46 and said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.

47 While he yet spake, behold, a multitude, and he that was called Jū'dăs, one of the twelve, went before them; and he drew near unto Jĕ'sŭs to kiss him. 48 But Jĕ'sŭs said unto him, Jū'dăs, [7]betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? 49 And when they that were about him saw what would follow, they said, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? 50 And a certain one of them smote the [8]servant of the high priest, and struck off his right ear. 51 But Jĕ'sŭs answered and said, Suffer ye *them* thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him. 52 And Jĕ'sŭs said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and elders, that were come against him, Are ye come out, as against a robber, with swords and staves? 53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched not forth your hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

54 And they seized him, and led him *away*, and brought him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed afar off. 55 And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the court, and had sat down together, Peter sat in the midst of them. 56 And a certain maid seeing him as he sat in the light *of the fire*, and looking stedfastly upon him, said, This man also was with him. 57 But he denied, saying, Woman, I know him not. 58 And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou also art *one* of them. But Peter said, Man, I am not. 59 And after the space of about one hour another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this man also was with him; for he

[1] Or, *I appoint unto you, even as my Father appointed unto me a kingdom, that ye may eat and drink &c.* [2] Or, *obtained you by asking* [3] Or, *and he that hath no sword, let him sell his cloak, and buy one* [4] Is. 53.12 [5] Gr. *end* [6] Many ancient authorities omit ver. 43, 44 [7] See ver. 4 [8] Gr. *bondservant*

is a Găl-ĭ-læ'ăn. 60 But Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. 61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how that he said unto him, Before the cock crow this day thou shalt deny me thrice. 62 And he went out, and wept bitterly.

63 And the men that held [1]*Je'sus* mocked him, and beat him. 64 And they blindfolded him, and asked him, saying, Prophesy: who is he that struck thee? 65 And many other things spake they against him, reviling him.

66 And as soon as it was day, the assembly of the elders of the people was gathered together, both chief priests and scribes; and they led him away into their council, saying, 67 If thou art the Christ, tell us. But he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: 68 and if I ask *you*, ye will not answer. 69 But from henceforth shall the Son of man be seated at the right hand of the power of God. 70 And they all said, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, [2]Ye say that I am. 71 And they said, What further need have we of witness? for we ourselves have heard from his own mouth.

23 And the whole company of them rose up, and brought him before Pi'lăte. 2 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this man perverting our nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Cæ'sär, and saying that he himself is Christ a king. 3 And Pi'lăte asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest. 4 And Pi'lăte said unto the chief priests and the multitudes, I find no fault in this man. 5 But they were the more urgent, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jū-dæ'a, and beginning from Găl'ĭ-lēe even unto this place. 6 But when Pi'lăte heard it, he asked whether the man were a Găl-ĭ-læ'ăn. 7 And when he knew that he was of Hĕr'ŏd's jurisdiction, he sent him unto Hĕr'ŏd, who himself also was at Jē-ru'să-lĕm in these days.

8 Now when Hĕr'ŏd saw Jē'sŭs, he was exceeding glad: for he was of a long time desirous to see him, because he had heard concerning him; and he hoped to see some [3]miracle done by him. 9 And he questioned him in many words; but he answered him nothing. 10 And the chief priests and the scribes stood, vehemently accusing him. 11 And Hĕr'ŏd with his soldiers set him at nought, and mocked him, and arraying him in gorgeous apparel sent him back to Pi'lăte. 12 And Hĕr'ŏd and Pi'lăte became friends with each other that very day: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

13 And Pi'lăte called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 14 and said unto them, Ye brought unto me this man, as one that perverteth the people: and behold, I, having examined him before you, found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him: 15 no, nor yet Hĕr'ŏd: for [4]he sent him back unto us; and behold, nothing worthy of death hath been done by him. 16 I will therefore chastise him, and release him.[5] 18 But they cried out all together, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Bär-ăb'băs:—19 one who for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison. 20 And Pi'lăte spake unto them again, desiring to release Jē'sŭs; 21 but they shouted, saying, Crucify, crucify him. 22 And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath this man done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him and release him.

[1] Gr. *him* [2] Or, *Ye say* it, *because I am* [3] Gr. *sign* [4] Many ancient authorities read *I sent you to him* [5] Many ancient authorities insert ver. 17 *Now he must needs release unto them at the feast one* prisoner. Comp. Mt. 27.15; Mk. 15.6; Jn. 18.39. Others add the same words after ver. 19

23 But they were urgent with loud voices, asking that he might be crucified. And their voices prevailed. 24 And Pī'lāte gave sentence that what they asked for should be done. 25 And he released him that for insurrection and murder had been cast into prison, whom they asked for; but Jē'sŭs he delivered up to their will.

26 And when they led him away, they laid hold upon one Sī'mŏn of Çў-rē'nē, coming from the country, and laid on him the cross, to bear it after Jē'sŭs.

27 And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him. 28 But Jē'sŭs turning unto them said, Daughters of Jē-ru'să-lĕm, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. 29 For behold, the days are coming, in which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the breasts that never gave suck. 30 Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. 31 For if they do these things in the green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

32 And there were also two others, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

33 And when they came unto the place which is called [1]The skull, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left. 34 [2]And Jē'sŭs said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And parting his garments among them, they cast lots. 35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also scoffed at him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God, his chosen. 36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, offering him vinegar, 37 and saying, If thou art the King of the Jews, save thyself. 38 And there was also a superscription over him, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39 And one of the malefactors that were hanged railed on him, saying, Art not thou the Christ? save thyself and us. 40 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, Dost thou not even fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. 42 And he said, Jē'sŭs, remember me when thou comest [3]in thy kingdom. 43 And he said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise.

44 And it was now about the sixth hour, and a darkness came over the whole [4]land until the ninth hour, 45 [5]the sun's light failing: and the veil of the [6]temple was rent in the midst. 46 [7]And Jē'sŭs, crying with a loud voice, said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said this, he gave up the ghost. 47 And when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man. 48 And all the multitudes that came together to this sight, when they beheld the things that were done, returned smiting their breasts. 49 And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed with him from Găl'ĭ-lēe, stood afar off, seeing these things.

50 And behold, a man named Joseph, who was a councillor, a good and righteous man 51 (he had not consented to their counsel and deed), *a man* of Ăr-ĭ-mă-thæ'ă, a city of the Jews, who was looking for the kingdom of God: 52 this man went to Pī'lāte, and asked for the body of Jē'sŭs. 53 And he took it down, and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that was hewn in stone, where never man had yet lain. 54 And it was the day of the Preparation, and the sabbath [8]drew on.

[1] According to the Latin, *Calvary*, which has the same meaning [2] Some ancient authorities omit *And Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do*

[3] Some ancient authorities read *into thy kingdom* [4] Or, *earth* [5] Gr. *the sun failing* [6] Or, *sanctuary* [7] Or, *And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said* [8] Gr. *began to dawn*

55 And the women, who had come with him out of Gāl'ĭ-lēe, followed after, and beheld the tomb, and how his body was laid. 56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

And on the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

24 1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came unto the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. 3 And they entered in, and found not the body [1]of the Lord Jē'sŭs. 4 And it came to pass, while they were perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel: 5 and as they were affrighted and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye [2]the living among the dead? 6 [3]He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Gāl'ĭ-lēe, 7 saying that the Son of man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. 8 And they remembered his words, 9 and returned [4]from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest. 10 Now they were Mary Măg-dă-lē'nē, and Jō-ăn'nă, and Mary the *mother* of James: and the other women with them told these things unto the apostles. 11 And these words appeared in their sight as idle talk; and they disbelieved them. 12 [5]But Peter arose, and ran unto the tomb; and stooping and looking in, he seeth the linen cloths by themselves; and he [6]departed to his home, wondering at that which was come to pass.

13 And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Ĕm-mā'ŭs, which was threescore furlongs from Jē-ru'să-lĕm. 14 And they communed with each other of all these things which had happened. 15 And it came to pass, while they communed and questioned together, that Jē'sŭs himself drew near, and went with them. 16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. 17 And he said unto them, [7]What communications are these that ye have one with another, as ye walk? And they stood still, looking sad. 18 And one of them, named Clē'ō-păs, answering said unto him, [8]Dost thou alone sojourn in Jē-ru'să-lĕm and not know the things which are come to pass there in these days? 19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, The things concerning Jē'sŭs the Năz-ă-rēne', who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we hoped that it was he who should redeem Is'rā-ĕl. Yea and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things came to pass. 22 Moreover certain women of our company amazed us, having been early at the tomb; 23 and when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 And certain of them that were with us went to the tomb, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. 25 And he said unto them, O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe [9]in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Behooved it not the Christ to suffer these things, and to enter into his glory? 27 And beginning from Mō'sĕs and from all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. 28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they were going: and he made as though he would go further. 29 And they constrained him, saying, Abide with us; for it is toward evening,

[1] Some ancient authorities omit *of the Lord Jesus* [2] Gr. *him that liveth* [3] Some ancient authorities omit *He is not here, but is risen* [4] Some ancient authorities omit *from the tomb* [5] Some ancient authorities omit ver. 12 [6] Or, *departed, wondering with himself* [7] Gr. *What words are these that ye exchange one with another* [8] Or, *Dost thou sojourn alone in Jerusalem, and knowest thou not the things* [9] Or, *after*

and the day is now far spent. And he went in to abide with them. 30 And it came to pass, when he had sat down with them to meat, he took the [1]bread and blessed; and breaking *it* he gave to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. 32 And they said one to another, Was not our heart burning within us, while he spake to us in the way, while he opened to us the scriptures? 33 And they rose up that very hour, and returned to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, 34 saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Sī'mŏn. 35 And they rehearsed the things *that happened* in the way, and how he was known of them in the breaking of the bread.

36 And as they spake these things, he himself stood in the midst of them, [2]and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. 37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they beheld a spirit. 38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and wherefore do questionings arise in your heart? 39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye behold me having. 40 [3]And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here anything to eat? 42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish[4]. 43 And he took it, and ate before them.

44 And he said unto them, These are my words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must needs be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Mō'sĕs, and the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me. 45 Then opened he their mind, that they might understand the scriptures; 46 and he said unto them, Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer, and rise again from the dead the third day; 47 and that repentance [5]and remission of sins should be preached in his name unto all the [6]nations, beginning from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 48 Ye are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I send forth the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city, until ye be clothed with power from on high.

50 And he led them out until *they were* over against Bĕth'ă-nў: and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. 51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he parted from them, [7]and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they [8]worshipped him, and returned to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm with great joy: 53 and were continually in the temple, blessing God.

[1] Or, *loaf* [2] Some ancient authorities omit *and saith unto them, Peace* be *unto you* [3] Some ancient authorities omit ver. 40

[4] Many ancient authorities add *and a honeycomb* [5] Some ancient authorities read *unto* [6] Or, *nations. Beginning from Jerusalem, ye are witnesses* [7] Some ancient authorities omit *and was carried up into heaven* [8] Some ancient authorities omit *worshipped him, and*. See marginal note on ch. 4.7

ACCORDING TO JOHN

The Prologue

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him; and without him [1]was not anything made that hath been made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness [2]apprehended it not. 6 There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John.

[1] Or, *was not anything made. That which hath been made was life in him; and the life &c.*

[2] Or, *overcame*. See ch. 12.35 (Gr.)

ITALY
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GREECE
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
SHOWING LOCATION OF GREECE
MEDITERRANEAN
SEA
GALILEE
CAPERNAUM
BETHSAIDA
SEA OF GALILEE
CANA
SEA OF TIBERIAS
NAZARETH
SAMARIA
AENON
SAMARIA
SYCHAR
SALIM
Jabbok
ARIMATHAEA
EPHRAIM
GOLGOTHA
MT OF OLIVES
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7 The same came for witness, that
he might bear witness of the light,
that all might believe through him.
8 He was not the light, but *came*
that he might bear witness of the
light. 9 [1]There was the true light,
even the light which lighteth [2]every
man, coming into the world. 10 He
was in the world, and the world
was made through him, and the
world knew him not. 11 He came
unto [3]his own, and they that were
his own received him not. 12 But
as many as received him, to them
gave he the right to become chil-
dren of God, *even* to them that be-
lieve on his name: 13 who were
[4]born, not of [5]blood, nor of the will
of the flesh, nor of the will of man,
but of God. 14 And the Word became
flesh, and [6]dwelt among us (and
we beheld his glory, glory as of
[7]the only begotten from the Father),
full of grace and truth. 15 John
beareth witness of him, and crieth,
saying, [8]This was he of whom I
said, He that cometh after me is
become before me: for he was [9]be-
fore me. 16 For of his fulness we
all received, and [10]grace for grace.
17 For the law was given through
Mō'sēs; grace and truth came
through Jē'sŭs Chrīst. 18 No man
hath seen God at any time; [11]the
only begotten Son, who is in the
bosom of the Father, he hath de-
clared *him*.

19 And this is the witness of
John, when the Jews sent unto him
from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm priests and Lē'-
vītes to ask him, Who art thou?
20 And he confessed, and denied
not; and he confessed, I am not
the Chrīst. 21 And they asked
him, What then? Art thou Ē-lī'-
jăh? And he saith, I am not. Art
thou the prophet? And he an-
swered, No. 22 They said there-
fore unto him, Who art thou? that
we may give an answer to them
that sent us. What sayest thou of
thyself? 23 He said, I am the
voice of one crying in the wilder-
ness, Make straight the way of the
Lord, as [12]said Ī-să'ĭăh the prophet.
24 [13]And they had been sent from
the Phăr'ĭ-sēes. 25 And they
asked him, and said unto him, Why
then baptizest thou, if thou art not
the Chrīst, neither Ē-lī'jăh, neither
the prophet? 26 John answered
them, saying, I baptize [14]in water:
in the midst of you standeth one
whom ye know not, 27 *even* he that
cometh after me, the latchet of
whose shoe I am not worthy to un-
loose. 28 These things were done
in [15]Bĕth'ă-nў beyond the Jordan,
where John was baptizing.

29 On the morrow he seeth Jē'-
sŭs coming unto him, and saith,
Behold, the Lamb of God, that
[16]taketh away the sin of the world!
30 This is he of whom I said, After
me cometh a man who is become
before me: for he was [9]before me.
31 And I knew him not; but that
he should be made manifest to
Ĭs'rā-ĕl, for this cause came I bap-
tizing [14]in water. 32 And John
bare witness, saying, I have beheld
the Spirit descending as a dove out
of heaven; and it abode upon him.
33 And I knew him not: but he
that sent me to baptize [14]in water,
he said unto me, Upon whomso-
ever thou shalt see the Spirit de-
scending, and abiding upon him,
the same is he that baptizeth [14]in
the Holy Spirit. 34 And I have
seen, and have borne witness that
this is the Son of God.

35 Again on the morrow John
was standing, and two of his disci-
ples; 36 and he looked upon Jē'-
sŭs as he walked, and saith, Be-
hold, the Lamb of God! 37 And
the two disciples heard him speak,
and they followed Jē'sŭs. 38 And
Jē'sŭs turned, and beheld them
following, and saith unto them,
What seek ye? And they said
unto him, Răb'bī (which is to say,

[1] Or, *the true light, which lighteth every man, was coming* [2] Or, *every man as he cometh* [3] Gr. *his own things* [4] Or, *begotten* [5] Gr. *bloods* [6] Gr. *tabernacled* [7] Or, *an only begotten from a father*. Comp. Heb. 11.17 [8] Some ancient authorities read (*this was he that said*) [9] Gr. *first in regard of me* [10] Or, *grace upon grace* [11] Many very ancient authorities read *God only begotten*

[12] Is. 40.3 [13] Or, *And* certain *had been sent from among the Pharisees* [14] Or, *with* [15] Many ancient authorities read *Bethabarah*, some *Beharabah*. Comp. Josh. 15.6, 61; 18.22 [16] Or, *beareth the sin*

being interpreted, Teacher), where abidest thou? 39 He saith unto them, Come, and ye shall see. They came therefore and saw where he abode; and they abode with him that day: it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two that heard John *speak*, and followed him, was Andrew, Sī'mŏn Peter's brother. 41 He findeth first his own brother Sī'mŏn, and saith unto him, We have found the Mĕs-sī'ăh (which is, being interpreted, [1]Christ). 42 He brought him unto Jē'sŭs. Jē'sŭs looked upon him, and said, Thou art Sī'mŏn the son of [2]John: thou shalt be called Cē'-phăs (which is by interpretation, [1]Peter).

43 On the morrow he was minded to go forth into Găl'ĭ-lēe, and he findeth Philip: and Jē'sŭs saith unto him, Follow me. 44 Now Philip was from Bĕth-să'ĭ-dà, of the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip findeth Nă-thăn'ă-ĕl, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Mō'sĕs in the law, and the prophets, wrote, Jē'sŭs of Năz'ă-rĕth, the son of Joseph. 46 And Nă-thăn'ă-ĕl said unto him, Can any good thing come out of Năz'ă-rĕth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. 47 Jē'sŭs saw Nă-thăn'ă-ĕl coming to him, and saith of him, Behold, an ĭs'rā-ĕl-īte indeed, in whom is no guile! 48 Nă-thăn'-ă-ĕl saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jē'sŭs answered and said unto him, Before Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. 49 Nă-thăn'ă-ĕl answered him, Răb'bĭ, thou art the Son of God; thou art King of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 50 Jē'sŭs answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee underneath the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. 51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye shall see the heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

2 And the third day there was a marriage in Cā'nà of Găl'ĭ-lēe; and the mother of Jē'sŭs was there: 2 and Jē'sŭs also was bidden, and his disciples, to the marriage. 3 And when the wine failed, the mother of Jē'sŭs saith unto him, They have no wine. 4 And Jē'-sŭs saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. 5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. 6 Now there were six waterpots of stone set there after the Jews' manner of purifying, containing two or three firkins apiece. 7 Jē'-sŭs saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the [4]ruler of the feast. And they bare it. 9 And when the ruler of the feast tasted the water [5]now become wine, and knew not whence it was (but the servants that had drawn the water knew), the ruler of the feast calleth the bridegroom, 10 and saith unto him, Every man setteth on first the good wine; and when *men* have drunk freely, *then* that which is worse: thou hast kept the good wine until now. 11 This beginning of his signs did Jē'sŭs in Cā'nà of Găl'ĭ-lēe, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

12 After this he went down to Cā-pēr'nă-ŭm, he, and his mother, and *his* brethren, and his disciples; and there they abode not many days.

13 And the passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jē'sŭs went up to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 14 And he found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: 15 and he made a scourge of cords, and cast all out of the temple, both the sheep and the oxen; and he poured out the changers' money, and overthrew their tables; 16 and to them that sold the doves he said, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise. 17 His disciples re-

[1] That is, *Anointed*. Comp. Ps. 2.2
[2] Gr. *Joanes*: called in Mt. 16.17 *Jonah*
[3] That is, *Rock* or *Stone*
[4] Or, *steward*
[5] Or, *that it had become*

membered that it was written, [1]Zeal for thy house shall eat me up. 18 The Jews therefore answered and said unto him, What sign showest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? 19 Jē'sŭs answered and said unto them, Destroy this [2]temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 20 The Jews therefore said, Forty and six years was this [2]temple in building, and wilt thou raise it up in three days? 21 But he spake of the [2]temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he spake this; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jē'sŭs had said.

23 Now when he was in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm at the passover, during the feast, many believed on his name, beholding his signs which he did. 24 But Jē'sŭs did not trust himself unto them, for that he knew all men, 25 and because he needed not that any one should bear witness concerning [3]man; for he himself knew what was in man.

3 Now there was a man of the Phăr'ĭ-sēes, named Nĭc-ŏ-dē'mŭs, a ruler of the Jews: 2 the same came unto him by night, and said to him, Răb'bī, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that thou doest, except God be with him. 3 Jē'sŭs answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born [4]anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nĭc-ŏ-dē'mŭs saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jē'sŭs answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born [4]anew. 8 [5]The wind bloweth where it will, and thou hearest the voice thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. 9 Nĭc-ŏ-dē'mŭs answered and said unto him, How can these things be? 10 Jē'sŭs answered and said unto him, Art thou the teacher of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, and understandest not these things? 11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that which we know, and bear witness of that which we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. 12 If I told you earthly things and ye believe not, how shall ye believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 And no one hath ascended into heaven, but he that descended out of heaven, *even* the Son of man, [6]who is in heaven. 14 And as Mō'sès lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; 15 that whosoever [7]believeth may in him have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. 17 For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him. 18 He that believeth on him is not judged: he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. 20 For every one that [8]doeth evil hateth the light, and cometh not to the light, lest his works should be [9]reproved. 21 But he that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, [10]that they have been wrought in God.

22 After these things came Jē'sŭs and his disciples into the land of Jū-dæ'ă; and there he tarried

[1] Ps. 69.9 [2] Or, *sanctuary* [3] Or, *a man; for . . . the man* [4] Or, *from above.* See ver. 31; ch. 19.11; Jas. 1.17; 3.15, 17 [5] Or, *The Spirit breatheth*

[6] Many ancient authorities omit *who is in heaven* [7] Or, *believeth in him may have* [8] Or, *practiseth* [9] Or, *convicted* [10] Or, *because*

with them, and baptized. 23 And John also was baptizing in Æ'nŏn near to Să'lĭm, because there [1]was much water there: and they came, and were baptized. 24 For John was not yet cast into prison. 25 There arose therefore a questioning on the part of John's disciples with a Jew about purifying. 26 And they came unto John, and said to him, Răb'bī, he that was with thee beyond the Jordan, to whom thou hast borne witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him. 27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it have been given him from heaven. 28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but, that I am sent before him. 29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, that standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is made full. 30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is of the earth, and of the earth he speaketh: [2]he that cometh from heaven is above all. 32 What he hath seen and heard, of that he beareth witness; and no man receiveth his witness. 33 He that hath received his witness hath set his seal to *this*, that God is true. 34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for he giveth not the Spirit by measure. 35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. 36 He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that [3]obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

4 When therefore the Lord knew that the Phăr'ĭ-sēes had heard that Jē'sŭs was making and baptizing more disciples than John 2 (although Jē'sŭs himself baptized not, but his disciples), 3 he left Jū-dæ'ā, and departed again into Găl'ĭ-lēe. 4 And he must needs pass through Să-mā'rĭ-ā. 5 So he cometh to a city of Să-mā'rĭ-ā, called Sȳ'chär, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph: 6 and Jacob's [4]well was there. Jē'sŭs therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat [5]thus by the [4]well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 There cometh a woman of Să-mā'rĭ-ā to draw water: Jē'sŭs saith unto her, Give me to drink. 8 For his disciples were gone away into the city to buy food. 9 The Să-mär'ĭ-tăn woman therefore saith unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, who am a Să-mär'ĭ-tăn woman? ([6]For Jews have no dealings with Să-mär'ĭ-tănș). 10 Jē'sŭs answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. 11 The woman saith unto him, [7]Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: whence then hast thou that living water? 12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his sons, and his cattle? 13 Jē'sŭs answered and said unto her, Every one that drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14 but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up unto eternal life. 15 The woman saith unto him, [7]Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come all the way hither to draw. 16 Jē'sŭs saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. 17 The woman answered and said unto him, I have no husband. Jē'sŭs saith unto her, Thou saidst well, I have no husband: 18 for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: this hast thou said truly. 19 The

[1] Gr. *were many waters* [2] Some ancient authorities read *he that cometh from heaven beareth witness of what he hath seen and heard* [3] Or, *believeth not*

[4] Gr. *spring:* and so in ver. 14; but not in ver. 11, 12 [5] Or, *as he was.* Comp. ch. 13.25 [6] Some ancient authorities omit *For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans* [7] Or, *Lord*

woman saith unto him, [1]Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm is the place where men ought to worship. 21 Jē'sŭs saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when neither in this mountain, nor in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, shall ye worship the Father. 22 Ye worship that which ye know not: we worship that which we know; for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: [2]for such doth the Father seek to be his worshippers. 24 [3]God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth. 25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Mĕs-sī'ăh cometh (he that is called Christ): when he is come, he will declare unto us all things. 26 Jē'sŭs saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am *he*.

27 And upon this came his disciples; and they marvelled that he was speaking with a woman; yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why speakest thou with her? 28 So the woman left her waterpot, and went away into the city, and saith to the people, 29 Come, see a man, who told me all things that *ever* I did: can this be the Christ? 30 They went out of the city, and were coming to him. 31 In the mean while the disciples prayed him, saying, Răb'bī, eat. 32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not. 33 The disciples therefore said one to another, Hath any man brought him *aught* to eat? 34 Jē'sŭs saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to accomplish his work. 35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are [4]white already unto [5]harvest. 36 He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. 37 For herein is the saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. 38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye have not labored: others have labored, and ye are entered into their labor.

39 And from that city many of the Să-măr'ĭ-tănș believed on him because of the word of the woman, who testified, He told me all things that *ever* I did. 40 So when the Să-măr'ĭ-tănș came unto him, they besought him to abide with them: and he abode there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word; 42 and they said to the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy speaking: for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.

43 And after the two days he went forth from thence into Găl'ĭ-lēe. 44 For Jē'sŭs himself testified, that a prophet hath no honor in his own country. 45 So when he came into Găl'ĭ-lēe, the Găl-ĭ-læ'ănș received him, having seen all the things that he did in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.

46 He came therefore again unto Că'nă of Găl'ĭ-lēe, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain [5]nobleman, whose son was sick at Că-pēr'nă-ŭm. 47 When he heard that Jē'sŭs was come out of Jū-dæ'ă into Găl'ĭ-lēe, he went unto him, and besought *him* that he would come down, and heal his son; for he was at the point of death. 48 Jē'sŭs therefore said unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will in no wise believe. 49 The [5]nobleman saith unto him, [1]Sir, come down ere my child die. 50 Jē'sŭs saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. The man believed the word that Jē'sŭs spake unto him, and he went his way. 51 And as he was now going down, his [6]servants met him, saying, that his son lived.

[1] Or, *Lord* [2] Or, *for such the Father also seeketh* [3] Or, *God is spirit* [4] Or, *white unto harvest. Already he that reapeth &c.* [5] Or, *king's officer* [6] Gr. *bondservants*

52 So he inquired of them the hour
when he began to amend. They
said therefore unto him, Yester-
day at the seventh hour the fever
left him. 53 So the father knew
that *it was* at that hour in which
Jē'sŭs said unto him, Thy son
liveth: and himself believed, and
his whole house. 54 This is again
the second sign that Jē'sŭs did,
having come out of Jū-dæ'ā into
Găl'ĭ-lēe.

5 After these things there was
[1]a feast of the Jews; and Jē'-
sŭs went up to Jē-ru'să-lĕm.

2 Now there is in Jē-ru'să-lĕm
by the sheep *gate* a pool, which is
called in Hebrew [2]Bĕ-thĕs'dȧ, hav-
ing five porches. 3 In these lay a
multitude of them that were sick,
blind, halt, withered[3]. 5 And a
certain man was there, who had
been thirty and eight years in his
infirmity. 6 When Jē'sŭs saw him
lying, and knew that he had been
now a long time *in that case*, he
saith unto him, Wouldest thou be
made whole? 7 The sick man
answered him, [4]Sir, I have no man,
when the water is troubled, to put
me into the pool: but while I am
coming, another steppeth down be-
fore me. 8 Jē'sŭs saith unto him,
Arise, take up thy [5]bed, and walk.
9 And straightway the man was
made whole, and took up his [5]bed
and walked.

Now it was the sabbath on that
day. 10 So the Jews said unto
him that was cured, It is the sab-
bath, and it is not lawful for thee
to take up thy [5]bed. 11 But he
answered them, He that made me
whole, the same said unto me,
Take up thy [5]bed, and walk. 12
They asked him, Who is the man
that said unto thee, Take up *thy*
[5]*bed*, and walk? 13 But he that
was healed knew not who it was;
for Jē'sŭs had conveyed himself
away, a multitude being in the place.
14 Afterward Jē'sŭs findeth him
in the temple, and said unto him,
Behold, thou art made whole: sin
no more, lest a worse thing befall
thee. 15 The man went away, and
told the Jews that it was Jē'sŭs
who had made him whole. 16 And
for this cause the Jews persecuted
Jē'sŭs, because he did these things
on the sabbath. 17 But Jē'sŭs
answered them, My Father work-
eth even until now, and I work.
18 For this cause therefore the
Jews sought the more to kill him,
because he not only brake the sab-
bath, but also called God his own
Father, making himself equal
with God.

19 Jē'sŭs therefore answered
and said unto them, Verily, verily,
I say unto you, The Son can do
nothing of himself, but what he
seeth the Father doing: for what
things soever he doeth, these the
Son also doeth in like manner.
20 For the Father loveth the Son,
and showeth him all things that
himself doeth: and greater works
than these will he show him, that
ye may marvel. 21 For as the
Father raiseth the dead and giveth
them life, even so the Son also
giveth life to whom he will. 22 For
neither doth the Father judge any
man, but he hath given all judg-
ment unto the Son; 23 that all may
honor the Son, even as they honor
the Father. He that honoreth not
the Son honoreth not the Father
that sent him. 24 Verily, verily,
I say unto you, He that heareth
my word, and believeth him that
sent me, hath eternal life, and
cometh not into judgment, but
hath passed out of death into life.
25 Verily, verily, I say unto you,
The hour cometh, and now is,
when the dead shall hear the voice
of the Son of God; and they that
[6]hear shall live. 26 For as the
Father hath life in himself, even so
gave he to the Son also to have life
in himself: 27 and he gave him
authority to execute judgment,

[1] Many ancient authorities read *the feast*. (Comp. ch. 2.13?) [2] Some ancient authorities read *Bethesda*, others *Bethsaida*. [3] Many ancient authorities insert, wholly or in part, *waiting for the moving of the water: 4 for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole, with whatsoever disease he was holden* [4] Or, *Lord* [5] Or, *pallet* [6] Or, *hearken*

because he is a son of man. 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, 29 and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have [1]done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment.

30 I can of myself do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is righteous; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. 32 It is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. 33 Ye have sent unto John, and he hath borne witness unto the truth. 34 But the witness which I receive is not from man: howbeit I say these things, that ye may be saved. 35 He was the lamp that burneth and shineth; and ye were willing to rejoice for a season in his light. 36 But the witness which I have is greater than *that of* John; for the works which the Father hath given me to accomplish, the very works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. 37 And the Father that sent me, he hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his form. 38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he sent, him ye believe not. 39 [2]Ye search the scriptures, because ye think that in them ye have eternal life; and these are they which bear witness of me; 40 and ye will not come to me, that ye may have life. 41 I receive not glory from men. 42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in yourselves. 43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. 44 How can ye believe, who receive glory one of another, and the glory that *cometh* from [3]the only God ye seek not? 45 Think not that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, *even* Mō'sĕs, on whom ye have set your hope. 46 For if ye believed Mō'sĕs, ye would believe me; for he wrote of me. 47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

6 After these things Jē'sŭs went away to the other side of the sea of Găl'ĭ-lēe, which is *the sea* of Tĭ-bē'rĭ-ăs. 2 And a great multitude followed him, because they beheld the signs which he did on them that were sick. 3 And Jē'sŭs went up into the mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. 4 Now the passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5 Jē'sŭs therefore lifting up his eyes, and seeing that a great multitude cometh unto him, saith unto Philip, Whence are we to buy [4]bread, that these may eat? 6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him, Two hundred [5]shillings' worth of [4]bread is not sufficient for them, that every one may take a little. 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Sī'mŏn Peter's brother, saith unto him, 9 There is a lad here, who hath five barley loaves, and two fishes: but what are these among so many? 10 Jē'sŭs said, Make the people sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11 Jē'sŭs therefore took the loaves; and having given thanks, he distributed to them that were set down; likewise also of the fishes as much as they would. 12 And when they were filled, he saith unto his disciples, Gather up the broken pieces which remain over, that nothing be lost. 13 So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves, which remained over unto them that had eaten. 14 When therefore the people saw the [6]sign

[1] Or, *practised* [2] Or, *Search the scriptures* [3] Some ancient authorities read *the only* one

[4] Gr. *loaves* [5] The word in the Greek denotes a coin worth about eight pence halfpenny, or nearly seventeen cents [6] Some ancient authorities read *signs*

which he did, they said, This is of a truth the prophet that cometh into the world.

15 Jē′sŭs therefore perceiving that they were about to come and take him by force, to make him king, withdrew again into the mountain himself alone.

16 And when evening came, his disciples went down unto the sea; 17 and they entered into a boat, and were going over the sea unto Că-pēr′nă-ŭm. And it was now dark, and Jē′sŭs had not yet come to them. 18 And the sea was rising by reason of a great wind that blew. 19 When therefore they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they behold Jē′sŭs walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the boat: and they were afraid. 20 But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid. 21 They were willing therefore to receive him into the boat: and straightway the boat was at the land whither they were going.

22 On the morrow the multitude that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other [1]boat there, save one, and that Jē′sŭs entered not with his disciples into the boat, but *that* his disciples went away alone 23 (howbeit there came [2]boats from Tī-bē′rī-ăs nigh unto the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks): 24 when the multitude therefore saw that Jē′sŭs was not there, neither his disciples, they themselves got into the [2]boats, and came to Că-pēr′nă-ŭm, seeking Jē′sŭs. 25 And when they found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Răb′bī, when camest thou hither? 26 Jē′sŭs answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw signs, but because ye ate of the loaves, and were filled. 27 Work not for the food which perisheth, but for the food which abideth unto eternal life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him the Father, *even* God, hath sealed. 28 They said therefore unto him, What must we do, that we may work the works of God? 29 Jē′sŭs answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom [3]he hath sent. 30 They said therefore unto him, What then doest thou for a sign, that we may see and believe thee? what workest thou? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, He [4]gave them bread out of heaven to eat. 32 Jē′sŭs therefore said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, It was not Mō′sēs that gave you the bread out of heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread out of heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which cometh down out of heaven, and giveth life unto the world. 34 They said therefore unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. 35 Jē′sŭs said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall not hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. 36 But I said unto you, that ye have seen me, and yet believe not. 37 All that which the Father giveth me shall come unto me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. 38 For I am come down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39 And this is the will of him that sent me, that of all that which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that every one that beholdeth the Son, and believeth on him, should have eternal life; and [5]I will raise him up at the last day.

41 The Jews therefore murmured concerning him, because he said, I am the bread which came down out of heaven. 42 And they said, Is not this Jē′sŭs, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how doth he now say, I am come down out of heaven? 43 Jē′sŭs answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. 44 No man can come to

[1] Gr. *little boat* [2] Gr. *little boats*
[3] Or, *he sent* [4] Neh. 9.15; Ex. 16.4, 15; Ps 78.24; 105.40 [5] Or, *that I should raise him up*

me, except the Father that sent me draw him: and I will raise him up in the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, [1]And they shall all be taught of God. Every one that hath heard from the Father, and hath learned, cometh unto me. 46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he that is from God, he hath seen the Father. 47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth hath eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the măn'nà in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread which cometh down out of heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down out of heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: yea and the bread which I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world.

52 The Jews therefore strove one with another, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? 53 Jē'sŭs therefore said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, ye have not life in yourselves. 54 He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is [2]meat indeed, and my blood is [3]drink indeed. 56 He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood abideth in me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father; so he that eateth me, he also shall live because of me. 58 This is the bread which came down out of heaven: not as the fathers ate, and died; he that eateth this bread shall live for ever. 59 These things said he in [4]the synagogue, as he taught in Că-pēr'nà-ŭm.

60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they heard *this*, said, This is a hard saying; who can hear [5]it? 61 But Jē'sŭs knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at this, said unto them, Doth this cause you to stumble?

[1] Is. 54.13; (Jer. 31.34?) [2] Gr. *true meat* [3] Gr. *true drink* [4] Or, *a synagogue* [5] Or, *him*

62 *What* then if ye should behold the Son of man ascending where he was before? 63 It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life. 64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jē'sŭs knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who it was that should [6]betray him. 65 And he said, For this cause have I said unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it be given unto him of the Father.

66 Upon this many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. 67 Jē'sŭs said therefore unto the twelve, Would ye also go away? 68 Sī'mŏn Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou [7]hast the words of eternal life. 69 And we have believed and know that thou art the Holy One of God. 70 Jē'sŭs answered them, Did not I choose you the twelve, and one of you is a devil? 71 Now he spake of Jū'dàs *the son* of Sī'mŏn Ĭs-kăr'ĭ-ŏt, for he it was that should [6]betray him, *being* one of the twelve.

7 And after these things Jē'sŭs walked in Găl'ĭ-lēe: for he would not walk in Jū-dæ'à, because the Jews sought to kill him. 2 Now the feast of the Jews, the feast of tabernacles, was at hand. 3 His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Jū-dæ'à, that thy disciples also may behold thy works which thou doest. 4 For no man doeth anything in secret, [8]and himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou doest these things, manifest thyself to the world. 5 For even his brethren did not believe on him. 6 Jē'sŭs therefore saith unto them, My time is not yet come; but your time is always ready. 7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that its works are evil. 8 Go ye up unto the feast: I go not up [9]unto this

[6] Or, *deliver him up* [7] Or, *hast words* [8] Some ancient authorities read *and seeketh it to be known openly* [9] Many ancient authorities add *yet*

feast; because my time is not yet fulfilled. 9 And having said these things unto them, he abode *still* in Gal'i-lee.

10 But when his brethren were gone up unto the feast, then went he also up, not publicly, but as it were in secret. 11 The Jews therefore sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he? 12 And there was much murmuring among the multitudes concerning him: some said, He is a good man; others said, Not so, but he leadeth the multitude astray. 13 Yet no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.

14 But when it was now the midst of the feast Je'sus went up into the temple, and taught. 15 The Jews therefore marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? 16 Je'sus therefore answered them, and said, My teaching is not mine, but his that sent me. 17 If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or *whether* I speak from myself. 18 He that speaketh from himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh the glory of him that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. 19 Did not Mo'ses give you the law, and *yet* none of you doeth the law? Why seek ye to kill me? 20 The multitude answered, Thou hast a demon: who seeketh to kill thee? 21 Je'sus answered and said unto them, I did one work, and ye all marvel because thereof. 22 Mo'ses hath given you circumcision (not that it is of Mo'ses, but of the fathers); and on the sabbath ye circumcise a man. 23 If a man receiveth circumcision on the sabbath, that the law of Mo'ses may not be broken; are ye wroth with me, because I made [1]a man every whit whole on the sabbath? 24 Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

25 Some therefore of them of Je-ru'sa-lem said, Is not this he whom they seek to kill? 26 And lo, he speaketh openly, and they say nothing unto him. Can it be that the rulers indeed know that this is the Christ? 27 Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when the Christ cometh, no one knoweth whence he is. 28 Je'sus therefore cried in the temple, teaching and saying, Ye both know me, and know whence I am; and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not. 29 I know him; because I am from him, and he sent me. 30 They sought therefore to take him: and no man laid his hand on him, because his hour was not yet come. 31 But of the multitude many believed on him; and they said, When the Christ shall come, will he do more signs than those which this man hath done? 32 The Phar'i-sees heard the multitude murmuring these things concerning him; and the chief priests and the Phar'i-sees sent officers to take him. 33 Je'sus therefore said, Yet a little while am I with you, and I go unto him that sent me. 34 Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, ye cannot come. 35 The Jews therefore said among themselves, Whither will this man go that we shall not find him? will he go unto the Dispersion [2]among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? 36 What is this word that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me; and where I am, ye cannot come?

37 Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Je'sus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, [3]from within him shall flow rivers of living water. 39 But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believed on him were to receive: [4]for the Spirit was not yet *given*; because Je'sus was not yet glorified. 40 *Some* of the multitude therefore, when they heard these words,

[1] Gr. *a whole man sound*

[2] Gr. *of* [3] Gr. *out of his belly* [4] Some ancient authorities read *for the Holy Spirit was not yet given*

said, This is of a truth the prophet. 41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, What, doth the Christ come out of Găl'ĭ-lēe? 42 [1]Hath not the scripture said that the Christ cometh of the seed of David, and from Bĕth'lĕ-hĕm, the village where David was? 43 So there arose a division in the multitude because of him. 44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

45 The officers therefore came to the chief priests and Phăr'ĭ-sees; and they said unto them, Why did ye not bring him? 46 The officers answered, Never man so spake. 47 The Phăr'ĭ-sees therefore answered them, Are ye also led astray? 48 Hath any of the rulers believed on him, or of the Phăr'ĭ-sees? 49 But this multitude that knoweth not the law are accursed. 50 Nĭc-ŏ-dē'mŭs saith unto them (he that came to him before, being one of them), 51 Doth our law judge a man, except it first hear from himself and know what he doeth? 52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Găl'ĭ-lēe? Search, and [2]see that out of Găl'ĭ-lēe ariseth no prophet.

53 [3][And they went every man
8 unto his own house: 1 but Jē'sŭs went unto the mount of ŏl'ĭves. 2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them. 3 And the scribes and the Phăr'ĭ-sees bring a woman taken in adultery; and having set her in the midst, 4 they say unto him, Teacher, this woman hath been taken in adultery, in the very act. 5 [4]Now in the law Mō'sĕs commanded us to stone such: what then sayest thou of her? 6 And this they said, trying him, that they might have *whereof* to accuse him. But Jē'sŭs stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground. 7 But when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. 8 And again he stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground. 9 And they, when they heard it, went out one by one, beginning from the eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jē'sŭs was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the midst. 10 And Jē'sŭs lifted up himself, and said unto her, Woman, where are they? did no man condemn thee? 11 And she said, No man, Lord. And Jē'sŭs said, Neither do I condemn thee: go thy way; from henceforth sin no more.]

12 Again therefore Jē'sŭs spake unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life. 13 The Phăr'ĭ-sees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest witness of thyself; thy witness is not true. 14 Jē'sŭs answered and said unto them, Even if I bear witness of myself, my witness is true; for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye know not whence I come, or whither I go. 15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. 16 Yea and if I judge, my judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. 17 Yea and in your law it is written, [5]that the witness of two men is true. 18 I am he that beareth witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. 19 They said therefore unto him, Where is thy Father? Jē'sŭs answered, Ye know neither me, nor my Father: if ye knew me, ye would know my Father also. 20 These words spake he in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man took him; because his hour was not yet come.

21 He said therefore again unto them, I go away, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sin: whither I go, ye cannot come. 22 The Jews therefore said, Will he

[1] 2 S. 7.12 ff. Mic. 5.2 [2] Or, *see: for out of Galilee &c.* [3] Most of the ancient authorities omit John 7.53–8.11. Those which contain it vary much from each other [4] Lev. 20.10; Dt. 22.22 f.

[5] Comp. Dt. 19.15; 17.6

kill himself, that he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come? 23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for except ye believe that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins. 25 They said therefore unto him, Who art thou? Jē'sŭs said unto them, [1]Even that which I have also spoken unto you from the beginning. 26 I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you: howbeit he that sent me is true; and the things which I heard from him, these speak I unto the world. 27 They perceived not that he spake to them of the Father. 28 Jē'sŭs therefore said, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that [2]I am *he*, and [3]*that* I do nothing of myself, but as the Father taught me, I speak these things. 29 And he that sent me is with me; he hath not left me alone; for I do always the things that are pleasing to him. 30 As he spake these things, many believed on him.

31 Jē'sŭs therefore said to those Jews that had believed him, If ye abide in my word, *then* are ye truly my disciples; 32 and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 33 They answered unto him, We are Abraham's seed, and have never yet been in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? 34 Jē'sŭs answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Every one that committeth sin is the bondservant of sin. 35 And the bondservant abideth not in the house for ever: the son abideth for ever. 36 If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. 37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; yet ye seek to kill me, because my word [4]hath not free course in you. 38 I speak the things which I have seen with [5]*my* Father: [5]and ye also do the things which ye heard from *your* father. 39 They answered and said unto him, Our father is Abraham. Jē'sŭs saith unto them, If ye [6]were Abraham's children, [6]ye would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I heard from God: this did not Abraham. 41 Ye do the works of your father. They said unto him, We were not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God. 42 Jē'sŭs said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I came forth and am come from God; for neither have I come of myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do ye not [7]understand my speech? *Even* because ye cannot hear my word. 44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father it is your will to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and standeth not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. [8]When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father thereof. 45 But because I say the truth, ye believe me not. 46 Which of you convicteth me of sin? If I say truth, why do ye not believe me? 47 He that is of God heareth the words of God: for this cause ye hear *them* not, because ye are not of God. 48 The Jews answered and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Să-măr'ĭ-tăn, and hast a demon? 49 Jē'sŭs answered, I have not a demon; but I honor my Father, and ye dishonor me. 50 But I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. 51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my word, he shall never see death. 52 The Jews said unto him, Now we know that thou hast a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my word, he shall never taste of death. 53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, who died? and the prophets died: whom

[1] Or, *Altogether that which I also speak unto you* [2] Or, *I am* he: *and I do* [3] Or, *hath no place in you* [4] Or, *the Father: do ye also therefore the things which ye heard from the Father*
[6] Gr. *are* [6] Some ancient authorities read *ye do the works of Abraham* [7] Or, *know* [8] Or, *When* one *speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for his father also is a liar*

makest thou thyself? 54 Jē'sŭs answered, If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing: it is my Father that glorifieth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God; 55 and ye have not known him: but I know him; and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be like unto you, a liar: but I know him, and keep his word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced [1]to see my day; and he saw it, and was glad. 57 The Jews therefore said unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58 Jē'sŭs said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was born, I am. 59 They took up stones therefore to cast at him: but Jē'sŭs [2]hid himself, and went out of the temple[3].

9 And as he passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Răb'bi, who sinned, this man, or his parents, that he should be born blind? 3 Jē'sŭs answered, Neither did this man sin, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. 4 We must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. 5 When I am in the world, I am the light of the world. 6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, [4]and anointed his eyes with the clay, 7 and said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Sĭ-lō'ăm (which is by interpretation, Sent). He went away therefore, and washed, and came seeing. 8 The neighbors therefore, and they that saw him aforetime, that he was a beggar, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? 9 Others said, It is he: others said, No, but he is like him. He said, I am *he*. 10 They said therefore unto him, How then were thine eyes opened? 11 He answered, The man that is called Jē'sŭs made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to Sĭ-lō'ăm, and wash: so I went away and washed, and I received sight. 12 And they said unto him, Where is he? He saith, I know not.

13 They bring to the Phăr'ĭ-sēes him that aforetime was blind. 14 Now it was the sabbath on the day when Jē'sŭs made the clay, and opened his eyes. 15 Again therefore the Phăr'ĭ-sēes also asked him how he received his sight. And he said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and I see. 16 Some therefore of the Phăr'ĭ-sēes said, This man is not from God, because he keepeth not the sabbath. But others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such signs? And there was a division among them. 17 They say therefore unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, in that he opened thine eyes? And he said, He is a prophet. 18 The Jews therefore did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and had received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight, 19 and asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? 20 His parents answered and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: 21 but how he now seeth, we know not; or who opened his eyes, we know not: ask him; he is of age; he shall speak for himself. 22 These things said his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man should confess him *to be* Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him. 24 So they called a second time the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give glory to God: we know that this man is a sinner. 25 He therefore answered, Whether he is a sinner, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. 26 They said therefore unto him, What did he to thee? how opened he thine

[1] Or, *that he should see* [2] Or, *was hidden, and went &c.* [3] Many ancient authorities add *and going through the midst of them went his way and so passed by* [4] Or, *and with the clay thereof anointed* his *eyes*

eyes? 27 He answered them, I told you even now, and ye did not hear; wherefore would ye hear it again? would ye also become his disciples? 28 And they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are disciples of Mō'sĕs. 29 We know that God hath spoken unto Mō'sĕs: but as for this man, we know not whence he is. 30 The man answered and said unto them, Why, herein is the marvel, that ye know not whence he is, and *yet* he opened mine eyes. 31 We know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and do his will, him he heareth. 32 Since the world began it was never heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing. 34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

35 Jē'sŭs heard that they had cast him out; and finding him, he said, Dost thou believe on [1]the Son of God? 36 He answered and said, And who is he, Lord, that I may believe on him? 37 Jē'sŭs said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and he it is that speaketh with thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he [2]worshipped him. 39 And Jē'sŭs said, For judgment came I into this world, that they that see not may see; and that they that see may become blind. 40 Those of the Phăr'ĭ-sēes who were with him heard these things, and said unto him, Are we also blind? 41 Jē'sŭs said unto them, If ye were blind, ye would have no sin: but now ye say, We see: your sin remaineth.

10 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he that entereth in by the door is [3]the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. 4 When he hath put forth all his own, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. 5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. 6 This [4]parable spake Jē'sŭs unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

7 Jē'sŭs therefore said unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All that came [5]before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and go out, and shall find pasture. 10 The thief cometh not, but that he may steal, and kill, and destroy: I came that they may have life, and may [6]have *it* abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep. 12 He that is a hireling, and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, beholdeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth, and the wolf snatcheth them, and scattereth *them*: 13 *he fleeth* because he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know mine own, and mine own know me, 15 even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must [7]bring, and they shall hear my voice; and [8]they shall become one flock, one shepherd. 17 Therefore doth the Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. 18 No one [9]taketh it away from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have [10]power to lay it down, and I have [10]power to take it again.

[1] Many ancient authorities read *the Son of Man*
[2] The Greek word denotes an act of reverence, whether paid to a creature (as here) or to the Creator (see ch. 4.20)
[3] Or, *a shepherd*
[4] Or, *proverb*
[5] Some ancient authorities omit *before me*
[6] Or, *have abundance*
[7] Or, *lead*
[8] Or, *there shall be one flock*
[9] Some ancient authorities read *took it away*
[10] Or, *right*

This commandment received I from my Father.

19 There arose a division again among the Jews because of these words. 20 And many of them said, He hath a demon, and is mad; why hear ye him? 21 Others said, These are not the sayings of one possessed with a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?

22 [1]And it was the feast of the dedication at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: 23 it was winter; and Jē'sŭs was walking in the temple in Sŏl'ō-mŏn's [2]porch. 24 The Jews therefore came round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou hold us in suspense? If thou art the Christ, tell us plainly. 25 Jē'sŭs answered them, I told you, and ye believe not: the works that I do in my Father's name, these bear witness of me. 26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. 29 [3]My Father, who hath given *them* unto me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch [4]*them* out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one. 31 The Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32 Jē'sŭs answered them, Many good works have I showed you from the Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? 33 The Jews answered him, For a good work we stone thee not, but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. 34 Jē'sŭs answered them, Is it not written in your law, [5]I said, Ye are gods? 35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken), 36 say ye of him, whom the Father [6]sanctified and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am *the* Son of God? 37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. 38 But if I do them, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father. 39 They sought again to take him: and he went forth out of their hand.

40 And he went away again beyond the Jordan into the place where John was at the first baptizing; and there he abode. 41 And many came unto him; and they said, John indeed did no sign: but all things whatsoever John spake of this man were true. 42 And many believed on him there.

11 Now a certain man was sick, Lăz'ă-rŭs of Bĕth'ă-nў, of the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 And it was that Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lăz'ă-rŭs was sick. 3 The sisters therefore sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. 4 But when Jē'sŭs heard it, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified thereby. 5 Now Jē'sŭs loved Martha, and her sister, and Lăz'ă-rŭs. 6 When therefore he heard that he was sick, he abode at that time two days in the place where he was. 7 Then after this he saith to the disciples, Let us go into Jū-dæ'ă again. 8 The disciples say unto him, Răb'bī, the Jews were but now seeking to stone thee; and goest thou thither again? 9 Jē'sŭs answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If a man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. 10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because the light is not in him. 11 These things spake he: and after this he saith unto them, Our friend Lăz'ă-rŭs is fallen asleep; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. 12 The disciples therefore said unto him, Lord, if he is fallen asleep, he will [7]recover. 13 Now Jē'sŭs had spoken of his death: but they

[1] Some ancient authorities read *At that time was the feast* [2] Or, *portico* [3] Some ancient authorities read *That which my Father hath given unto me* [4] Or, aught [5] Ps. 82.6 [6] Or, *consecrated* [7] Gr. *be saved*

thought that he spake of taking rest in sleep. 14 Then Jē'sŭs therefore said unto them plainly, Lăz'ă-rŭs is dead. 15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. 16 Thomas therefore, who is called [1]Dĭd'ў-mŭs, said unto his fellow-disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

17 So when Jē'sŭs came, he found that he had been in the tomb four days already. 18 Now Bĕth'ă-nў was nigh unto Jē-ru'să-lĕm, about fifteen furlongs off; 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother. 20 Martha therefore, when she heard that Jē'sŭs was coming, went and met him: but Mary still sat in the house. 21 Martha therefore said unto Jē'sŭs, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 22 And even now I know that, whatsoever thou shalt ask of God, God will give thee. 23 Jē'sŭs saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. 24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. 25 Jē'sŭs said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live; 26 and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die. Believest thou this? 27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I have believed that thou art the Chrĭst, the Son of God, *even* he that cometh into the world. 28 And when she had said this, she went away, and called Mary [2]her sister secretly, saying, The Teacher is here, and calleth thee. 29 And she, when she heard it, arose quickly, and went unto him. 30 (Now Jē'sŭs was not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met him). 31 The Jews then who were with her in the house, and were consoling her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up quickly and went out, followed her, supposing that she was going unto the tomb to [3]weep there. 32 Mary therefore, when she came where Jē'sŭs was, and saw him, fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 33 When Jē'sŭs therefore saw her [4]weeping, and the Jews *also* [4]weeping who came with her, he [5]groaned in the spirit, and [6]was troubled, 34 and said, Where have ye laid him? They say unto him, Lord, come and see. 35 Jē'sŭs wept. 36 The Jews therefore said, Behold how he loved him! 37 But some of them said, Could not this man, who opened the eyes of him that was blind, have caused that this man also should not die? 38 Jē'sŭs therefore again [7]groaning in himself cometh to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone lay [8]against it. 39 Jē'sŭs saith, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time [9]the body decayeth; for he hath been *dead* four days. 40 Jē'sŭs saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou believedst, thou shouldest see the glory of God? 41 So they took away the stone. And Jē'sŭs lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou heardest me. 42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the multitude that standeth around I said it, that they may believe that thou didst send me. 43 And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lăz'ă-rŭs, come forth. 44 He that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with [10]grave-clothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jē'sŭs saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45 Many therefore of the Jews, who came to Mary and beheld [11]that which he did, believed on him. 46 But some of them went away to the Phăr'ĭ-sēes, and told

[1] That is, *Twin* [2] Or, *her sister, saying secretly*
[3] Gr. *wail* [4] Gr. *wailing* [5] Or, *was moved with indignation in the spirit* [6] Gr. *troubled himself* [7] Or, *being moved with indignation in himself* [8] Or, *upon* [9] Gr. *he stinketh* [10] Or, *grave-bands* [11] Many ancient authorities read *the things which he did*

them the things which Jē'sŭs had done.

47 The chief priests therefore and the Phăr'ĭ-sēes gathered a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many signs. 48 If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation. 49 But a certain one of them, Cā'ĭă-phăs, being high priest that year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, 50 nor do ye take account that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. 51 Now this he said not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jē'sŭs should die for the nation; 52 and not for the nation only, but that he might also gather together into one the children of God that are scattered abroad. 53 So from that day forth they took counsel that they might put him to death.

54 Jē'sŭs therefore walked no more openly among the Jews, but departed thence into the country near to the wilderness, into a city called E'phrā-ĭm; and there he tarried with the disciples. 55 Now the passover of the Jews was at hand: and many went up to Jē-ru'să-lĕm out of the country before the passover, to purify themselves. 56 They sought therefore for Jē'sŭs, and spake one with another, as they stood in the temple, What think ye? That he will not come to the feast? 57 Now the chief priests and the Phăr'ĭ-sēes had given commandment, that, if any man knew where he was, he should show it, that they might take him.

12 Jē'sŭs therefore six days before the passover came to Bĕth'ă-nў, where Lăz'ă-rŭs was, whom Jē'sŭs raised from the dead. 2 So they made him a supper there: and Martha served; but Lăz'ă-rŭs was one of them that [1]sat at meat with him. 3 Mary therefore took a pound of ointment of [2]pure nard, very precious, and anointed the feet of Jē'sŭs, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. 4 But Jū'dăs ĭs-căr'ĭ-ōt, one of his disciples, that should [3]betray him, saith, 5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred [4]shillings, and given to the poor? 6 Now this he said, not because he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and having the [5]bag [6]took away what was put therein. 7 Jē'sŭs therefore said, [7]Suffer her to keep it against the day of my burying. 8 For the poor ye have always with you; but me ye have not always.

9 The common people therefore of the Jews learned that he was there: and they came, not for Jē'sŭs' sake only, but that they might see Lăz'ă-rŭs also, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 But the chief priests took counsel that they might put Lăz'ă-rŭs also to death; 11 because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jē'sŭs.

12 On the morrow [8]a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jē'sŭs was coming to Jē-ru'să-lĕm, 13 took the branches of the palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried out, Hō-săn'nă: Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord, even the King of ĭs'rā-ĕl. 14 And Jē'sŭs, having found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, 15 [9]Fear not, daughter of Zī'ŏn: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. 16 These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jē'sŭs was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him. 17 The multitude therefore that was with him when he called Lăz'ă-rŭs out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, bare witness. 18 For this cause also the multitude went and

1 Gr. *reclined*
2 Or. *liquid nard*
3 Or, *deliver him up*
4 See marginal note on ch. 6.7
5 Or, *box*
6 Or, *carried what was put therein*
7 Or, *Let her alone:* it was *that she might keep it*
8 Some ancient authorities read *the common people.* See ver. 9
9 Zech. 9.9

met him, for that they heard that he had done this sign. 19 The Phăr'ĭ-sēes therefore said among themselves, [1]Behold how ye prevail nothing; lo, the world is gone after him.

20 Now there were certain Grēeks among those that went up to worship at the feast: 21 these therefore came to Philip, who was of Bĕth-să'ĭ-dà of Găl'ĭ-lēe, and asked him, saying, Sir, we would see Jē'sŭs. 22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: Andrew cometh, and Philip, and they tell Jē'sŭs. 23 And Jē'sŭs answereth them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth by itself alone; but if it die, it beareth much fruit. 25 He that loveth his [2]life loseth it; and he that hateth his [2]life in this world shall keep it unto [3]life eternal. 26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will the Father honor. 27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this [4]hour. But for this cause came I unto this hour. 28 Father, glorify thy name. There came therefore a voice out of heaven, *saying*, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. 29 The multitude therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it had thundered: others said, An angel hath spoken to him. 30 Jē'sŭs answered and said, This voice hath not come for my sake, but for your sakes. 31 Now is [5]the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. 32 And I, if I be lifted up [6]from the earth, will draw all men unto myself. 33 But this he said, signifying by what manner of death he should die. 34 The multitude therefore answered him, We have heard out of the law that the Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man? 35 Jē'sŭs therefore said unto them, Yet a little while is the light [7]among you. Walk while ye have the light, that darkness overtake you not: and he that walketh in the darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. 36 While ye have the light, believe on the light, that ye may become sons of light.

These things spake Jē'sŭs, and he departed and [8]hid himself from them. 37 But though he had done so many signs before them, yet they believed not on him: 38 that the word of Ī-să'ĭăh the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake,

> [9]Lord, who hath believed our report?
> And to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

39 For this cause they could not believe, for that Ī-să'ĭăh said again,

40 [10]He hath blinded their eyes, and he hardened their heart;
Lest they should see with their eyes, and perceive with their heart,
And should turn,
And I should heal them.

41 These things said Ī-să'ĭăh, because he saw his glory; and he spake of him. 42 Nevertheless even of the rulers many believed on him; but because of the Phăr'ĭ-sēes they did not confess [11]*it*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: 43 for they loved the glory *that is* of men more than the glory *that is* of God.

44 And Jē'sŭs cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. 45 And he that beholdeth me beholdeth him that sent me. 46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me may not abide in the darkness. 47 And if any man hear my sayings, and keep them not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth

[1] Or, *Ye behold* [2-2] *life* in these places represents two different Greek words [4] Or, *hour?* [5] Or, *a judgment* [6] Or, *out of*
[7] Or, *in* [8] Or, *was hidden from them* [9] Is. 53.1 [10] Is. 6.10 [11] Or, him

him: the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day. 49 For I spake not from myself; but the Father that sent me, he hath given me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is life eternal: the things therefore which I speak, even as the Father hath said unto me, so I speak.

13 Now before the feast of the passover, Jē'sŭs knowing that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own that were in the world, he loved them [1]unto the end. 2 And during supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Jū'dăs Ĭs-kăr'ĭ-ŏt, Sī'mŏn's *son*, to [2]betray him, 3 *Je'sus*, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he came forth from God, and goeth unto God, 4 riseth from supper, and layeth aside his garments; and he took a towel, and girded himself. 5 Then he poureth water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. 6 So he cometh to Sī'mŏn Peter. He saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? 7 Jē'sŭs answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt understand hereafter. 8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jē'sŭs answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. 9 Sī'mŏn Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. 10 Jē'sŭs saith to him, He that is bathed needeth not [3]save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. [2]11 For he knew him that should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12 So when he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and [4]sat down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? 13 Ye call me, Teacher, and, Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. 14 If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that ye also should do as I have done to you. 16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, A [5]servant is not greater than his lord; neither [6]one that is sent greater than he that sent him. 17 If ye know these things, blessed are ye if ye do them. 18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I [7]have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, [8]He that eateth [9]my bread lifted up his heel against me. 19 From henceforth I tell you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am *he*. 20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

21 When Jē'sŭs had thus said, he was troubled in the spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall [10]betray me. 22 The disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. 23 There was at the table reclining in Jē'sŭs' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jē'sŭs loved. 24 Sī'mŏn Peter therefore beckoneth to him, and saith unto him, Tell *us* who it is of whom he speaketh. 25 He leaning back, as he was, on Jē'sŭs' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? 26 Jē'sŭs therefore answereth, He it is, for whom I shall dip the sop, and give it him. So when he had dipped the sop, he taketh and giveth it to Jū'dăs, *the son* of Sī'mŏn Ĭs-kăr'ĭ-ŏt. 27 And after the sop, then entered Satan into him. Jē'sŭs therefore saith unto him, What thou doest, do quickly. 28 Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. 29 For some thought, be-

[1] Or, *to the uttermost* [2] Or, *deliver him up* [3] Some ancient authorities omit *save*, and *his feet* [4] Gr. *reclined*
[5] Gr. *bondservant* [6] Gr. *an apostle* [7] Or, *chose* [8] Ps. 41.9 [9] Many ancient authorities read *his bread with me* [10] Or, *deliver me up*

cause Jū'dăs had the [1]bag, that Jē'sŭs said unto him, Buy what things we have need of for the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. 30 He then having received the sop went out straightway: and it was night.

31 When therefore he was gone out, Jē'sŭs saith, Now [2]is the Son of man glorified, and God [2]is glorified in him; 32 and God shall glorify him in himself, and straightway shall he glorify him. 33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say unto you. 34 A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; [3]even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

36 Sī'mŏn Peter saith unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jē'sŭs answered, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow afterwards. 37 Peter saith unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee even now? I will lay down my life for thee. 38 Jē'sŭs answereth, Wilt thou lay down thy life for me? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

14 Let not your heart be troubled: [4]believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many [5]mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. 4 [6]And whither I go, ye know the way. 5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; how know we the way? 6 Jē'sŭs saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but [7]by me. 7 If ye had known me, ye would have known my Father also: from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. 8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 Jē'sŭs saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and dost thou not know me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; how sayest thou, Show us the Father? 10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I say unto you I speak not from myself: but the Father abiding in me doeth his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. 12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask [8]anything in my name, that will I do. 15 If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments. 16 And I will [9]pray the Father, and he shall give you another [10]Comforter, that he may be with you for ever, 17 *even* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, for it beholdeth him not, neither knoweth him: ye know him; for he abideth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you [11]desolate: I come unto you. 19 Yet a little while, and the world beholdeth me no more; but ye behold me: because I live, [12]ye shall live also. 20 In that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him. 22 Jū'dăs (not Ĭs-căr'ĭ-ŏt) saith unto him, Lord, what is come to pass that thou wilt manifest thy-

[1] Or, *box* [2] Or, *was* [3] Or, *even as I loved you, that ye also may love one another* [4] Or, *ye believe in God* [5] Or, *abiding-places* [6] Many ancient authorities read *And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know* [7] Or, *through*

[8] Many ancient authorities add *me* [9] Gr *make request of* [10] Or, *Advocate* Or, *Helper* Gr. *Paraclete* [11] Or, *orphans* [12] Or, *and ye shall live*

of unto us, and not unto the world? 23 Je'sus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my words: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent me.

25 These things have I spoken unto you, while *yet* abiding with you. 26 But the [1]Comforter, *even* the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful. 28 Ye heard how I said to you, I go away, and I come unto you. If ye loved me, ye would have rejoiced, because I go unto the Father: for the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe. 30 I will no more speak much with you, for the prince of the world cometh: and he hath nothing [2]in me; 31 but that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

15 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh it away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he cleanseth it, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already ye are clean because of the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; so neither can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein [3]is my Father glorified, [4]that ye bear much fruit; and *so* shall ye be my disciples. 9 Even as the Father hath loved me, I also have loved you: abide ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full. 12 This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do the things which I command you. 15 No longer do I call you [5]servants; for the [6]servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I heard from my Father I have made known unto you. 16 Ye did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that ye should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should abide: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. 17 These things I command you, that ye may love one another. 18 If the world hateth you, [7]ye know that it hath hated me before *it hated* you. 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love its own: but because ye are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. 20 Remember the word that I said unto you, A [6]servant is not greater than his lord. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things will they do unto

1 Or, *Advocate* Or, *Helper* Gr. *Paraclete* 2 Or, *in me.* 31 *But that &c. . . . I do, arise &c.*

3 Or, *was* 4 Many ancient authorities read *that ye bear much fruit, and be my disciples* 5 Gr. *bondservants* 6 Gr. *bondservant* 7 Or, *know ye*

you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works which none other did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. 25 But *this cometh to pass*, that the word may be fulfilled that is written in their law, [1]They hated me without a cause. 26 But when the [2]Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which [3]proceedeth from the Father, he shall bear witness of me: 27 [4]and ye also bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

16 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be caused to stumble. 2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the hour cometh, that whosoever killeth you shall think that he offereth service unto God. 3 And these things will they do, because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4 But these things have I spoken unto you, that when their hour is come, ye may remember them, how that I told you. And these things I said not unto you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I go unto him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? 6 But because I have spoken these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the [2]Comforter will not come unto you; but if I go, I will send him unto you. 8 And he, when he is come, will convict the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to the Father, and ye behold me no more; 11 of judgment, because the prince of this world hath been judged. 12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he shall guide you into all the truth: for he shall not speak from himself; but what things soever he shall hear, *these* shall he speak: and he shall declare unto you the things that are to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall take of mine, and shall declare *it* unto you. 15 All things whatsoever the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he taketh of mine, and shall declare *it* unto you. 16 A little while, and ye behold me no more; and again a little while, and ye shall see me. 17 *Some* of his disciples therefore said one to another, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye behold me not; and again a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? 18 They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? We know not what he saith. 19 Jē'sŭs perceived that they were desirous to ask him, and he said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves concerning this, that I said, A little while, and ye behold me not, and again a little while, and ye shall see me? 20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. 21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but when she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for the joy that a man is born into the world. 22 And ye therefore now have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no one taketh away from you. 23 And in that day ye shall [5]ask me no question. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If ye shall ask anything of the Father, he will

[1] Ps. 35.19; 69.4 [2] Or, *Advocate* Or, *Helper* Gr. *Paraclete* [3] Or, *goeth forth from* [4] Or, *and bear ye also witness*

[5] Or, *ask me nothing* Comp. ver. 26; ch. 14.13, 20

give it you in my name. 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be made full.

25 These things have I spoken unto you in [1]dark sayings: the hour cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in [1]dark sayings, but shall tell you plainly of the Father. 26 In that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will [2]pray the Father for you; 27 for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came forth from the Father. 28 I came out from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go unto the Father. 29 His disciples say, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no [3]dark saying. 30 Now know we that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. 31 Jē'sŭs answered them, Do ye now believe? 32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and *yet* I am not alone, because the Father is with me. 33 These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye may have peace. In the world ye have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

17 These things spake Jē'sŭs; and lifting up his eyes to heaven, he said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that the Son may glorify thee: 2 even as thou gavest him authority over all flesh, that [4]to all whom thou hast given him, he should give eternal life. 3 And this is life eternal, that they should know thee the only true God, and him whom thou didst send, *even* Jē'sŭs Chrĭst. 4 I glorified thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which thou hast given me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. 6 I manifested thy name unto the men whom thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them to me; and they have kept thy word. 7 Now they know that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are from thee: 8 for the words which thou gavest me I have given unto them; and they received *them*, and knew of a truth that I came forth from thee, and they believed that thou didst send me. 9 I [5]pray for them: I [5]pray not for the world, but for those whom thou hast given me; for they are thine: 10 and all things that are mine are thine, and thine are mine: and I am glorified in them. 11 And I am no more in the world, and these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we *are*. 12 While I was with them, I kept them in thy name which thou hast given me: and I guarded them, and not one of them perished, but the son of perdition; [6]that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I come to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy made full in themselves. 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I [5]pray not that thou shouldest take them [7]from the world, but that thou shouldest keep them [7]from [8]the evil *one*. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 [9]Sanctify them in the truth: thy word is truth. 18 As thou didst send me into the world, even so sent I them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I [9]sanctify myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. 20 Neither for these only do I [5]pray, but for them also that believe on me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, *art* in me, and

[1] Or, *parables* [2] Gr. *make request of* [3] Or, *parable* [4] Gr. *whatsoever thou hast given him, to them he &c.*
[5] Gr. *make request* [6] Ps. 41.9? [7] Gr. *out of* [8] Or, *evil* [9] Or, *consecrate*

I in thee, that they also may be in us: that the world may believe that thou didst send me. 22 And the glory which thou hast given me I have given unto them; that they may be one, even as we *are* one; 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that thou didst send me, and lovedst them, even as thou lovedst me. 24 Father, [1]I desire that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, the world knew thee not, but I knew thee; and these knew that thou didst send me; 26 and I made known unto them thy name, and will make it known; that the love wherewith thou lovedst me may be in them, and I in them.

18 When Jē'sŭs had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the [2]brook [3]Kĭd'rŏn, where was a garden, into which he entered, himself and his disciples. 2 Now Jū'dăs also, who [4]betrayed him, knew the place: for Jē'sŭs oft-times resorted thither with his disciples. 3 Jū'dăs then, having received the [5]band *of soldiers*, and officers from the chief priests and the Phăr'ĭ-sees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4 Jē'sŭs therefore, knowing all the things that were coming upon him, went forth, and saith unto them, Whom seek ye? 5 They answered him, Jē'sŭs of Năz'ă-rĕth. Jē'sŭs saith unto them, I am *he*. And Jū'dăs also, who [4]betrayed him, was standing with them. 6 When therefore he said unto them, I am *he*, they went backward, and fell to the ground. 7 Again therefore he asked them, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jē'sŭs of Năz'ă-rĕth. 8 Jē'sŭs answered, I told you that I am *he*; if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: 9 that the word might be fulfilled which he spake, Of those whom thou hast given me I lost not one. 10 Sī'mŏn Peter therefore having a sword drew it, and struck the high priest's [6]servant, and cut off his right ear. Now the [6]servant's name was Măl'chŭs. 11 Jē'sŭs therefore said unto Peter, Put up the sword into the sheath: the cup which the Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

12 So the [5]band and the [7]chief captain, and the officers of the Jews, seized Jē'sŭs and bound him, 13 and led him to Ăn'năs first; for he was father in law to Că'ĭă-phăs, who was high priest that year. 14 Now Că'ĭă-phăs was he that gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

15 And Sī'mŏn Peter followed Jē'sŭs, and *so did* another disciple. Now that disciple was known unto the high priest, and entered in with Jē'sŭs into the court of the high priest; 16 but Peter was standing at the door without. So the other disciple, who was known unto the high priest, went out and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. 17 The maid therefore that kept the door saith unto Peter, Art thou also *one* of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. 18 Now the [8]servants and the officers were standing *there*, having made [9]a fire of coals; for it was cold; and they were warming themselves: and Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

19 The high priest therefore asked Jē'sŭs of his disciples, and of his teaching. 20 Jē'sŭs answered him, I have spoken openly to the world; I ever taught in [10]synagogues, and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and in secret spake I nothing. 21 Why askest thou me? ask them that have heard *me*, what I spake unto them: behold, these know the things

[1] Gr. *that which thou hast given me, I destre that where I am, they also may be with me, that &c.* [2] Or, *ravine* Gr. *winter-torrent*
[3] Or, *of the Cedars* [4] Or, *delivered him up*
[5] Or, *cohort*
[6] Gr. *bondservant* [7] Or, *military tribune* Gr. *chiliarch* [8] Gr. *bondservants* [9] Gr. *a fire of charcoal* [10] Gr. *synagogue*

which I said. 22 And when he had said this, one of the officers standing by struck Jē'sŭs [1]with his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? 23 Jē'sŭs answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me? 24 Ăn'năs therefore sent him bound unto Că'ĭă-phăs the high priest.

25 Now Sī'mŏn Peter was standing and warming himself. They said therefore unto him, Art thou also *one* of his disciples? He denied, and said, I am not. 26 One of the [2]servants of the high priest, being a kinsman of him whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? 27 Peter therefore denied again: and straightway the cock crew.

28 They lead Jē'sŭs therefore from Că'ĭă-phăs into the [3]Præ-tō'rĭ-ŭm: and it was early; and they themselves entered not into the [3]Præ-tō'rĭ-ŭm, that they might not be defiled, but might eat the passover. 29 Pī'lāte therefore went out unto them, and saith, What accusation bring ye against this man? 30 They answered and said unto him, If this man were not an evil-doer, we should not have delivered him up unto thee. 31 Pī'lāte therefore said unto them, Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law. The Jews said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: 32 that the word of Jē'sŭs might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying by what manner of death he should die.

33 Pī'lāte therefore entered again into the [3]Præ-tō'rĭ-ŭm, and called Jē'sŭs, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? 34 Jē'sŭs answered, Sayest thou this of thyself, or did others tell it thee concerning me? 35 Pī'lāte answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? 36 Jē'sŭs answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my [4]servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. 37 Pī'lāte therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jē'sŭs answered, [5]Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. 38 Pī'lāte saith unto him, What is truth?

And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find no crime in him. 39 But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? 40 They cried out therefore again, saying, Not this man, but Bär-ăb'bās. Now Bär-ăb'bās was a robber.

19 Then Pī'lāte therefore took Jē'sŭs, and scourged him. 2 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple garment; 3 and they came unto him, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they struck him [6]with their hands. 4 And Pī'lāte went out again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him out to you, that ye may know that I find no crime in him. 5 Jē'sŭs therefore came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. And *Pī'late* saith unto them, Behold, the man! 6 When therefore the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify *him*, crucify *him*! Pī'lāte saith unto them, Take him yourselves, and crucify him: for I find no crime in him. 7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. 8 When Pī'lāte therefore heard this saying, he was the more afraid; 9 and he entered into the [3]Præ-tō'rĭ-ŭm again, and saith unto Jē'sŭs, Whence art thou? But Jē'sŭs

[1] Or, *with a rod* [2] Gr. *bondservants* [3] Or, *palace*
[4] Or, *officers:* as in ver. 3, 12, 18, 22 [5] Or, *Thou sayest it, because I am a king* [6] Or, *with rods*

gave him no answer. 10 Pī'lāte therefore saith unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have [1]power to release thee, and have [1]power to crucify thee? 11 Jē'sŭs answered him, Thou wouldest have no [1]power against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath greater sin. 12 Upon this Pī'lāte sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou release this man, thou art not Çæ'sär's friend: every one that maketh himself a king [2]speaketh against Çæ'sär. 13 When Pī'lāte therefore heard these words, he brought Jē'sŭs out, and sat down on the judgment-seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Găb'bă-thà. 14 Now it was the Preparation of the passover: it was about the sixth hour. And he saith unto the Jews, Behold, your King! 15 They therefore cried out, Away with *him*, away with *him*, crucify him! Pī'lāte saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Çæ'sär. 16 Then therefore he delivered him unto them to be crucified.

17 They took Jē'sŭs therefore: and he went out, bearing the cross for himself, unto the place called The place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Gŏl'gō-thà: 18 where they crucified him, and with him two others, on either side one, and Jē'sŭs in the midst. 19 And Pī'lāte wrote a title also, and put it on the cross. And there was written, JĒ'SŬS OF NĂZ'Ă-RĒTH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 20 This title therefore read many of the Jews, [3]for the place where Jē'sŭs was crucified was nigh to the city; and it was written in Hebrew, *and* in Latin, *and* in Grēek. 21 The chief priests of the Jews therefore said to Pī'lāte, Write not, The King of the Jews; but, that he said, I am King of the Jews. 22 Pī'lāte answered, What I have written I have written.

23 The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified Jē'sŭs, took his garments and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also the [4]coat: now the [4]coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. 24 They said therefore one to another, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith,

> [5]They parted my garments among them,
> And upon my vesture did they cast lots.

25 These things therefore the soldiers did. But there were standing by the cross of Jē'sŭs his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clō'păs, and Mary Măg-dă-lē'nē. 26 When Jē'sŭs therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold, thy son! 27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour the disciple took her unto his own *home*.

28 After this Jē'sŭs, knowing that all things are now finished, [6]that the scripture might be accomplished, saith, I thirst. 29 There was set there a vessel full of vinegar: so they put a sponge full of the vinegar upon hyssop, and brought it to his mouth. 30 When Jē'sŭs therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.

31 The Jews therefore, because it was the Preparation, that the bodies should not remain on the cross upon the sabbath (for the day of that sabbath was a high *day*), asked of Pī'lāte that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away. 32 The soldiers therefore came, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other that was crucified with him. 33 but when they came to Jē'sŭs, and saw that he was dead already

[1] Or, *authority* [2] Or, *opposeth Cæsar* [3] Or, *for the place of the city where Jesus was crucified was nigh at hand*
[4] Or, *tunic* [5] Ps. 22.18 [6] Ps. 69.21

they brake not his legs: 34 howbeit one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and straightway there came out blood and water. 35 And he that hath seen hath borne witness, and his witness is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye also may believe. 36 For these things came to pass, [1]that the scripture might be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be [2]broken. 37 And again another scripture saith, [3]They shall look on him whom they pierced.

38 And after these things Joseph of Ăr-ĭ-mă-thæ'ă, being a disciple of Jē'sŭs, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked of Pī'lāte that he might take away the body of Jē'sŭs: and Pī'lāte gave *him* leave. He came therefore, and took away his body. 39 And there came also Nĭc-ō-dē'mŭs, he who at the first came to him by night, bringing a [4]mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. 40 So they took the body of Jē'sŭs, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. 41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb wherein was never man yet laid. 42 There then because of the Jews' Preparation (for the tomb was nigh at hand) they laid Jē'sŭs.

20 Now on the first *day* of the week cometh Mary Măg-dă-lē'nē early, while it was yet dark, unto the tomb, and seeth the stone taken away from the tomb. 2 She runneth therefore, and cometh to Sī'mŏn Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jē'sŭs loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we know not where they have laid him. 3 Peter therefore went forth, and the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. 4 And they ran both together: and the other disciple outran Peter, and came first to the tomb; 5 and stooping and looking in, he seeth the linen cloths lying; yet entered he not in. 6 Sī'mŏn Peter therefore also cometh, following him, and entered into the tomb; and he beholdeth the linen cloths lying, 7 and the napkin, that was upon his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then entered in therefore the other disciple also, who came first to the tomb, and he saw, and believed. 9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. 10 So the disciples went away again unto their own home.

11 But Mary was standing without at the tomb weeping: so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; 12 and she beholdeth two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jē'sŭs had lain. 13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. 14 When she had thus said, she turned herself back, and beholdeth Jē'sŭs standing, and knew not that it was Jē'sŭs. 15 Jē'sŭs saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou hast borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. 16 Jē'sŭs saith unto her, Mary. She turneth herself, and saith unto him in Hebrew, Răb-bō'nī; which is to say, Teacher. 17 Jē'sŭs saith to her, [5]Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended unto the Father: but go unto my brethren, and say to them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and my God and your God. 18 Mary Măg-dă-lē'nē cometh and telleth the disciples, I have seen the Lord; and *that* he had said these things unto her.

19 When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first *day* of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jē'sŭs came and stood in the midst, and saith unto

[1] Ex. 12.46; Num. 9.12; Ps. 34.20 [2] Or, *crushed* [3] Zech. 12.10 [4] Some ancient authorities read *roll* [5] Or, *Take not hold on me*

them, Peace *be* unto you. 20 And when he had said this, he showed unto them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore were glad, when they saw the Lord. 21 Jē'sŭs therefore said to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as the Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit: 23 whose soever sins ye forgive, they are forgiven unto them; whose soever *sins* ye retain, they are retained.

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called [1]Dĭd'ў-mŭs, was not with them when Jē'sŭs came. 25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.

26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them. Jē'sŭs cometh, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace *be* unto you. 27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and see my hands; and reach *hither* thy hand, and put it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. 28 Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. 29 Jē'sŭs saith unto him, Because thou hast seen me, [2]thou hast believed: blessed *are* they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed.

30 Many other signs therefore did Jē'sŭs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book: 31 but these are written, that ye may believe that Jē'sŭs is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in his name.

21 After these things Jē'sŭs manifested himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tī-bē'rĭ-ăs; and he manifested *himself* on this wise. 2 There were together Sī'mŏn Peter, and Thomas called [1]Dĭd'ў-mŭs, and Nă-thăn'ă-ĕl of Că'nă in Găl'ĭ-lēe, and the *sons* of Zĕb'ĕ-dēe, and two other of his disciples. 3 Sī'mŏn Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also come with thee. They went forth, and entered into the boat; and that night they took nothing. 4 But when day was now breaking, Jē'sŭs stood on the beach: yet the disciples knew not that it was Jē'sŭs. 5 Jē'sŭs therefore saith unto them, Children, have ye aught to eat? They answered him, No. 6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. 7 That disciple therefore whom Jē'sŭs loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. So when Sī'mŏn Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his coat about him (for he [3]was naked), and cast himself into the sea. 8 But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from the land, but about two hundred cubits off), dragging the net *full* of fishes. 9 So when they got out upon the land, they see [4]a fire of coals there, and [5]fish laid thereon, and [6]bread. 10 Jē'sŭs saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now taken. 11 Sī'mŏn Peter therefore went [7]up, and drew the net to land, full of great fishes, a hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, the net was not rent. 12 Jē'sŭs saith unto them, Come *and* break your fast. And none of the disciples durst inquire of him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. 13 Jē'sŭs cometh, and taketh the [8]bread, and giveth them, and the fish likewise. 14 This is now the third time that Jē'sŭs was manifested to the disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

[1] That is, *Twin* [2] Or, *hast thou believed?*
[3] Or, *had on his undergarment only*. Comp. ch. 13.4; Is. 20.2; Mic. 1.8, 11 [4] Gr. *a fire of charcoal* [5] Or, *a fish* [6] Or, *a loaf* [7] Or, *aboard* [8] Or, *loaf*

"Lovest thou me?" The Authentication

15 So when they had broken their fast, Jē'sŭs saith to Sī'mŏn Peter, Sī'mŏn, *son* of [1]John, [2]lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I [3]love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. 16 He saith to him again a second time, Sī'mŏn, *son* of [1]John, [2]lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I [3]love thee. He saith unto him, Tend my sheep. 17 He saith unto him the third time, Sī'mŏn, *son* of [1]John, [3]lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, [3]Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou [4]knowest that I [3]love thee. Jē'sŭs saith unto him, Feed my sheep. 18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. 19 Now this he spake, signifying by what manner of death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. 20 Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jē'sŭs loved following; who also leaned back on his breast at the supper, and said, Lord, who is he that [5]betrayeth thee? 21 Peter therefore seeing him saith to Jē'sŭs, Lord, [6]and what shall this man do? 22 Jē'sŭs saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee? follow thou me. 23 This saying therefore went forth among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jē'sŭs said not unto him, that he should not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee?

24 This is the disciple that beareth witness of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his witness is true.

25 And there are also many other things which Jē'sŭs did, the which if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that should be written.

[1] Gr. *Joanes.* See ch. 1.42, margin
[2-3] *Love* in these places represents two different Greek words [4] Or, *perceivest*
[5] Or, *delivereth thee up* [6] Gr. *and this man, what?*

THE ACTS

The Introduction. The Ascension

1 The [1]former treatise I made, O Thĕ-ŏph'ĭ-lŭs, concerning all that Jē'sŭs began both to do and to teach, 2 until the day in which he was received up, after that he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit unto the apostles whom he had chosen: 3 to whom he also [2]showed himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing unto them by the space of forty days, and speaking the things concerning the kingdom of God: 4 and, [3]being assembled together with them, he charged them not to depart from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, *said he,* ye heard from me: 5 for John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized [4]in the Holy Spirit not many days hence.

6 They therefore, when they were come together, asked him, saying, Lord, dost thou at this time restore the kingdom to ĭs'rā-ĕl? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know times or seasons, which the Father hath [5]set within his own authority. 8 But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and in all Jū-dæ'ă and Să-mā'rĭ-ă, and unto the uttermost

[1] Gr. *first* [2] Gr. *presented* [3] Or, *eating with them* [4] Or, *with* [5] Or, *appointed by*

part of the earth. 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they were looking stedfastly into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 who also said, Ye men of Gă̆l'ĭ-lēe, why stand ye looking into heaven? this Jē'sŭs, who was received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye beheld him going into heaven.

12 Then returned they unto Jē-ru'să-lĕm from the mount called ŏl'ĭ-vĕt, which is nigh unto Jē-ru'-să-lĕm, a sabbath day's journey off. 13 And when they were come in, they went up into the upper chamber, where they were abiding; both Peter and John and [1]James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Băr-thŏl'ŏ-mew and Măt'thew, [1]James *the son* of Ăl-phæ'ŭs, and Sī'mŏn the Zealot, and Jū'dăs *the* [2]*son* of [1]James. 14 These all with one accord continued stedfastly in prayer, [3]with the women, and Mary the mother of Jē'sŭs, and with his brethren.

15 And in these days Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren, and said (and there was a multitude of [4]persons *gathered* together, about a hundred and twenty), 16 Brethren, it was needful that the scripture should be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spake before by the mouth of David concerning Jū'dăs, who was guide to them that took Jē'sŭs. 17 For he was numbered among us, and received his [5]portion in this ministry. 18 (Now this man obtained a field with the reward of his iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And it became known to all the dwellers at Jē-ru'-să-lĕm; insomuch that in their language that field was called Ă-kĕl'dă-mă, that is, The field of blood). 20 For it is written in the book of Psalms,

[6]Let his habitation be made desolate,
And let no man dwell therein:
and,
[7]His [8]office let another take.

21 Of the men therefore that have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jē'sŭs went in and went out [9]among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John, unto the day that he was received up from us, of these must one become a witness with us of his resurrection. 23 And they put forward two, Joseph called Bär'săb-bās, who was surnamed Jŭs'tŭs, and Măt-thī'ăs. 24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show of these two the one whom thou hast chosen, 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Jū'dăs fell away, that he might go to his own place. 26 And they gave lots [10]for them; and the lot fell upon Măt-thī'ăs; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

2 And when the day of Pĕn'-tē-cŏst [11]was now come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them tongues [12]parting asunder, like as of fire; and it sat upon each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 Now there were dwelling at Jē-ru'să-lĕm Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound was heard, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speaking in his own language. 7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying, Behold, are not all these that speak Gă̆l-ĭ-læ'ăns? 8 And

1 Or, *Jacob*
2 Or, brother. See Jude 1
3 Or, *with* certain *women*
4 Gr. *names*. See Rev. 3.4
5 Or, *lot*
6 Ps. 69.25 7 Ps. 109.8 8 Gr. *oversee-ship* 9 Or, *over* 10 Or, *unto* 11 Gr. *was being fulfilled* 12 Or, *parting among them*. Or, *distributing themselves*

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how hear we, every man in our
own language wherein we were
born? 9 Pär'thĭ-ăns and Mēdes
and Ē'lăm-ītes, and the dwellers in
Mĕs-ŏ-pō-tā'mĭ-ā, in Jū-dæ'ā and
Căp-pă-dō'cĭ-ā, in Pŏn'tŭs and
Ā'sĭ-ā, 10 in Phrўg'ĭ-ā and Păm-
phўl'ĭ-ā, in Ē'gўpt and the parts
of Lĭb'ў-ā about Çў-rē'nē, and so-
journers from Rome, both Jews
and proselytes, 11 Crē'tăns and
Ā-rā'bĭ-ăns, we hear them speak-
ing in our tongues the mighty works
of God. 12 And they were all
amazed, and were perplexed, say-
ing one to another, What meaneth
this? 13 But others mocking said,
They are filled with new wine.

14 But Peter, standing up with
the eleven, lifted up his voice, and
spake forth unto them, *saying*, Ye
men of Jū-dæ'ā, and all ye that
dwell at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, be this
known unto you, and give ear unto
my words. 15 For these are not
drunken, as ye suppose; seeing it
is *but* the third hour of the day;
16 but this is that which hath been
spoken through the prophet Jō'ĕl:

17 [1]And it shall be in the last days,
saith God,
I will pour forth of my Spirit
upon all flesh:
And your sons and your daugh-
ters shall prophesy,
And your young men shall see
visions,
And your old men shall dream
dreams:
18 Yea and on my [2]servants and
on my [3]handmaidens in those
days
Will I pour forth of my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
19 And I will show wonders in the
heaven above,
And signs on the earth beneath;
Blood, and fire, and vapor of
smoke:
20 The sun shall be turned into
darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the day of the Lord come,
That great and notable *day*:
21 And it shall be, that whosoever
shall call on the name of the
Lord shall be saved.

22 Ye men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, hear these
words: Jē'sŭs of Năz'ă-rĕth, a
man approved of God unto you by
[4]mighty works and wonders and
signs which God did by him in the
midst of you, even as ye yourselves
know; 23 him, being delivered up
by the determinate counsel and
foreknowledge of God, ye by the
hand of [5]lawless men did crucify
and slay: 24 whom God raised up,
having loosed the pangs of death:
because it was not possible that he
should be holden of it. 25 For
David saith concerning him,

[6]I beheld the Lord always be-
fore my face;
For he is on my right hand,
that I should not be moved:
26 Therefore my heart was glad,
and my tongue rejoiced;
Moreover my flesh also shall
[7]dwell in hope:
27 Because thou wilt not leave my
soul unto Hā'dēs,
Neither wilt thou give thy Holy
One to see corruption.
28 Thou madest known unto me
the ways of life;
Thou shalt make me full of
gladness [8]with thy counte-
nance.

29 Brethren, I may say unto you
freely of the patriarch David, that
he both died and was buried, and
his tomb is with us unto this day.
30 Being therefore a prophet, and
knowing that God had sworn with
an oath to him, that of the fruit of
his loins [9]he would set *one* upon his
throne; 31 he foreseeing *this* spake
of the resurrection of the Christ,
that neither was he left unto Hā'-
dēs, nor did his flesh see corrup-
tion. 32 This Jē'sŭs did God
raise up, [10]whereof we all are wit-
nesses. 33 Being therefore [11]by
the right hand of God exalted, and
having received of the Father the
promise of the Holy Spirit, he hath
poured forth this, which ye see and
hear. 34 For David ascended not

[1] Joel 2.28 ff. [2] Gr. *bondmen* [3] Gr. *bondmaidens* [4] Gr. *powers* [5] Or, *men without the law.* See Rom. 2.12 [6] Ps. 16.8 ff. [7] Or, *tabernacle* [8] Or, *in thy presence* [9] Or, one *should sit* [10] Or, *of whom* [11] Or, *at*

into the heavens: but he saith himself,

[1]The Lord said unto my Lord,
Sit thou on my right hand,
35 Till I make thine enemies the
footstool of thy feet.

36 Let [2]all the house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl therefore know assuredly, that God hath made him both Lord and Christ, this Jē'sŭs whom ye crucified.

37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brethren, what shall we do? 38 And Peter *said* unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jē'sŭs Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. 40 And with many other words he testified, and exhorted them, saying, Save yourselves from this crooked generation. 41 They then [3]that received his word were baptized: and there were added *unto them* in that day about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' teaching and [4]fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles[5]. 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 and they sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all, according as any man had need. 46 And day by day, continuing stedfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart, 47 praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added [6]to them day by day those that [7]were saved.

[1] Ps. 110.1 [2] Or, *every house* [3] Or, *having received* [4] Or, *in fellowship* [5] Many ancient authorities add *in Jerusalem; and great fear was upon all* [6] Gr. *together* [7] Or, *were being saved*

3 Now Peter and John were going up into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*. 2 And a certain man that was lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the door of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; 3 who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked to receive an alms. 4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him, with John said, Look on us. 5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something from them. 6 But Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but what I have, that give I thee. In the name of Jē'sŭs Christ of Năz'ă-rĕth, walk. 7 And he took him by the right hand, and raised him up: and immediately his feet and his ankle-bones received strength. 8 And leaping up, he stood, and began to walk, and he entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God: 10 and they took knowledge of him, that it was he that sat for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as he held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the [8]porch that is called Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn's, greatly wondering. 12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, why marvel ye at this [9]man? or why fasten ye your eyes on us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made him to walk? 13 The God of Abraham, and of Ĭ'săac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his [10]Servant Jē'sŭs; whom ye delivered up, and denied before the face of Pī'lāte, when he had determined to release him. 14 But ye denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted unto you, 15 and killed

[8] Or, *portico* [9] Or, *thing* [10] Or, *Child* See Mt. 12.18; Is. 42.1; 52.13; 53.11

the [1]Prince of life; whom God raised from the dead; [2]whereof we are witnesses. 16 And [3]by faith in his name hath his name made this man strong, whom ye behold and know: yea, the faith which is through him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. 17 And now, brethren, I know that in ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. 18 But the things which God foreshowed by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Chrīst should suffer, he thus fulfilled. 19 Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; 20 and that he may send the Chrīst who hath been appointed for you, *even* Jē'sŭs: 21 whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, whereof God spake by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old. 22 Mō'sēs indeed said, [4]A prophet shall the Lord God raise up unto you from among your brethren, [5]like unto me; to him shall ye hearken in all things whatsoever he shall speak unto you. 23 [6]And it shall be, that every soul that shall not hearken to that prophet, shall be utterly destroyed from among the people. 24 Yea and all the prophets from Săm'ū-ĕl and them that followed after, as many as have spoken, they also told of these days. 25 Ye are the sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God [7]made with your fathers, saying unto Abraham, [8]And in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 26 Unto you first God, having raised up his [9]Servant, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.

4 And as they spake unto the people, [10]the priests and the captain of the temple and the Săd'dū-çēes came upon them, 2 being sore troubled because they taught the people, and proclaimed in Jē'sŭs the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in ward unto the morrow: for it was now eventide. 4 But many of them that heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jē-ru'să-lĕm; 6 and Ăn'năs the high priest *was there*, and Că'ĭă-phās, and John, and Ăl-ĕx-ăn'dĕr, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, By what power, or in what name, have ye done this? 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders, 9 if we this day are examined concerning a good deed done to an impotent man, [11]by what means this man is made whole; 10 be it known unto you all, and to all the people of īs'rā-ĕl, that in the name of Jē'sŭs Chrīst of Năz'ă-rĕth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* in [12]him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 He is [13]the stone which was set at nought of you the builders, which was made the head of the corner. 12 And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved.

13 Now when they beheld the boldness of Peter and John, and had perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jē'sŭs. 14 And seeing the man that was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. 15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among

[1] Or, *Author* [2] Or, *of whom* [3] Or, *on the ground of* [4] Dt. 18.15 [5] Or, *as* he raised up *me* [6] Dt. 18.19 [7] Gr. *covenanted* [8] Gen. 12.3; 22.18; 26.4; 28.14 [9] Or, *Child*. See Mt. 12.18; Is. 42.1; 52.13; 53.11 [10] Some ancient authorities read *the chief priests* [11] Or, *in whom* [12] Or, *this* name [13] Ps. 118.22

themselves, 16 saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable [1]miracle hath been wrought through them, is manifest to all that dwell in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm; and we cannot deny it. 17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. 18 And they called them, and charged them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jĕ'sŭs. 19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it is right in the sight of God to hearken unto you rather than unto God, judge ye: 20 for we cannot but speak the things which we saw and heard. 21 And they, when they had further threatened them, let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people; for all men glorified God for that which was done. 22 For the man was more than forty years old, on whom this [1]miracle of healing was wrought.

23 And being let go, they came to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said unto them. 24 And they, when they heard it, lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, O [2]Lord, [3]thou that didst make the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that in them is: 25 [4]who by the Holy Spirit, *by* the mouth of our father David thy servant, didst say,

[5]Why did the [6]Gĕn'tiles rage,
And the peoples [7]imagine vain things?
26 The kings of the earth set themselves in array,
And the rulers were gathered together,
Against the Lord, and against his [8]Anointed:

27 for of a truth in this city against thy holy [9]Servant Jĕ'sŭs, whom thou didst anoint, both Hĕr'ŏd and Pŏn'tĭus Pi'lāte, with the [6]Gĕn'tiles and the peoples of Is'ra-ĕl, were gathered together, 28 to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel foreordained to come to pass. 29 And now, Lord, look upon their threatenings: and grant unto thy [10]servants to speak thy word with all boldness, 30 while thou stretchest forth thy hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of thy holy [9]Servant Jĕ'sŭs. 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken wherein they were gathered together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

32 And the [1]multitude of them that believed were of one heart and soul: and not one *of them* said that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. 33 And with great power gave the apostles their witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jĕ'sŭs[11]: and great grace was upon them all. 34 For neither was there among them any that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, 35 and laid them at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto each, according as any one had need.

36 And Joseph, who by the apostles was surnamed Bär'năbăs (which is, being interpreted, Son of [12]exhortation), a Lē'vite, a man of Çў'prŭs by race, 37 having a field, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

5 But a certain man named Ăn-ă-nī'ăs, with Săp-phī'ra his wife, sold a possession, 2 and kept back *part* of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, Ăn-ă-nī'ăs, why hath Satan filled thy heart to [13]lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land? 4 While it remained, did it not remain thine own? and

[1] Gr. *sign* [2] Gr. *Master* [3] Or, *thou art he that did make* [4] The Greek text in this clause is somewhat uncertain [5] Ps. 2.1, 2 [6] Gr. *nations* [7] Or, *meditate* [8] Gr. *Christ* [9] Or, *Child*. See marginal note on ch. 3.13 [10] Gr. *bondservants* [11] Some ancient authorities add *Christ* [12] Or, *consolation*. See Lk. 2.25; ch. 9.31; 15.31; 2 Cor. 1.3-7, in the Gr. [13] Or, *deceive*

after it was sold, was it not in thy power? How is it that thou hast conceived this thing in thy heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. 5 And Ăn-ă-nī'ăs hearing these words fell down and gave up the ghost: and great fear came upon all that heard it. 6 And the [1]young men arose and wrapped him round, and they carried him out and buried him.

7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. 8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much. And she said, Yea, for so much. 9 But Peter *said* unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to try the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them that have buried thy husband are at the door, and they shall carry thee out. 10 And she fell down immediately at his feet, and gave up the ghost: and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her by her husband. 11 And great fear came upon the whole church, and upon all that heard these things.

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; and they were all with one accord in Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn's [2]porch. 13 But of the rest durst no man join himself to them: howbeit the people magnified them; 14 [3]and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women; 15 insomuch that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and [4]couches, that, as Peter came by, at the least his shadow might overshadow some one of them. 16 And there also came together the multitude from the cities round about Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, bringing sick folk, and them that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

17 But the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him (which is the sect of the Săd'dū-çēes), and they were filled with jealousy, 18 and laid hands on the apostles, and put them in public ward. 19 But an angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them out, and said, 20 Go ye, and stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this Life. 21 And when they heard *this*, they entered into the temple about daybreak, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of ĭs'rā-ĕl, and sent to the prison-house to have them brought. 22 But the officers that came found them not in the prison; and they returned, and told, 23 saying, The prison-house we found shut in all safety, and the keepers standing at the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within. 24 Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were much perplexed concerning them whereunto this would grow. 25 And there came one and told them, Behold, the men whom ye put in the prison are in the temple standing and teaching the people. 26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them, *but* without violence; for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. 27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, 28 saying, We strictly charged you not to teach in this name: and behold, ye have filled Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm with your teaching, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. 29 But Peter and the apostles answered and said, We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jĕ'sŭs, whom ye slew, hanging him on a tree. 31 Him did God exalt [5]with his right hand *to be* a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to ĭs'rā-ĕl, and remission of sins. 32 And we are wit-

[1] Gr. *younger* [2] Or, *portico* [3] Or, *and there were the more added to them, believing on the Lord* [4] Or, *pallets* [5] Or, *at*

nesses[1] of these [2]things; [3]and *so is* the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

33 But they, when they heard this, were cut to the heart, and were minded to slay them. 34 But there stood up one in the council, a Phăr'ĭ-sēe, named Gă-mā'lĭ-ĕl, a doctor of the law, had in honor of all the people, and commanded to put the men forth a little while. 35 And he said unto them, Ye men of ĭs'rā-ĕl, take heed to yourselves as touching these men, what ye are about to do. 36 For before these days rose up Theū'dăs, giving himself out to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were dispersed, and came to nought. 37 After this man rose up Jū'dăs of Găl'ĭ-lēe in the days of the enrolment, and drew away *some of the* people after him: he also perished; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered abroad. 38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will be overthrown: 39 but if it is of God, ye will not be able to overthrow them; lest haply ye be found even to be fighting against God. 40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles unto them, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jē'sŭs, and let them go. 41 They therefore departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name. 42 And every day, in the temple and at home, they ceased not to teach and to [4]preach Jē'sŭs *as* the Christ.

6 Now in these days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring of the [5]Grē'cĭan Jews against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. 2 And the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not [6]fit that we should forsake the word of God, and [7]serve tables. 3 [8]Look ye out therefore, brethren, from among you seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. 4 But we will continue stedfastly in prayer, and in the ministry of the word. 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stē'phĕn, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prŏch'ō-rŭs, and Nī-cā'nôr, and Tī'mŏn, and Pär'mĕ-năs, and Nĭc-ŏ-lā'ŭs a proselyte of An'tĭ-ŏch; 6 whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands upon them.

7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jĕ-ru'sa-lĕm exceedingly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

8 And Stē'phĕn, full of grace and power, wrought great wonders and signs among the people. 9 But there arose certain of them that were of the synagogue called *the synagogue* of the [9]Lĭb'ĕr-tĭnes, and of the Çy-rē'nĭ-ăns, and of the Ăl-ĕx-ăn'drĭ-ăns, and of them of Çĭ-lĭ'cĭ-a and Ā'sĭ-a, disputing with Stē'phĕn. 10 And they were not able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spake. 11 Then they suborned men, who said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Mō'sĕs, and *against* God. 12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and seized him, and brought him into the council, 13 and set up false witnesses, who said, This man ceaseth not to speak words against this holy place, and the law: 14 for we have heard him say, that this Jē'sŭs of Năz'ă-rĕth shall destroy this place, and shall

[1] Some ancient authorities add *in him*
[2] Gr. *sayings*
[3] Some ancient authorities read *and God hath given the Holy Spirit to them that obey him*
[4] Gr. *bring good tidings of*. See ch. 13.32; 14.15
[5] Gr. *Hellenists*
[6] Gr. *pleasing*
[7] Or, *minister to tables*
[8] Some ancient authorities read *But, brethren, look ye out from among you*
[9] Or, *Freedmen*

change the customs which Mō'sēs delivered unto us. 15 And all that sat in the council, fastening their eyes on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

7 And the high priest said, Are these things so? 2 And he said, Brethren and fathers, hearken: The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mĕs-ŏ-pō-tā'mĭ-â, before he dwelt in Hā'răn, 3 and said unto him, Get thee out of thy land, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall show thee. 4 Then came he out of the land of the Chăl-dæ'ans, and dwelt in Hā'răn: and from thence, when his father was dead, *God* removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell: 5 and he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: and he promised that he would give it to him in possession, and to his seed after him, when *as yet* he had no child. 6 And God spake on this wise, that his seed should sojourn in a strange land, and that they should bring them into bondage, and treat them ill, four hundred years. 7 And the nation to which they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place. 8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so *Abraham* begat I-sāac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and I'săac *begat* Jacob, and Jacob the twelve patriarchs. 9 And the patriarchs, moved with jealousy against Joseph, sold him into E'gўpt: and God was with him, 10 and delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom before Phā'raōh king of E'gўpt; and he made him governor over E'gўpt and all his house. 11 Now there came a famine over all E'gўpt and Cā'năan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance. 12 But when Jacob heard that there was grain in E'gўpt, he sent forth our fathers the first time. 13 And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's race became manifest unto Phā'raōh. 14 And Joseph sent, and called to him Jacob his father, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls. 15 And Jacob went down into E'gўpt; and he died, himself and our fathers; 16 and they were carried over unto Shĕ'chĕm, and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a price in silver of the sons of [1]Hā'môr in Shĕ'chĕm. 17 But as the time of the promise drew nigh which God vouchsafed unto Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in E'gўpt, 18 till there arose another king over E'gўpt, who knew not Joseph. 19 The same dealt craftily with our race, and ill-treated our fathers, that [2]they should cast out their babes to the end they might not [3]live. 20 At which season Mō'sēs was born, and was [4]exceeding fair; and he was nourished three months in his father's house: 21 and when he was cast out, Phā'raōh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son. 22 And Mō'sēs was instructed in all the wisdom of the E-gўp'tiăns; and he was mighty in his words and works. 23 But when he was well-nigh forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of īs'rā-ĕl. 24 And seeing one *of them* suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, smiting the E-gўp'tiăn: 25 and he supposed that his brethren understood that God by his hand was giving them [5]deliverance; but they understood not. 26 And the day following he appeared unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another? 27 But he that did his neighbor wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us? 28 Wouldest thou kill me, as thou killedst the E-gўp'tiăn yesterday? 29 And Mō'sēs fled at this saying, and became a sojourner in the

[1] Gr. *Emmor* [2] Or, *he* [3] Gr. *be preserved alive* [4] Or, *fair unto God.* Comp. 2 Cor. 10.4 [5] Or, *salvation*

land of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn, where he begat two sons. 30 And when forty years were fulfilled, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sĭ'năi, in a flame of fire in a bush. 31 And when Mō'sĕs saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold, there came a voice of the Lord, 32 I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and of Ī'săac, and of Jacob. And Mō'sĕs trembled, and durst not behold. 33 And the Lord said unto him, Loose the shoes from thy feet: for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. 34 I have surely seen the affliction of my people that is in Ē'gўpt, and have heard their groaning, and I am come down to deliver them: and now come, I will send thee into Ē'gўpt. 35 This Mō'sĕs whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? him hath God sent *to be* both a ruler and a [1]deliverer with the hand of the angel that appeared to him in the bush. 36 This man led them forth, having wrought wonders and signs in Ē'gўpt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years. 37 This is that Mō'sĕs, who said unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, [2]A prophet shall God raise up unto you from among your brethren, [3]like unto me. 38 This is he that was in the [4]church in the wilderness with the angel that spake to him in the mount Sĭ'năi, and with our fathers: who received living oracles to give unto us: 39 to whom our fathers would not be obedient, but thrust him from them, and turned back in their hearts unto Ē'gўpt, 40 saying unto Aâr'ŏn, Make us gods that shall go before us: for as for this Mō'sĕs, who led us forth out of the land of Ē'gўpt, we know not what is become of him. 41 And they made a calf in those days, and brought a sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their hands. 42 But God turned, and gave them up to serve the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets,

[5]Did ye offer unto me slain beasts and sacrifices
Forty years in the wilderness, O house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl?
43 And ye took up the tabernacle of Mō'lŏch,
And the star of the god Rĕ'phăn,
The figures which ye made to worship them:
And I will carry you away beyond Băb'ў-lŏn.

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of the testimony in the wilderness, even as he appointed who spake unto Mō'sĕs, that he should make it according to the figure that he had seen. 45 Which also our fathers, in their turn, brought in with [6]Jŏsh'ū-ă when they entered on the possession of the [7]nations, that God thrust out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David; 46 who found favor in the sight of God, and asked to find a habitation for the God of Jacob. 47 But Sŏl'ŏ-mŏn built him a house. 48 Howbeit the Most High dwelleth not in *houses* made with hands; as saith the prophet,

49 [8]The heaven is my throne,
And the earth the footstool of my feet:
What manner of house will ye build me? saith the Lord:
Or what is the place of my rest?
50 Did not my hand make all these things?

51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit: as your fathers did, so do ye. 52 Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? and they killed them that showed before of the coming of the Righteous One; of whom ye have now become betrayers and murderers; 53 ye who received the law [9]as it was ordained by angels, and kept it not.

54 Now when they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with

[1] Gr. *redeemer* [2] Deut. 18.15 [3] Or, *as* he raised up *me* [4] Or, *congregation*
[5] Amos. 5.25 ff. [6] Gr. *Jesus*. Comp. Heb. 4.8 [7] Or, *Gentiles*. Comp. ch. 4.25
[8] Is. 66.1 f. [9] Or, *as the ordinance of angels*. Gr. *unto ordinances of angels*

their teeth. 55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jĕ'sŭs standing on the right hand of God, 56 and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. 57 But they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and rushed upon him with one accord; 58 and they cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 And they stoned Stĕ'phĕn, calling upon *the Lord*, and saying, Lord Jĕ'sŭs, receive my spirit. 60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell 8 asleep. 1 And Saul was consenting unto his death.

And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church which was in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Jū-dæ'ā and Să-mā'rĭ-ā, except the apostles. 2 And devout men buried Stĕ'phĕn, and made great lamentation over him. 3 But Saul laid waste the church, entering into every house, and dragging men and women committed them to prison.

4 They therefore that were scattered abroad went about [1]preaching the word. 5 And Philip went down to the city of Să-mā'rĭ-ā, and proclaimed unto them the Christ. 6 And the multitudes gave heed with one accord unto the things that were spoken by Philip, when they heard, and saw the signs which he did. 7 [2]For *from* many of those that had unclean spirits, they came out, crying with a loud voice: and many that were palsied, and that were lame, were healed. 8 And there was much joy in that city.

9 But there was a certain man, Sī'mŏn by name, who beforetime in the city used sorcery, and amazed the [3]people of Să-mā'rĭ-ā, giving out that himself was some great one: 10 to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is that power of God which is called Great. 11 And they gave heed to him, because that of long time he had amazed them with his sorceries. 12 But when they believed Philip [1]preaching good tidings concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jĕ'sŭs Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13 And Sī'mŏn also himself believed: and being baptized, he continued with Philip; and beholding signs and great [4]miracles wrought, he was amazed.

14 Now when the apostles that were at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm heard that Să-mā'rĭ-ā had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: 15 who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit: 16 for as yet it was fallen upon none of them: only they had been baptized into the name of the Lord Jĕ'sŭs. 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. 18 Now when Sī'mŏn saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the [5]Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, 19 saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay my hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit. 20 But Peter said unto him, Thy silver perish with thee, because thou hast thought to obtain the gift of God with money. 21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this [6]matter: for thy heart is not right before God. 22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray the Lord, if perhaps the thought of thy heart shall be forgiven thee. 23 For I see that thou [7]art in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity. 24 And Sī'mŏn answered and said, Pray

[1] Comp. marg. note on ch. 5.42 [2] Or, *For many of those that had unclean spirits that cried with a loud voice came forth*

[3] Gr. *nation* [4] Gr. *powers* [5] Some ancient authorities omit *Holy* [6] Gr. *word* 7 Or, *wilt become gall* (or, *a gall root*) *of bitterness and a bond of iniquity*. Comp. Deut. 29.18; Heb. 12.15

ye for me to the Lord, that none of the things which ye have spoken come upon me.

25 They therefore, when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, returned to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and [1]preached the gospel to many villages of the Să-măr'ĭ-tănș.

26 But an angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go [2]toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jĕ-ru'-să-lĕm unto Gā'zā: the same is desert. 27 And he arose and went: and behold, a man of Ē-thĭ-ō'pĭ-ă, a eunuch of great authority under Căn-dā'çē, queen of the Ē-thĭ-ō'-pĭ-ănș, who was over all her treasure, who had come to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm to worship; 28 and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Ī-să'-ĭăh. 29 And the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. 30 And Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Ī-să'ĭăh the prophet, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? 31 And he said, How can I, except some one shall guide me? And he besought Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of the scripture which he was reading was this,

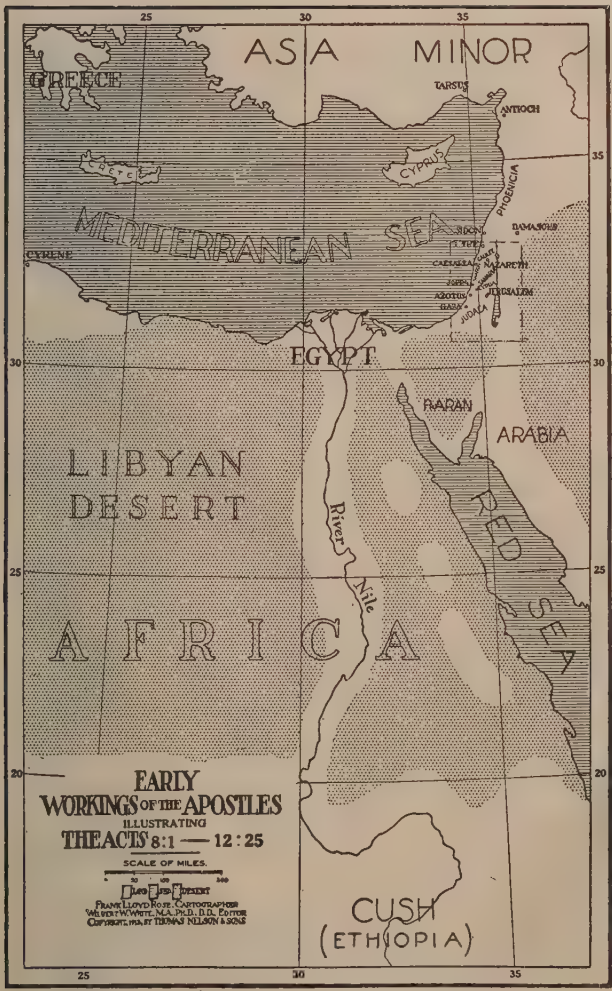
[3]He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;
And as a lamb before his shearer is dumb,
So he openeth not his mouth:
33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away:
His generation who shall declare?
For his life is taken from the earth.

34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other? 35 And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this scripture, [4]preached unto him Jē'sŭs. 36 And as they went on the way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch saith, Behold, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?[5] 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, for he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Ă-zō'tŭs: and passing through he [4]preached the gospel to all the cities, till he came to Çæs-ă-rē'ă.

9 But Saul, yet breathing threatening and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, 2 and asked of him letters to Dă-măs'cŭs unto the synagogues, that if he found any that were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 3 And as he journeyed, it came to pass that he drew nigh unto Dă-măs'cŭs: and suddenly there shone round about him a light out of heaven: 4 and he fell upon the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And he *said*, I am Jē'sŭs whom thou persecutest: 6 but rise, and enter into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. 7 And the men that journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing the [6]voice, but beholding no man. 8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw nothing; and they led him by the hand, and brought him into Dă-măs'cŭs. 9 And he was three days without sight, and did neither eat nor drink.

10 Now there was a certain disciple at Dă-măs'cŭs, named Ăn-ă-nī'ăs; and the Lord said unto him in a vision, Ăn-ă-nī'ăs. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord. 11 And the Lord *said* unto him,

[1] Gr. *brought good tidings*. Comp. ch. 5.22
[2] Or, *at noon*. Comp. ch. 22.6 [3] Is. 53.7 f.
[4] See marg. note on ch. 5.42
[5] Some ancient authorities insert, wholly or in part, ver. 37 *And Philip said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God*
[6] Or, *sound*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Arise, and go to the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Jū'dăs for one named Saul, a man of Tär'sŭs: for behold, he prayeth; 12 and he hath seen a man named Ăn-ă-nī'ăs coming in, and laying his hands on him, that he might receive his sight. 13 But Ăn-ă-nī'ăs answered, Lord, I have heard from many of this man, how much evil he did to thy saints at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: 14 and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call upon thy name. 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a [1]chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gĕn'tiles and kings, and the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: 16 for I will show him how many things he must suffer for my name's sake. 17 And Ăn-ă-nī'ăs departed, and entered into the house; and laying his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jē'sŭs, who appeared unto thee in the way which thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mayest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit. 18 And straightway there fell from his eyes as it were scales, and he received his sight; and he arose and was baptized; 19 and he took food and was strengthened.

And he was certain days with the disciples that were at Dă-măs'cŭs. 20 And straightway in the synagogues he proclaimed Jē'sŭs, that he is the Son of God. 21 And all that heard him were amazed, and said, Is not this he that in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm made havoc of them that called on this name? and he had come hither for this intent, that he might bring them bound before the chief priests. 22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews that dwelt at Dă-măs'cŭs, proving that this is the Christ.

23 And when many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel together to kill him: 24 but their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates also day and night that they might kill him: 25 but his disciples took him by night, and let him down through the wall, lowering him in a basket.

26 And when he was come to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: and they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. 27 But Bär'nă-băs took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how at Dă-măs'cŭs he had preached boldly in the name of Jē'sŭs. 28 And he was with them going in and going out at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, 29 preaching boldly in the name of the Lord: and he spake and disputed against the [2]Grē'cian Jews; but they were seeking to kill him. 30 And when the brethren knew it, they brought him down to Cæs-ă-rē'ă, and sent him forth to Tär'sŭs.

31 So the church throughout all Jū-dæ'ă and Găl'ĭ-lēe and Să-mā'rĭ-ă had peace, being [3]edified; and, walking [4]in the fear of the Lord and [4]in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, was multiplied.

32 And it came to pass, as Peter went throughout all parts, he came down also to the saints that dwelt at Lȳd'dă. 33 And there he found a certain man named Æ'nē-ās, who had kept his bed eight years; for he was palsied. 34 And Peter said unto him, Æ'nē-ăs, Jē'sŭs Christ healeth thee: arise, and make thy bed. And straightway he arose. 35 And all that dwelt at Lȳd'dă and in Shär'ŏn saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

36 Now there was at Jŏp'pă a certain disciple named Tăb'ĭ-thă, which by interpretation is called [5]Dôr'căs: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. 37 And it came to pass in those days, that she fell sick, and died: and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper chamber. 38 And as Lȳd'dă was nigh unto Jŏp'pă, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent

[1] Gr. *vessel of election*
[2] Gr. *Hellenists* [3] Gr. *builded up* [4] Or, *by* [5] That is, *Gazelle*

two men unto him, entreating him, Delay not to come on unto us. 39 And Peter arose and went with them. And when he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dôr'cas made, while she was with them. 40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning to the body, he said, Tăb'ĭ-thà, arise. And she opened her eyes; and when she saw Peter, she sat up. 41 And he gave her his hand, and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. 42 And it became known throughout all Jŏp'pà: and many believed on the Lord. 43 And it came to pass, that he abode many days in Jŏp'pà with one Sī'mŏn a tanner.

10 Now *there was* a certain man in Cæs-ă-rē'à, Côr-nē'lĭ-ŭs by name, a centurion of the [1]band called the ĭ-tăl'ĭăn *band*, 2 a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, who gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always. 3 He saw in a vision openly, as it were about the ninth hour of the day, an angel of God coming in unto him, and saying to him, Côr-nē'lĭ-ŭs. 4 And he, fastening his eyes upon him, and being affrighted, said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are gone up for a memorial before God. 5 And now send men to Jŏp'pà, and fetch one Sī'mŏn, who is surnamed Peter: 6 he lodgeth with one Sī'mŏn a tanner, whose house is by the sea side. 7 And when the angel that spake unto him was departed, he called two of his household-servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually; 8 and having rehearsed all things unto them, he sent them to Jŏp'pà.

9 Now on the morrow, as they were on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour: 10 and he became hungry, and desired to eat: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance; 11 and he beholdeth the heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending, as it were a great sheet, let down by four corners upon the earth: 12 wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts and creeping things of the earth and birds of the heaven. 13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill and eat. 14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common and unclean. 15 And a voice *came* unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, make not thou common. 16 And this was done thrice: and straightway the vessel was received up into heaven.

17 Now while Peter was much perplexed in himself what the vision which he had seen might mean, behold, the men that were sent by Côr-nē'lĭ-ŭs, having made inquiry for Sī'mŏn's house, stood before the gate, 18 and called and asked whether Sī'mŏn, who was surnamed Peter, were lodging there. 19 And while Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. 20 But arise, and get thee down, and go with them, nothing doubting: for I have sent them. 21 And Peter went down to the men, and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come? 22 And they said, Côr-nē'lĭ-ŭs a centurion, a righteous man and one that feareth God, and well reported of by all the nation of the Jews, was warned *of God* by a holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words from thee. 23 So he called them in and lodged them.

And on the morrow he arose and went forth with them, and certain of the brethren from Jŏp'pà accompanied him. 24 And on the morrow [2]they entered into Cæsă-rē'à. And Côr-nē'lĭ-ŭs was waiting for them, having called together

[1] Or, *cohort*

[2] Some ancient authorities read *he*

his kinsmen and his near friends. 25 And when it came to pass that Peter entered, Côr-nē'lĭ-ŭs met him, and fell down at his feet, and [1]worshipped him. 26 But Peter raised him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man. 27 And as he talked with him, he went in, and findeth many come together: 28 and he said unto them, Ye yourselves know [2]how it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to join himself or come unto one of another nation; and *yet* unto me hath God showed that I should not call any man common or unclean: 29 wherefore also I came without gainsaying, when I was sent for. I ask therefore with what intent ye sent for me. 30 And Côr-nē'lĭ-ŭs said, Four days ago, until this hour, I was keeping the ninth hour of prayer in my house; and behold, a man stood before me in bright apparel, 31 and saith, Côr-nē'lĭ-ŭs, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. 32 Send therefore to Jŏp'pa, and call unto thee Sī'mŏn, who is surnamed Peter; he lodgeth in the house of Sī'mŏn a tanner, by the sea side. 33 Forthwith therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore we are all here present in the sight of God, to hear all things that have been commanded thee of the Lord. 34 And Peter opened his mouth, and said,

Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to him. 36 [3]The word which he sent unto the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, preaching [4]good tidings of peace by Jē'sŭs Christ (he is Lord of all)—37 that saying ye yourselves know, which was published throughout all Jū-dæ'a, beginning from Găl'ĭ-lēe, after the baptism which John preached; 38 *even* Jē'sŭs of Năz'ă-rĕth, how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the country of the Jews, and in Jē-ru'sa-lĕm; whom also they slew, hanging him on a tree. 40 Him God raised up the third day, and gave him to be made manifest, 41 not to all the people, but unto witnesses that were chosen before of God, *even* to us, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he charged us to preach unto the people, and to testify that this is he who is ordained of God *to be* the Judge of the living and the dead. 43 To him bear all the prophets witness, that through his name every one that believeth on him shall receive remission of sins.

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all them that heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision that believed were amazed, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gĕn'tiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, 47 Can any man forbid the water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit as well as we? 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jē'sŭs Christ. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

11 Now the apostles and the brethren that were in Jū-dæ'a heard that the Gĕn'tiles also had received the word of God. 2 And when Peter was come up to Jē-ru'sa-lĕm, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, 3 saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them. 4 But Peter began, and expounded *the matter* unto them in order, saying, 5 I was in the city of Jŏp'pa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, a certain vessel descending, as it were a great sheet

[1] The Greek word denotes an act of reverence, whether paid to a creature or to the Creator [2] Or, *how unlawful it is for a man &c.* [3] Many ancient authorities read *He sent the word unto* [4] Or, *the gospel*

let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even unto me: 6 upon which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw the fourfooted beasts of the earth and wild beasts and creeping things and birds of the heaven. 7 And I heard also a voice saying unto me, Rise, Peter; kill and eat. 8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath ever entered into my mouth. 9 But a voice answered the second time out [1]of heaven, What God hath cleansed, make not thou common. 10 And this was done thrice: and all were drawn up again into heaven. 11 And behold, forthwith three men stood before the house in which we were, having been sent from Cæs-ā-rē'á unto me. 12 And the Spirit bade me go with them, making no distinction. And these six brethren also accompanied me; and we entered into the man's house: 13 and he told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, Send to Jŏp'pá, and fetch Sī'mŏn, whose surname is Peter; 14 who shall speak unto thee words, whereby thou shalt be saved, thou and all thy house. 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, even as on us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized [2]in the Holy Spirit. 17 If then God gave unto them the like gift as *he did* also unto us, when we believed on the Lord Jē'sŭs Christ, who was I, that I could withstand God? 18 And when they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then to the Gĕn'tiles also hath God granted repentance unto life.

19 They therefore that were scattered abroad upon the tribulation that arose about Stē'phĕn travelled as far as Phœ-nī'ci-á, and Cў'prŭs, and Ăn'tī-ŏch, speaking the word to none save only to Jews. 20 But there were some of them, men of Çў'prŭs and Çў-

[1] Or, *with*

rē'nē, who, when they were come to Ăn'tī-ŏch, spake unto the [2]Grēeks also, [3]preaching the Lord Jē'sŭs. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number that believed turned unto the Lord. 22 And the report concerning them came to the ears of the church which was in Jē-ru'sá-lĕm: and they sent forth Bär'nă-bās as far as Ăn'tī-ŏch: 23 who, when he was come, and had seen the grace of God, was glad; and he exhorted them all, [4]that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord: 24 for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. 25 And he went forth to Tär'sŭs to seek for Saul; 26 and when he had found him, he brought him unto Ăn'tī-ŏch. And it came to pass, that even for a whole year they were gathered together [5]with the church, and taught much people; and that the disciples were called Chrĭs'tiăns first in Ăn'tī-ŏch.

27 Now in these days there came down prophets from Jē-ru'sá-lĕm unto Ăn'tī-ŏch. 28 And there stood up one of them named Ăg'ă-bŭs, and signified by the Spirit that there should be a great famine over all [6]the world: which came to pass in the days of Clau'dī-ŭs. 29 And the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send [7]relief unto the brethren that dwelt in Jū-dæ'á: 30 which also they did, sending it to the elders by the hand of Bär'nă-bās and Saul.

12 Now about that time Hĕr'ŏd the king put forth his hands to afflict certain of the church. 2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. 3 And when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. And *those* were the days of unleavened bread. 4 And when he

[2] Many ancient authorities read *Grecian Jews*. See ch. 6.1 [3] See marginal note on ch. 5.42 [4] Some ancient authorities read *that they would cleave unto the purpose of their heart in the Lord* [5] Gr. *in* [6] Gr. *the inhabited earth* [7] Gr. *for ministry*. Comp. ch. 6.1

had taken him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to guard him; intending after the Passover to bring him forth to the people. 5 Peter therefore was kept in the prison: but prayer was made earnestly of the church unto God for him.

6 And when Hĕr'ŏd was about to bring him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and guards before the door kept the prison. 7 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shined in the cell: and he smote Peter on the side, and woke him, saying, Rise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. 8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And he did so. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. 9 And he went out, and followed; and he knew not that it was true which was done [1]by the angel, but thought he saw a vision. 10 And when they were past the first and the second guard, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth into the city; which opened to them of its own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and straightway the angel departed from him. 11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a truth, that the Lord hath sent forth his angel and delivered me out of the hand of Hĕr'ŏd, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. 12 And when he had considered *the thing*, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together and were praying. 13 And when he knocked at the door of the gate, a maid came to answer, named Rhō'dā. 14 And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for joy, but ran in, and told that Peter stood before the gate. 15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she confidently affirmed that it was even so. And they said, It is his angel. 16 But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened, they saw him, and were amazed. 17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him forth out of the prison. And he said, Tell these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went to another place. 18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter. 19 And when Hĕr'ŏd had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the guards, and commanded that they should be [2]put to death. And he went down from Jū-dæ'ā to Çæs-ă-rē'ā, and tarried there.

20 Now he was highly displeased with them of Tȳre and Sī'dŏn: and they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blăs'tŭs the king's chamberlain their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was fed from the king's country. 21 And upon a set day Hĕr'ŏd arrayed himself in royal apparel, and sat on the [3]throne, and made an oration unto them. 22 And the people shouted, *saying*, The voice of a god, and not of a man. 23 And immediately an angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

25 And Bär'nă-băs and Saul returned [4]from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, when they had fulfilled their ministration, taking with them John whose surname was Mark.

13 Now there were at Ăn'tĭ-ŏch, in the church that was *there*, prophets and teachers, Bär'nă-băs, and Sȳm'ĕ-ŏn that was called Nī'gĕr, and Lū'çĭus of Çȳ-rē'nē, and Măn'ă-ĕn the foster-brother of Hĕr'ŏd the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 And as they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the

[1] Gr. *through*

[2] Gr. *led away to death* [3] Or, *judgment-seat*. See Mt. 27.19 [4] Many ancient authorities read *to Jerusalem*

Holy Spirit said, Separate me Bär'-nă-băs and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Spirit, went down to Sĕ-leū'ci-ā; and from thence they sailed to Çў'prŭs. 5 And when they were at Săl'ă-mis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John as their attendant. 6 And when they had gone through the whole island unto Pā'phŏs, they found a certain [1]sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bär-Jē'sŭs; 7 who was with the proconsul, Sĕr'gĭ-ŭs Pau'lŭs, a man of understanding. The same called unto him Bär'nă-băs and Saul, and sought to hear the word of God. 8 But ĕl'ў-măs the [1]sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn aside the proconsul from the faith. 9 But Saul, who is also *called* Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fastened his eyes on him, 10 and said, O full of all guile and all villany, thou son of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? 11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun [2]for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the proconsul, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

13 Now Paul and his company set sail from Pā'phŏs, and came to Pĕr'gą in Păm-phўl'ĭ-ą: and John departed from them and returned to Jē-ru'să-lĕm. 14 But they, passing through from Pĕr'gą, came to Ăn'tĭ-ŏch of Pĭ-sĭd'ĭ-ą; and they went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down. 15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on. 16 And Paul stood up, and beckoning with the hand said,

Men of Ĭs'rą-ĕl, and ye that fear God, hearken: 17 The God of this people Ĭs'rą-ĕl chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they sojourned in the land of Ē'gўp, and with a high arm led he them forth out of it. 18 And for about the time of forty years [3]as a nursing-father bare he them in the wilderness. 19 And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Cā'năan, he gave *them* their land for an inheritance, for about four hundred and fifty years: 20 and after these things he gave *them* judges until Săm'ū-ĕl the prophet. 21 And afterward they asked for a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Kĭsh, a man of the tribe of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, for the space of forty years. 22 And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king; to whom also he bare witness and said, [4]I have found David the Son of Jĕs'sĕ, a man after my heart, who shall do all my [5]will. 23 Of this man's seed hath God according to promise brought unto Ĭs'rą-ĕl a Saviour, Jē'sŭs: 24 when John had first preached [6]before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Ĭs'rą-ĕl. 25 And as John was fulfilling his course, he said, What suppose ye that I am? I am not *he*. But behold, there cometh one after me the shoes of whose feet I am not worthy to unloose. 26 Brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and those among you that fear God, to us is the word of this salvation sent forth. 27 For they that dwell in Jē-ru'să-lĕm, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath, fulfilled *them* by condemning *him*. 28 And though they found no cause of death *in him*, yet asked they of Pī'lāt

1 Gr. *Magus*: as in Mt. 2.1, 7, 16 2 Or, *until*
3 Many ancient authorities read *suffered their manners in the wilderness*. See Deu 9.7 4 1 S. 13.14; Ps. 89.20 5 Gr. *will*
6 Gr. *before the face of his entering in*

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that he should be slain. 29 And when they had fulfilled all things that were written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. 30 But God raised him from the dead: 31 and he was seen for many days of them that came up with him from Găl'ĭ-lēe to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, who are now his witnesses unto the people. 32 And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers, 33 that God hath fulfilled the same unto our children, in that he raised up Jē'sŭs; as also it is written in the second psalm, [1]Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. 34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he hath spoken on this wise, [2]I will give you the holy and sure *blessings* of David. 35 Because he saith also in another *psalm*, [3]Thou wilt not give thy Holy One to see corruption. 36 For David, after he had [4]in his own generation served the counsel of God, fell asleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: 37 but he whom God raised up saw no corruption. 38 Be it known unto you therefore, brethren, that through this man is proclaimed unto you remission of sins: 39 and by him every one that believeth is justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Mō'sĕs. 40 Beware therefore, lest that come upon *you* which is spoken in the prophets:

41 [5]Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and [6]perish;
For I work a work in your days,
A work which ye shall in no wise believe, if one declare it unto you.

42 And as they went out, they besought that these words might be spoken to them the next sabbath. 43 Now when the synagogue broke up, many of the Jews and of the devout proselytes followed Paul and Bär'nă-băs; who, speaking to them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

44 And the next sabbath almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the word of [7]God. 45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted the things which were spoken by Paul, and [8]blasphemed. 46 And Paul and Bär'nă-băs spake out boldly, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first be spoken to you. Seeing ye thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, lo, we turn to the Ġĕn'tiles. 47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*,

[9]I have set thee for a light of the Ġĕn'tiles,
That thou shouldest be for salvation unto the uttermost part of the earth.

48 And as the Ġĕn'tiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of [7]God: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was spread abroad throughout all the region. 50 But the Jews urged on the devout women of honorable estate, and the chief men of the city, and stirred up a persecution against Paul and Bär'nă-băs, and cast them out of their borders. 51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Ī-cō'nĭ-ŭm. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

14 And it came to pass in Ī-cō'nĭ-ŭm that they entered together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake that a great multitude both of Jews and of Grēeks believed. 2 But the Jews that were disobedient stirred up the souls of the Ġĕn'tiles, and made them evil affected against the brethren. 3 Long time therefore they tarried *there* speaking boldly in the Lord, who bare witness unto the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by

[1] Ps. 2.7 [2] Is. 55.3 [3] Ps. 16.10 [4] Or, *served his own generation by the counsel of God, fell asleep.* Or, *served his own generation, fell asleep by the counsel of God* [5] Hab. 1.5 [6] Or, *vanish away.* Jas. 4.14

[7] Many ancient authorities read *the Lord* [8] Or, *railed* [9] Is. 49.6

their hands. 4 But the multitude of the city was divided; and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles. 5 And when there was made an onset both of the Gĕn'tiles and of the Jews with their rulers, to treat them shamefully and to stone them, 6 they became aware of it, and fled unto the cities of Lȳc-ă-ō'nĭ-ă, Lȳs'trà and Dĕr'bē, and the region round about: 7 and there they [1]preached the gospel.

8 And at Lȳs'trà there sat a certain man, impotent in his feet, a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked. 9 The same heard Paul speaking: who, fastening his eyes upon him, and seeing that he had faith to be made whole, 10 said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped up and walked. 11 And when the multitudes saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voice, saying in the speech of Lȳc-ă-ō'nĭ-ă, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. 12 And they called Bär'nă-băs, [2]Jū'pĭ-tēr; and Paul, [3]Mēr'cū-rȳ, because he was the chief speaker. 13 And the priest of Jū'pĭ-tēr whose *temple* was before the city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the multitudes. 14 But when the apostles, Bär'nă-băs and Paul, heard of it, they rent their garments, and sprang forth among the multitude, crying out 15 and saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like [4]passions with you, and bring you good tidings, that ye should turn from these vain things unto a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that in them is: 16 who in the generations gone by suffered all the [5]nations to walk in their own ways. 17 And yet he left not himself without witness, in that he did good and gave you from heaven rains and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and gladness. 18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the multitudes from doing sacrifice unto them.

19 But there came Jews thither from Ăn'tĭ-ŏch and Ĭ-cō'nĭ-ŭm and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. 20 But as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and entered into the city: and on the morrow he went forth with Bär'nă-băs to Dĕr'bē. 21 And when they had [6]preached the gospel to that city, and had made many disciples, they returned to Lȳs'trà, and to Ĭ-cō'nĭ-ŭm and to Ăn'tĭ-ŏch, 22 confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God. 23 And when they had appointed for them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they had believed. 24 And they passed through Pĭ-sĭd'ĭ-ă, and came to Păm-phȳl'ĭ-ă. 25 And when they had spoken the word in Pēr'gà, they went down to Ăt-tă-lī'ă; 26 and thence they sailed to Ăn'tĭ-ŏch, from whence they had been committed to the grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled. 27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all things that God had done with them, and that he had opened a door of faith unto the Gĕn'tiles. 28 And they tarried no little time with the disciples.

15 And certain men came down from Jū-dæ'ă and taught the brethren, *saying*, Except ye be circumcised after the custom of Mō-sēs, ye cannot be saved. 2 And when Paul and Bär'nă-băs had no small dissension and questioning with them, *the brethren* appointed that Paul and Bär'nă-băs, and certain other of them, should go up to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm unto the apostles and elders about this question. 3 They

[1] See marginal note on ch. 5.42 [2] Gr. *Zeus* [3] Gr. *Hermes* [4] Or, *nature* [5] Or, *Gentiles*. See ch. 4.25
[6] Gr. *brought the good tidings*. Comp. ch. 5.42

therefore, being brought on their way by the church, passed through both Phœ-nĭ'ci-à and Să-mā'rĭ-à, declaring the conversion of the Gĕn'tiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren. 4 And when they were come to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, they were received of the church and the apostles and the elders, and they rehearsed all things that God had done with them. 5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Phăr'ĭ-sees who believed, saying, It is needful to circumcise them, and to charge them to keep the law of Mō'sĕs.

6 And the apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider of this matter. 7 And when there had been much questioning, Peter rose up, and said unto them,

Brethren, ye know that [1]a good while ago God made choice among you, that by my mouth the Gĕn'tiles should hear the word of the [2]gospel, and believe. 8 And God, who knoweth the heart, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Spirit, even as he did unto us; 9 and he made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith. 10 Now therefore why make ye trial of God, that ye should put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? 11 But we believe that we shall be saved through the grace of the Lord Jē'sŭs, in like manner as they.

12 And all the multitude kept silence; and they hearkened unto Bär'nă-bas and Paul rehearsing what signs and wonders God had wrought among the Gĕn'tiles through them. 13 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying,

Brethren, hearken unto me: 14 Sўm'ĕ-ŏn hath rehearsed how first God visited the [3]Gĕn'tiles, to take out of them a people for his name. 15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, 16 [4]After these things I will return,

And I will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen;
And I will build again the ruins thereof,
And I will set it up:
17 That the residue of men may seek after the Lord,
And all the [3]Gĕn'tiles, upon whom my name is called,
18 Saith the Lord, [5]who maketh these things known from of old.

19 Wherefore my judgment is, that we troubled not them that from among the Gĕn'tiles turn to God; 20 but that we [6]write unto them, that they abstain from the pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from what is strangled, and from blood. 21 For Mō'sĕs from generations of old hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath.

22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men out of their company, and send them to Ăn'tĭ-ŏch with Paul and Bär'nă-bas; *namely*, Jū'dăs called Bär'să-bas, and Sī'lăs, chief men among the brethren: 23 and they wrote *thus* by them, [7]The apostles and the elders, brethren, unto the brethren who are of the Gĕn'tiles in Ăn'tĭ-ŏch and Sўr'ĭ-à and Çĭ-lĭ'cĭ-à, greeting: 24 Forasmuch as we have heard that certain [8]who went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls; to whom we gave no commandment; 25 it seemed good unto us, having come to one accord, to choose out men and send them unto you with our beloved Bär'nă-bas and Paul, 26 men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jē'sŭs Chrĭst. 27 We have sent therefore Jū'dăs and Sī'lăs, who themselves also shall tell you the same things by word of mouth. 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you

[1] Gr. *from early days* [2] Or, *good tidings* [3] See marginal note on ch. 4.25 [4] Am. 9.11, 12
[5] Or, *who doeth these things* which were *known &c.* [6] Or, *enjoin them* [7] Or, *The apostles and the elder brethren* [8] Some ancient authorities omit *who went out*

no greater burden than these necessary things: 29 that ye abstain from things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication; from which if ye keep yourselves, it shall be well with you. Fare ye well.

30 So they, when they were dismissed, came down to Ăn'tĭ-ŏch; and having gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle. 31 And when they had read it, they rejoiced for the [1]consolation. 32 And Jū'dăs and Sī'lăs, being themselves also prophets, [2]exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them. 33 And after they had spent some time *there*, they were dismissed in peace from the brethren unto those that had sent them forth.[3] 35 But Paul and Bär'nă-băs tarried in Ăn'tĭ-ŏch, teaching and [4]preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

36 And after some days Paul said unto Bär'nă-băs, Let us return now and visit the brethren in every city wherein we proclaimed the word of the Lord, *and see* how they fare. 37 And Bär'nă-băs was minded to take with them John also, who was called Mark. 38 But Paul thought not good to take with them him who withdrew from them from Păm-phȳ'lĭ-ă, and went not with them to the work. 39 And there arose a sharp contention, so that they parted asunder one from the other, and Bär'nă-băs took Mark with him, and sailed away unto Çȳ'prŭs: 40 but Paul chose Sī'lăs, and went forth, being commended by the brethren to the grace of the Lord. 41 And he went through Sȳr'ĭ-ă and Çĭ-lĭ'cĭ-ă, confirming the churches.

16 And he came also to Dĕr'bē and to Lȳs'trà: and behold, a certain disciple was there, named Tĭm'ō-thȳ, the son of a Jewess that believed; but his father was a Grēek. 2 The same was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lȳs'trà and Ī-cō'nĭ-ŭm. 3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and he took and circumcised him because of the Jews that were in those parts: for they all knew that his father was a Grēek. 4 And as they went on their way through the cities, they delivered them the decrees to keep which had been ordained of the apostles and elders that were at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 5 So the churches were strengthened [5]in the faith, and increased in number daily.

6 And they went through [6]the region of Phrȳ'ĭ-à and Gă-lā'tĭ-à, having been forbidden of the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Ā'sĭ-à; 7 and when they were come over against Mȳ'sĭ-à, they assayed to go into Bĭ-thȳn'ĭ-à; and the Spirit of Jĕ'sŭs suffered them not; 8 and passing by Mȳ'sĭ-à, they came down to Trō'ăs. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: There was a man of Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-à standing, beseeching him, and saying, Come over into Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-à, and help us. 10 And when he had seen the vision, straightway we sought to go forth into Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-à, concluding that God had called us to [7]preach the gospel unto them.

11 Setting sail therefore from Trō'ăs, we made a straight course to Săm'ō-thrāce, and the day following to Nĕ-ăp'ō-lĭs; 12 and from thence to Phĭ-lĭp'pĭ, which is a city of Maç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-à, the first of the district, a *Roman* colony: and we were in this city tarrying certain days. 13 And on the sabbath day we went forth without the gate by a river side, [8]where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down, and spake unto the women that were come together. 14 And a certain woman named Lȳd'ĭ-à, a seller of purple, of the city of Thȳ-ă-tĭ'rà, one that worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened to give heed

[1] Or, *exhortation* [2] Or, *comforted* [3] Some ancient authorities insert, with variations, ver. 34 *But it seemed good unto Silas to abide there* [4] Comp. marginal note on ch. 5.42 [5] Or, *in faith* [6] Or, *Phrygia and the region of Galatia* [7] Gr. *bring the good tidings*. See ch. 5.42 [8] Many authorities read *where was wont to be &c.*

unto the things which were spoken by Paul. 15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained us.

16 And it came to pass, as we were going to the place of prayer, that a certain maid having [1]a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much gain by soothsaying. 17 The same following after Paul and us cried out, saying, These men are [2]servants of the Most High God, who proclaim unto you [3]the way of salvation. 18 And this she did for many days. But Paul, being sore troubled, turned and said to the spirit, I charge thee in the name of Jē'sŭs Christ to come out of her. And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her masters saw that the hope of their gain was [4]gone, they laid hold on Paul and Sī'lās, and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers, 20 and when they had brought them unto the [5]magistrates, they said, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, 21 and set forth customs which it is not lawful for us to receive, or to observe, being Romans. 22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the [5]magistrates rent their garments off them, and commanded to beat them with rods. 23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: 24 who, having received such a charge, cast them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. 25 But about midnight Paul and Sī'lās were praying and singing hymns unto God, and the prisoners were listening to them; 26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison-house were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened: and every one's bands were loosed. 27 And the jailor, being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. 29 And he called for lights and sprang in, and, trembling for fear, fell down before Paul and Sī'lās, 30 and brought them out and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jē'sŭs, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house. 32 And they spake the word of [6]the Lord unto him, with all that were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, immediately. 34 And he brought them up into his house, and set [7]food before them, and rejoiced greatly, with all his house, [8]having believed in God.

35 But when it was day, the [9]magistrates sent the [10]serjeants, saying, Let those men go. 36 And the jailor reported the words to Paul, *saying*, The [9]magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore come forth, and go in peace. 37 But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men that are Romans, and have cast us into prison; and do they now cast us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and bring us out. 38 And the [10]serjeants reported these words unto the [9]magistrates: and they feared when they heard that they were Romans; 39 and they came and besought them; and when they had brought them out, they asked them to go away from the city. 40 And they went out of the prison, and entered into *the house of* Lўd'ĭ-ă: and when they had seen the brethren, they [11]comforted them, and departed.

[1] Gr. *a spirit, a Python* [2] Gr. *bondservants* [3] Or, *a way* [4] Gr. *come out* [5] Gr. *prætors*: comp. ver. 22, 35, 36, 38

[6] Some ancient authorities read *God* [7] Gr. *a table* [8] Or, *having believed God* [9] Gr. *prætors*. See ver. 20 [10] Gr. *lictors* [11] Or, *exhorted*

17 Now when they had passed through Ăm-phĭp'ō-lĭs and Ăp-ŏl-lō'nĭ-à, they came to Thĕs-să-lō-nī'cà, where was a synagogue of the Jews: 2 and Paul, as his custom was, went in unto them, and for three [1]sabbath days reasoned with them from the scriptures, 3 opening and alleging that it behooved the Chrĭst to suffer, and to rise again from the dead; and that this Jē'sŭs, whom, *said he*, I proclaim unto you, is the Chrĭst. 4 And some of them were persuaded, and consorted with Paul and Sī'lăs; and of the devout Grēeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few. 5 But the Jews, being moved with jealousy, took unto them certain vile fellows of the rabble, and gathering a crowd, set the city on an uproar; and assaulting the house of Jā'sŏn, they sought to bring them forth to the people. 6 And when they found them not, they dragged Jā'sŏn and certain brethren before the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned [2]the world upside down are come hither also; 7 whom Jā'sŏn hath received: and these all act contrary to the decrees of Cæ'săr, saying that there is another king, *one* Jē'sŭs. 8 And they troubled the multitude and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things. 9 And when they had taken security from Jā'sŏn and the rest, they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Sī'lăs by night unto Bĕ-rœ'à: who when they were come thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 Now these were more noble than those in Thĕs-să-lō-nī'cà, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, examining the scriptures daily, whether these things were so. 12 Many of them therefore believed; also of the Grēek women of honorable estate, and of men, not a few. 13 But when the Jews of Thĕs-să-lō-nī'cà had knowledge that the word of God was proclaimed of Paul at Bĕ-rœ'à also, they came thither likewise, stirring up and troubling the multitudes. 14 And then immediately the brethren sent forth Paul to go as far as to the sea: and Sī'lăs and Tĭm'ŏ-thy abode there still. 15 But they that conducted Paul brought him as far as Ăth'ĕns: and receiving a commandment unto Sī'lăs and Tĭm'ŏ-thy that they should come to him with all speed, they departed.

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Ăth'ĕns, his spirit was provoked within him as he beheld the city full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with them that met him. 18 And certain also of the Ĕp-ĭ-cū-rē'ăn and Stō'ĭc philosophers encountered him. And some said, What would this babbler say? others, He seemeth to be a setter forth of [3]strange [4]gods: because he [5]preached Jē'sŭs and the resurrection. 19 And they took hold of him, and brought him [6]unto [7]the Ăr-ē-ŏp'ă-gŭs, saying, May we know what this new teaching is, which is spoken by thee? 20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. 21 (Now all the Ă-thē'nĭ-ănş and the strangers sojourning there [8]spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear some new thing.) 22 And Paul stood in the midst of the Ăr-ē-ŏp'ă-gŭs, and said,

Ye men of Ăth'ĕns, in all things I perceive that ye are [9]very religious. 23 For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. What therefore ye worship in ignorance, this I set forth unto you. 24 The God that made the world and all things therein, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in [10]tem-

[1] Or, *weeks* [2] Gr. *the inhabited earth* [3] Or, *foreign divinities* [4] Gr. *demons* [5] See marginal note on ch. 5.42 [6] Or, *before* [7] Or, *the hill of Mars* [8] Or, *had leisure for nothing else* [9] Or, *somewhat superstitious* [10] Or, *sanctuaries*

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ples made with hands; 25 neither is he served by men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he himself giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; 26 and he made of one every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed seasons, and the bounds of their habitation; 27 that they should seek God, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us: 28 for in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain even of your own poets have said,

For we are also his offspring.

29 Being then the offspring of God, we ought not to think that [1]the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and device of man. 30 The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now he [2]commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent: 31 inasmuch as he hath appointed a day in which he will judge [3]the world in righteousness [4]by [5]the man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked; but others said, We will hear thee concerning this yet again. 33 Thus Paul went out from among them. 34 But certain men clave unto him, and believed: among whom also was Dĭ-ŏ-nўs'ĭ-ŭs the Ăr-ĕ-ŏp'ă-gīte, and a woman named Dăm'ă-rĭs, and others with them.

18 After these things he departed from Ăth'ĕns, and came to Cŏr'ĭnth. 2 And he found a certain Jew named Ăq'ŭĭ-lă, a man of Pŏn'tŭs by race, lately come from ĭt'ă-lў, with his wife Prĭs-çĭl'lă, because Clau'dĭ-ŭs had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome: and he came unto them; 3 and because he was of the same trade, he abode with them, and they wrought; for by their trade they were tentmakers. 4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and [6]persuaded Jews and Grēeks.

5 But when Sī'lăs and Tĭm'ŏ-thў came down from Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-ă, Paul was constrained by the word, testifying to the Jews that Jē'sŭs was the Christ. 6 And when they opposed themselves and [7]blasphemed, he shook out his raiment and said unto them, Your blood *be* upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gĕn'tĭles. 7 And he departed thence, and went into the house of a certain man named Tĭ'tŭs Jŭs'tŭs, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue. 8 And Crĭs'pŭs, the ruler of the synagogue, [8]believed in the Lord with all his house; and many of the Cŏ-rĭn'thĭ-ăns hearing believed, and were baptized. 9 And the Lord said unto Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace: 10 for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to harm thee: for I have much people in this city. 11 And he dwelt *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

12 But when Găl'lĭ-ō was proconsul of Ă-chā'ĭă, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgment-seat, 13 saying, This man persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law. 14 But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Găl'lĭ-ō said unto the Jews, If indeed it were a matter of wrong or of wicked villany, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you: 15 but if they are questions about words and names and your own law, look to it yourselves; I am not minded to be a judge of these matters. 16 And he drove them from the judgment-seat. 17 And they all laid hold on Sŏs'thĕ-nēs, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment-seat. And Găl'lĭ-ō cared for none of these things.

[1] Or, *that which is divine* [2] Some ancient authorities read *declareth to men* [3] Gr, *the inhabited earth* [4] Gr. *in* [5] Or, *a man* [6] Gr. *sought to persuade* [7] Or, *railed* [8] Gr. *believed the Lord*

18 And Paul, having tarried after this yet many days, took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence for Sȳr'ĭ-ȧ, and with him Prĭs-çĭl'lȧ and Ăq'ŭĭ-lȧ: having shorn his head in Çĕn'chrĕ-æ; for he had a vow. 19 And they came to Ĕph'ĕ-sŭs, and he left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. 20 And when they asked him to abide a longer time, he consented not; 21 but taking his leave of them, and saying, I will return again unto you if God will, he set sail from Ĕph'ĕ-sŭs.

22 And when he had landed at Çæs-ă-rē'ȧ, he went up and saluted the church, and went down to Ăn'tĭ-ŏch. 23 And having spent some time *there*, he departed, and went through the region of Gă-lā'tĭ-ȧ, and Phrȳg'ĭ-ȧ, in order, establishing all the disciples.

24 Now a certain Jew named Ă-pŏl'lŏs, an Ăl-ĕx-ăn'drĭ-ăn by race, [1]an eloquent man, came to Ĕph'ĕ-sŭs; and he was mighty in the scriptures. 25 This man had been [2]instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spake and taught accurately the things concerning Jē'sŭs, knowing only the baptism of John: 26 and he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Prĭs-çĭl'lȧ and Ăq'ŭĭ-lȧ heard him, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more accurately. 27 And when he was minded to pass over into Ă-chā'ĭȧ, the brethren encouraged him, and wrote to the disciples to receive him: and when he was come, he [3]helped them much that had believed through grace; 28 for he powerfully confuted the Jews, [4]*and that* publicly, showing by the scriptures that Jē'sŭs was the Christ.

19 And it came to pass, that, while Ă-pŏl'lŏs was at Cŏr'ĭnth, Paul having passed through the upper country came to Ĕph'ĕ-sŭs, and found certain disciples: 2 and he said unto them, Did ye receive the Holy Spirit when ye believed? And they *said* unto him, Nay, we did not so much as hear whether [5]the Holy Spirit was *given*. 3 And he said, Into what then were ye baptized? And they said, Into John's baptism. 4 And Paul said, John baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on him that should come after him, that is, on Jē'sŭs. 5 And when they heard this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jē'sŭs. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. 7 And they were in all about twelve men.

8 And he entered into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, reasoning and persuading *as to* the things concerning the kingdom of God. 9 But when some were hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tȳ-răn'nŭs. 10 And this continued for the space of two years; so that all they that dwelt in Ă'sĭ-ȧ heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Grēeks. 11 And God wrought special [6]miracles by the hands of Paul: 12 insomuch that unto the sick were carried away from his body handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out. 13 But certain also of the strolling Jews, exorcists, took upon them to name over them that had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jē'sŭs, saying, I adjure you by Jē'sŭs whom Paul preacheth. 14 And there were seven sons of one Sçē'vȧ, a Jew, a chief priest, who did this. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said unto them, Jē'sŭs I [7]know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? 16 And the man in whom the evil

[1] Or, *a learned man* [2] Gr. *taught by word of mouth* [3] Or, *helped much through grace them that had believed* [4] Or, *showing publicly*
[5] Or, *there is a Holy Spirit* [6] Gr. *powers* [7] Or, *recognize*

spirit was leaped on them, and mastered both of them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 And this became known to all, both Jews and Grēeks, that dwelt at Ĕph'ĕ-sŭs; and fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jĕ'sŭs was magnified. 18 Many also of them that had believed came, confessing, and declaring their deeds. 19 And not a few of them that practised magical arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all; and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So mightily grew the word of the Lord and prevailed.

21 Now after these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-â and Ā-chā'ĭà, to go to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome. 22 And having sent into Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-â two of them that ministered unto him, Tĭm'ō-thy and Ē-răs'-tŭs, he himself stayed in Ā'sĭ-â for a while.

23 And about that time there arose no small stir concerning the Way. 24 For a certain man named Dē-mē'trĭ-ŭs, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of [1]Dī-ā'nà, brought no little business unto the craftsmen; 25 whom he gathered together, with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this business we have our wealth. 26 And ye see and hear, that not alone at Ĕph'ĕ-sŭs, but almost throughout all Ā'sĭ-â, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they are no gods, that are made with hands: 27 and not only is there danger that this our trade come into disrepute; but also that the temple of the great goddess [1]Dī-ā'nà be made of no account, and that she should even be deposed from her magnificence whom all Ā'sĭ-â and [2]the world worshippeth. 28 And when they heard this they were filled with wrath, and cried out, saying, Great *is* [1]Dī-ā'nà of the Ē-phē'sĭans. 29 And the city was filled with the confusion: and they rushed with one accord into the theatre, having seized Gā'ĭŭs and Ăr-ĭs-tär'chŭs, men of Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-â, Paul's companions in travel. 30 And when Paul was minded to enter in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not. 31 And certain also of the [3]Ā'sĭ-ärchs, being his friends, sent unto him and besought him not to adventure himself into the theatre. 32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was in confusion; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together. 33 [4]And they brought Ăl-ĕx-ăn'dĕr out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Ăl-ĕx-ăn'dĕr beckoned with the hand, and would have made a defence unto the people. 34 But when they perceived that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great *is* [1]Dī-ā'nà of the Ē-phē'sĭans. 35 And when the town clerk had quieted the multitude, he saith, Ye men of Ĕph'ĕ-sŭs, what man is there who knoweth not that the city of the Ē-phē'sĭans is temple-keeper of the great [1]Dī-ā'nà, and of the *image* which fell down from [5]Jū'pĭ-tĕr? 36 Seeing then that these things cannot be gainsaid, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rash. 37 For ye have brought *hither* these men, who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our goddess. 38 If therefore Dē-mē'-trĭ-ŭs, and the craftsmen that are with him, have a matter against any man, [6]the courts are open, and there are proconsuls: let them accuse one another. 39 But if ye seek anything about other matters, it shall be settled in the regular assembly. 40 For indeed we are in danger to be [7]accused concerning this day's riot, there being

[1] Gr. *Artemis* [2] Gr. *the inhabited earth*

[3] That is, officers having charge of festivals &c. in the Roman province of Asia [4] Or, *And* some *of the multitude instructed Alexander* [5] Or, *heaven* [6] Or, *court* days *are kept* [7] Or, *accused of riot concerning this day*

no cause *for it*: and as touching it we shall not be able to give account of this concourse. 41 And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

20 And after the uproar ceased, Paul having sent for the disciples and exhorted them, took leave of them, and departed to go into Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-à. 2 And when he had gone through those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Grēēçe. 3 And when he had spent three months *there*, and a plot was laid against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Sўr'ĭ-à, he determined to return through Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-à. 4 And there accompanied him [1]as far as Ā'sĭ-à, Sōp'à-tĕr of Bĕ-rœ'à, *the son* of Pўr'rhŭs; and of the Thĕs-să-lō'nĭ-ăns, Ăr-ĭs-tär'chŭs and Sĕ-cŭn'dŭs; and Gā'-ĭŭs of Dĕr'bē, and Tĭm'ō-thў; and of Ā'sĭ-à, Tўch'ĭ-cŭs and Trōph'ĭ-mŭs. 5 But these [2]had gone before, and were waiting for us at Trō'ās. 6 And we sailed away from Phĭ-lĭp'pī after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Trō'ās in five days; where we tarried seven days.

7 And upon the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul discoursed with them, intending to depart on the morrow; and prolonged his speech until midnight. 8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber where we were gathered together. 9 And there sat in the window a certain young man named Eū'tў-chŭs, borne down with deep sleep; and as Paul discoursed yet longer, being borne down by his sleep he fell down from the third story, and was taken up dead. 10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Make ye no ado; for his life is in him. 11 And when he was gone up, and had broken the bread, and eaten, and had talked with them a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. 12 And they brought the lad alive, and were not a little comforted.

13 But we, going before to the ship, set sail for Ās'sŏs, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, intending himself to go [3]by land. 14 And when he met us at Ās'sŏs, we took him in, and came to Mĭt-ў-lē'nē. 15 And sailing from thence, we came the following day over against Chĭ'ŏs; and the next day we touched at Sā'mŏs; and [4]the day after we came to Mī-lē'tŭs. 16 For Paul had determined to sail past Ĕph'-ĕ-sŭs, that he might not have to spend time in Ā'sĭ-à; for he was hastening, if it were possible for him, to be at Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm the day of Pĕn'tē-cōst.

17 And from Mī-lē'tŭs he sent to Ĕph'ĕ-sŭs, and called to him the [5]elders of the church. 18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them,

Ye yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Ā'sĭ-à, after what manner I was with you all the time, 19 serving the Lord with all lowliness of mind, and with tears, and with trials which befell me by the plots of the Jews; 20 how I shrank not from declaring unto you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly, and from house to house, 21 testifying both to Jews and to Grēeks repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jē'sŭs [6]Chrĭst. 22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: 23 save that the Holy Spirit testifieth unto me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. 24 But I hold not my life of any account as dear unto myself, [7]so that I may accomplish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jē'sŭs, to testify the [8]gospel of the grace of God. 25 And now,

[1] Many ancient authorities omit *as far as Asia* [2] Many ancient authorities read *came, and were waiting* [3] Or, *on foot* [4] Many ancient authorities insert *having tarried at Trogyllium* [5] Or, *presbyters* [6] Many ancient authorities omit *Christ* [7] Or, *in comparison of accomplishing my course* [8] Or, *good tidings*

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behold, I know that ye all, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, shall see my face no more. 26 Wherefore I testify unto you this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. 27 For I shrank not from declaring unto you the whole counsel of God. 28 Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you [1]bishops, to feed the church of [2]the Lord which he [3]purchased with his own blood. 29 I know that after my departing grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Wherefore watch ye, remembering that by the space of three years I ceased not to admonish every one night and day with tears. 32 And now I commend you to [4]God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build *you* up, and to give *you* the inheritance among all them that are sanctified. 33 I coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. 34 Ye yourselves know that these hands ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. 35 In all things I gave you an example, that so laboring ye ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jĕ'sŭs, that he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down and prayed with them all. 37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him, 38 sorrowing most of all for the word which he had spoken, that they should behold his face no more. And they brought him on his way unto the ship.

21 And when it came to pass that we were parted from them and had set sail, we came with a straight course unto Cŏs, and the next day unto Rhōdes, and from thence unto Păt'ă-rā: 2 and having found a ship crossing over unto Phœ-nĭ'ci-ā, we went aboard, and set sail. 3 And when we had come in sight of Çў'prŭs, leaving it on the left hand, we sailed unto Sўr'ĭ-ā, and landed at Tўre; for there the ship was to unlade her burden. 4 And having found the disciples, we tarried there seven days: and these said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not set foot in Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm. 5 And when it came to pass that we had accomplished the days, we departed and went on our journey; and they all, with wives and children, brought us on our way till we were out of the city: and kneeling down on the beach, we prayed, and bade each other farewell; 6 and we went on board the ship, but they returned home again.

7 And when we had finished the voyage from Tўre, we arrived at Ptŏl-ĕ-mā'ĭs; and we saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day. 8 And on the morrow we departed, and came unto Çæs-ă-rē'ā: and entering into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, we abode with him. 9 Now this man had four virgin daughters, who prophesied. 10 And as we tarried there some days, there came down from Jū-dæ'ā a certain prophet, named Ăg'ă-bŭs. 11 And coming to us, and taking Paul's girdle, he bound his own feet and hands, and said, Thus saith the Holy Spirit, So shall the Jews at Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Ġĕn'tĭles. 12 And when we heard these things, both we and they of that place besought him not to go up to Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm. 13 Then Paul answered, What do ye, weeping and breaking my heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm for the name of the Lord Jĕ'sŭs. 14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

15 And after these days we [5]took up our baggage and went up to Jĕ-

[1] Or, *overseers* [2] Some ancient authorities, including the two oldest manuscripts, read *God* [3] Gr. *acquired* [4] Some ancient authorities read *the Lord*

[5] Or, *made ready*

ru'sa-lĕm. 16 And there went with us also *certain* of the disciples from Cæs-ă-rē'a, [1]bringing *with them* one Mna'sŏn of Cy'prŭs, an early disciple, with whom we should lodge.

17 And when we were come to Je-ru'sa-lĕm, the brethren received us gladly. 18 And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present. 19 And when he had saluted them, he rehearsed one by one the things which God had wrought among the Gĕn'tiles through his ministry. 20 And they, when they heard it, glorified God; and they said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many [2]thousands there are among the Jews of them that have believed; and they are all zealous for the law: 21 and they have been informed concerning thee, that thou teachest all the Jews who are among the Gĕn'tiles to forsake Mō'ses, telling them not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs. 22 What is it therefore? they will certainly hear that thou art come. 23 Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men that have a vow on them; 24 these take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges for them, that they may shave their heads: and all shall know that there is no truth in the things whereof they have been informed concerning thee; but that thou thyself also walkest orderly, keeping the law. 25 But as touching the Gĕn'tiles that have believed, we [3]wrote, giving judgment that they should keep themselves from things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what is strangled, and from fornication. 26 Then Paul [4]took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them went into the temple, declaring the fulfilment of the days of purification, until the offering was offered for every one of them.

27 And when the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from A'si-a, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the multitude and laid hands on him, 28 crying out, Men of Is'ra-ĕl, help: This is the man that teacheth all men everywhere against the people, and the law, and this place; and moreover he brought Grēeks also into the temple, and hath defiled this holy place. 29 For they had before seen with him in the city Trŏph'i-mŭs the Ĕ-phē'siăn, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple. 30 And all the city was moved, and the people ran together; and they laid hold on Paul, and dragged him out of the temple: and straightway the doors were shut. 31 And as they were seeking to kill him, tidings came up to the [5]chief captain of the [6]band, that all Je-ru'sa-lĕm was in confusion. 32 And forthwith he took soldiers and centurions, and ran down upon them: and they, when they saw the [5]chief captain and the soldiers, left off beating Paul. 33 Then the [5]chief captain came near, and laid hold on him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and inquired who he was, and what he had done. 34 And some shouted one thing, some another, among the crowd: and when he could not know the certainty for the uproar, he commanded him to be brought into the castle. 35 And when he came upon the stairs, so it was that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the crowd; 36 for the multitude of the people followed after, crying out, Away with him.

37 And as Paul was about to be brought into the castle, he saith unto the [5]chief captain, May I say something unto thee? And he said, Dost thou know Grēek? 38 Art thou not then the Ĕ-gўp'tiăn, who before these days stirred up to sedition and led out into the wilderness the four thousand men of the Assassins? 39 But Paul said, I am a Jew, of Tär'sus in Çi-li'ci-a, a citizen of no mean city:

[1] Or, *bringing* us to *one Mnason &c.* [2] Gr. *myriads* [3] Or, *enjoined.* Many ancient authorities read *sent* [4] Or, *took the men the next day, and purifying himself &c.* [5] Or, *military tribune.* Gr. *chiliarch* [6] Or, *cohort*

and I beseech thee, give me leave to speak unto the people. 40 And when he had given him leave, Paul, standing on the stairs, beckoned with the hand unto the people; and when there was made a great silence, he spake unto them in the Hebrew language, saying.

22 Brethren and fathers, hear ye the defence which I now make unto you.

2 And when they heard that he spake unto them in the Hebrew language, they were the more quiet: and he saith,

3 I am a Jew, born in Tär'sŭs of Çĭ-lĭ'ci-à, but brought up in this city, at the feet of Gă-mā'lĭ-ĕl, instructed according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God, even as ye all are this day: 4 and I persecuted this Way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women. 5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and journeyed to Dă-măs'cŭs to bring them also that were there unto Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm in bonds to be punished. 6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and drew nigh unto Dă-măs'cŭs, about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. 7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jē'sŭs of Năz'ă-rĕth, whom thou persecutest. 9 And they that were with me beheld indeed the light, but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me. 10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Dă-măs'cŭs; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do. 11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me I came into Dă-măs'cŭs. 12 And one Ăn-ă-nī'ăs, a devout man according to the law, well reported of by all the Jews that dwelt there, 13 came unto me, and standing by me said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And in that very hour I [1]looked up on him. 14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath appointed thee to know his will, and to see the Righteous One, and to hear a voice from his mouth. 15 For thou shalt be a witness for him unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. 16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on his name. 17 And it came to pass, that, when I had returned to Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm, and while I prayed in the temple, I fell into a trance, 18 and saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jĕ-ru'sà-lĕm; because they will not receive of thee testimony concerning me. 19 And I said, Lord, they themselves know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee: 20 and when the blood of Stē'phĕn thy witness was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting, and keeping the garments of them that slew him. 21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee forth far hence unto the Gĕn'tiles.

22 And they gave him audience unto this word; and they lifted up their voice, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live. 23 And as they cried out, and threw off their garments, and cast dust into the air, 24 the [2]chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, bidding that he should be examined by scourging, that he might know for what cause they so shouted against him. 25 And when they had tied him up [3]with the thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned? 26 And when the centurion heard it, he went to the [2]chief captain and told him, saying, What art thou

[1] Or, *received my sight* and looked *upon him*
[2] Or, *military tribune.* Gr. *chiliarch* [3] Or, *for*

about to do? for this man is a Roman. 27 And the [1]chief captain came and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? And he said, Yea. 28 And the [1]chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this citizenship. And Paul said, But I am *a Roman* born. 29 They then that were about to examine him straightway departed from him: and the [1]chief captain also was afraid when he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

30 But on the morrow, desiring to know the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him, and commanded the chief priests and all the council to come together, and brought Paul down and set him before them.

23 And Paul, looking stedfastly on the council, said, Brethren, I have lived before God in all good conscience until this day. 2 And the high priest Ăn-ă-nī'ăs commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth. 3 Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: and sittest thou to judge me according to the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law? 4 And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest? 5 And Paul said, I knew not, brethren, that he was high priest: for it is written, [2]Thou shalt not speak evil of a ruler of thy people. 6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Săd'dū-çēes and the other Phăr'ī-sees, he cried out in the council, Brethren, I am a Phăr'ī-sē, a son of Phăr'ī-sēes: touching the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. 7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Phăr'ī-sēes and Săd'dū-çēes; and the assembly was divided. 8 For the Săd'dū-çēes say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit; but the Phăr'ī-sēes confess both. 9 And there arose a great clamor: and some of the scribes of the Phăr'ī-sees' part stood up, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: and what if a spirit hath spoken to him, or an angel? 10 And when there arose a great dissension, the [1]chief captain, fearing lest Paul should be torn in pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them, and bring him into the castle.

11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer: for as thou hast testified concerning me at Jē-ru'sā-lĕm, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

12 And when it was day, the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. 13 And they were more than forty that made this conspiracy. 14 And they came to the chief priests and the elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, to taste nothing until we have killed Paul. 15 Now therefore do ye with the council signify to the [1]chief captain that he bring him down unto you, as though ye would judge of his case more exactly: and we, before he comes near, are ready to slay him. 16 But Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, [3]and he came and entered into the castle and told Paul. 17 And Paul called unto him one of the centurions, and said, Bring this young man unto the [1]chief captain; for he hath something to tell him. 18 So he took him, and brought him to the [1]chief captain, and saith, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and asked me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say to thee. 19 And the [1]chief captain took him by the hand, and going aside asked him privately, What is it that thou hast to tell me? 20 And he said, The Jews have agreed to ask thee to bring down Paul to-morrow unto the council, as though thou wouldest inquire somewhat more exactly

[1] Or, *military tribune*. Gr. *chiliarch* [2] Ex. 22.28
[3] Or, *having come in* upon them *and he entered &c.*

concerning him. 21 Do not thou therefore yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, who have bound themselves under a curse, neither to eat nor to drink till they have slain him: and now are they ready, looking for the promise from thee. 22 So the [1]chief captain let the young man go, charging him, Tell no man that thou hast signified these things to me. 23 And he called unto him two of the centurions, and said, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go as far as Cæs-ā-rē'a, and horsemen three-score and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night: 24 and *he bade them* provide beasts, that they might set Paul thereon, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor. 25 And he wrote a letter after this form:

26 Clau'dĭ-ŭs Lȳs'ĭ-ăs unto the most excellent governor Felix, greeting. 27 This man was seized by the Jews, and was about to be slain of them, when I came upon them with the soldiers and rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman. 28 And desiring to know the cause wherefore they accused him, [2]I brought him down unto their council: 29 whom I found to be accused about questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds. 30 And when it was shown to me that there would be a plot [3]against the man, I sent him to thee forthwith, charging his accusers also to speak against him before thee.[4]

31 So the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul and brought him by night to An-tĭp'ă-trĭs. 32 But on the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle: 33 and they, when they came to Cæs-ā-rē'a and delivered the letter to the governor, presented Paul also before him. 34 And when he had read it, he asked of what province he was; and when he understood that he was of Çĭ-lĭ'cĭ-ă, 35 I will hear thee fully, said he, when thine accusers also are come: and he commanded him to be kept in Hĕr'ŏd's [5]palace.

24 And after five days the high priest An-ă-nī'ăs came down with certain elders, and *with* an orator, one Tĕr-tŭl'lŭs; and they informed the governor against Paul. 2 And when he was called, Tĕr-tŭl'lŭs began to accuse him, saying,

Seeing that by thee we enjoy much peace, and that by thy providence evils are corrected for this nation, 3 we accept it in all ways and in all places, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness. 4 But, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I entreat thee to hear us of thy clemency a few words. 5 For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of insurrections among all the Jews throughout [6]the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Năz-ă-rēnes': 6 who moreover assayed to profane the temple: on whom also we laid hold: [7]8 from whom thou wilt be able, by examining him thyself, to take knowledge of all these things whereof we accuse him. 9 And the Jews also joined in the charge, affirming that these things were so.

10 And when the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, Paul answered,

Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I cheerfully make my defence: 11 seeing that thou canst take knowledge that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: 12 and neither in the temple did they find me disputing with any man or stirring up a crowd, nor in the synagogues, nor in the city. 13 Neither can they prove to thee the things

[1] Or, *military tribune.* Gr. *chiliarch*
[2] Some ancient authorities omit *I brought him down unto their council*
[3] Many ancient authorities read *against the man on their part, I sent him to thee, charging &c.*
[4] Many ancient authorities add *Farewell*
[5] Gr. *Prætorium*
[6] Gr. *the inhabited earth*
[7] Some ancient authorities insert *and we would have judged him according to our law.* 7 *But the chief captain Lysias came, and with great violence took him away out of our hands,* 8 *commanding his accusers to come before thee*

whereof they now accuse me. 14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the Way which they call a sect, so serve I the God of our fathers, believing all things which are according to the law, and which are written in the prophets; 15 having hope toward God, which these also themselves [1]look for, that there shall be a resurrection both of the just and unjust. 16 [2]Herein I also exercise myself to have a conscience void of offence toward God and men always. 17 Now after some years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings: 18 [3]amidst which they found me purified in the temple, with no crowd, nor yet with tumult: but *there were* certain Jews from A'si-ä— 19 who ought to have been here before thee, and to make accusation, if they had aught against me. 20 Or else let these men themselves say what wrong-doing they found when I stood before the council, 21 except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question before you this day.

22 But Felix, having more exact knowledge concerning the Way, deferred them, saying, When Lÿs'i-äs the [4]chief captain shall come down, I will determine your matter. 23 And he gave order to the centurion that he should be kept in charge, and should have indulgence; and not to forbid any of his friends to minister unto him.

24 But after certain days, Felix came with Dru-sĭl'lä, [5]his wife, who was a Jewess, and sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Chrĭst Jē'sŭs. 25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, and self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was terrified, and answered, Go thy way for this time; and when I have a convenient season, I will call thee unto me. 26 He hoped withal that money would be given him of Paul: wherefore also he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him. 27 But when two years were fulfilled, Felix was succeeded by Pôr'cĭus Fĕs'tŭs; and desiring to gain favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul in bonds.

25 Fĕs'tŭs therefore, [6]having come into the province, after three days went up to Jĕ-ru'sä-lĕm from Cæs-ä-rē'ä. 2 And the chief priests and the principal men of the Jews informed him against Paul; and they besought him, 3 asking a favor against him, that he would send for him to Jĕ-ru'sä-lĕm; laying a plot to kill him on the way. 4 Howbeit Fĕs'tŭs answered that Paul was kept in charge at Cæs-ä-rē'ä, and that he himself was about to depart *thither* shortly. 5 Let them therefore, saith he, that are of power among you go down with me, and if there is anything amiss in the man, let them accuse him.

6 And when he had tarried among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down unto Cæs-ä-rē'ä; and on the morrow he sat on the judgment-seat, and commanded Paul to be brought. 7 And when he was come, the Jews that had come down from Jĕ-ru'sä-lĕm stood round about him, bringing against him many and grievous charges which they could not prove; 8 while Paul said in his defence, Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Cæ'sär, have I sinned at all. 9 But Fĕs'tŭs, desiring to gain favor with the Jews, answered Paul and said, Wilt thou go up to Jĕ-ru'så-lĕm, and there be judged of these things before me? 10 But Paul said, I am standing before Cæ'sär's judgment-seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou also very well knowest. 11 If then I am a wrong-doer, and have committed anything worthy of death, I refuse not to die; but if none of those things is *true* whereof these accuse me, no man can [7]give me up unto them. I appeal unto Cæ'sär. 12 Then

[1] Or, *accept* [2] Or, *On this account* [3] Or, *in* presenting *which* [4] Or, *military tribune.* Gr. *chiliarch* [5] Gr. *his own wife* [6] Or, *having entered upon his province*
[7] Gr. *grant me by favor*

Fĕs'tŭs, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Thou hast appealed unto Cæ'sär: unto Cæ'sär shalt thou go.

13 Now when certain days were passed, Ă-grĭp'pâ the king and Bĕr-nī'cē arrived at Cæs-ă-rē'a, [1]and saluted Fĕs'tŭs. 14 And as they tarried there many days, Fĕs'tŭs laid Paul's case before the king, saying, There is a certain man left a prisoner by Felix; 15 about whom, when I was at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed *me*, asking for sentence against him. 16 To whom I answered, that it is not the custom of the Romans to [2]give up any man, before that the accused have the accusers face to face, and have had opportunity to make his defence concerning the matter laid against him. 17 When therefore they were come together here, I made no delay, but on the next day sat on the judgment-seat, and commanded the man to be brought. 18 Concerning whom, when the accusers stood up, they brought no charge of such evil things as I supposed; 19 but had certain questions against him of their own [3]religion, and of one Jē'sŭs, who was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive. 20 And I, being perplexed how to inquire concerning these things, asked whether he would go to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm and there be judged of these matters. 21 But when Paul had appealed to be kept for the decision of [4]the emperor, I commanded him to be kept till I should send him to Cæ'sär. 22 And Ă-grĭp'pâ *said* unto Fĕs'tŭs, I also [5]could wish to hear the man myself. To-morrow, saith he, thou shalt hear him.

23 So on the morrow, when Ă-grĭp'pâ was come, and Bĕr-nī'cē, with great pomp, and they were entered into the place of hearing with the [6]chief captains and the principal men of the city, at the command of Fĕs'tŭs Paul was brought in. 24 And Fĕs'tŭs saith, King Ă-grĭp'pâ, and all men who are here present with us, ye behold this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews made suit to me, both at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm and here, crying that he ought not to live any longer. 25 But I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death: and as he himself appealed to [4]the emperor I determined to send him. 26 Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, king Ă-grĭp'pâ, that, after examination had, I may have somewhat to write. 27 For it seemeth to me unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not withal to signify the charges against him.

26 And Ă-grĭp'pâ said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth his hand, and made his defence:

2 I think myself happy, king Ă-grĭp'pâ, that I am to make my defence before thee this day touching all the things whereof I am accused by the Jews: 3 [7]especially because thou art expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently. 4 My manner of life then from my youth up, which was from the beginning among mine own nation and at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, know all the Jews; 5 having knowledge of me from the first, if they be willing to testify, that after the straitest sect of our religion I lived a Phăr'ĭ-sĕe. 6 And now I stand *here* to be judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers; 7 unto which *promise* our twelve tribes, earnestly serving *God* night and day, hope to attain. And concerning this hope I am accused by the Jews, O king! 8 Why is it judged incredible with you, if God doth raise the dead? 9 I verily thought with myself that I ought to do many things con-

[1] Or, *having saluted* [2] Gr. *grant me by favor* [3] Or, *superstition* [4] Gr. *the Augustus* [5] Or, *was wishing* [6] Or, *military tribunes*. Gr. *chiliarchs*
[7] Or, *because thou art especially expert*

trary to the name of Jĕ'sŭs of Năz'ă-rĕth. 10 And this I also did in Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm: and I both shut up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, and when they were put to death I gave my vote against them. 11 And punishing them oftentimes in all the synagogues, I strove to make them blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto foreign cities. 12 [1]Whereupon as I journeyed to Dă-măs'cŭs with the authority and commission of the chief priests, 13 at midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them that journeyed with me. 14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice saying unto me in the Hebrew language, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against [2]the goad. 15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jĕ'sŭs whom thou persecutest. 16 But arise, and stand upon thy feet: for to this end have I appeared unto thee, to appoint thee a minister and a witness both of the things [3]wherein thou hast seen me, and of the things wherein I will appear unto thee; 17 delivering thee from the people, and from the Gĕn'tiles, unto whom I send thee, 18 to open their eyes, [4]that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me. 19 Wherefore, O king Ă-grĭp'pă, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: 20 but declared both to them of Dă-măs'cŭs first, and at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and throughout all the country of Jū-dæ'ă, and also to the Gĕn'tiles, that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of [5]repentance. 21 For this cause the Jews seized me in the temple, and assayed to kill me. 22 Having therefore obtained the help that is from God, I stand unto this day testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Mō'sēs did say should come; 23 [6]how that the Christ [7]must suffer, *and* how [6]that he first by the resurrection of the dead should proclaim light both to the people and to the Gĕn'tiles.

24 And as he thus made his defence, Fēs'tŭs saith with a loud voice, Paul, thou art mad; thy much learning [8]is turning thee mad. 25 But Paul saith, I am not mad, most excellent Fēs'tŭs; but speak forth words of truth and soberness. 26 For the king knoweth of these things, unto whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things is hidden from him; for this hath not been done in a corner. 27 King Ă-grĭp'pă, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. 28 And Ă-grĭp'pă *said* unto Paul, [9]With but little persuasion thou wouldest fain make me a Chris'tiăn. 29 And Paul *said*, I would to God, that [10]whether with little or with much, not thou only, but also all that hear me this day, might become such as I am, except these bonds.

30 And the king rose up, and the governor, and Bēr-nī'çē, and they that sat with them: 31 and when they had withdrawn, they spake one to another, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds. 32 And Ă-grĭp'pă said unto Fēs'tŭs, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Çæ'sär.

27 And when it was determined that we should sail for It'ă-lў, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners to a centurion named Jū'lĭ-ŭs, of the Ăugŭs'tăn [11]band. 2 And embark-

[1] Or, *On which errand* [2] Gr. *goads* [3] Many ancient authorities read *which thou hast seen* [4] Or, *to turn them* [5] Or, *their repentance* [6] Or, *if* Or, *whether* [7] Or, *is subject to suffering* [8] Gr. *turneth thee to madness* [9] Or, *In a little* time *thou &c.* [10] Or, *both in little and in great*, i.e., in all respects [11] Or, *cohort*

ing in a ship of Ăd-ră-mўt'tĭ-ŭm, which was about to sail unto the places on the coast of Ā'sĭ-ā, we put to sea, Ăr-ĭs-tär'chŭs, a Măc-ĕ-dō'nĭ-ăn of Thĕs-să-lō-nī'cā, being with us. 3 And the next day we touched at Sī'dŏn: and Jū'lĭ-ŭs treated Paul kindly, and gave him leave to go unto his friends and [1]refresh himself. 4 And putting to sea from thence, we sailed under the lee of Çў'prŭs, because the winds were contrary. 5 And when we had sailed across the sea which is off Çĭ-lĭ'cĭ-ā and Păm-phўl'ĭ-ā, we came to Mў'rā, *a city* of Lў'cĭ-ā. 6 And there the centurion found a ship of Ăl-ĕx-ăn'drĭ-ā sailing for ĭt'ă-lў; and he put us therein. 7 And when we had sailed slowly many days, and were come with difficulty over against Cnī'dŭs, the wind not [2]further suffering us, we sailed under the lee of Crēte, over against Săl-mō'nē; 8 and with difficulty coasting along it we came unto a certain place called Fair Havens; nigh whereunto was the city of Lă-sē'ā.

9 And when much time was spent, and the voyage was now dangerous, because the Fast was now already gone by, Paul admonished them, 10 and said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the lading and the ship, but also of our lives. 11 But the centurion gave more heed to the master and to the owner of the ship, than to those things which were spoken by Paul. 12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to put to sea from thence, if by any means they could reach Phoe'nĭx, and winter *there; which is* a haven of Crēte, looking [3]northeast and south-east. 13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crēte, close in shore. 14 But after no long time there beat down from it a tempestuous wind, which is called Eū-răq'uĭ-lō: 15 and when the ship was caught, and could not face the wind, we gave way *to it*, and were driven. 16 And running under the lee of a small island, called [4]Cau'dā, we were able, with difficulty, to secure the boat: 17 and when they had hoisted it up, they used helps, under-girding the ship; and, fearing lest they should be cast upon the Sўr'tĭs, they lowered the gear, and so were driven. 18 And as we labored exceedingly with the storm, the next day they began to throw *the freight* overboard; 19 and the third day they cast out with their own hands the [5]tackling of the ship. 20 And when neither sun nor stars shone upon *us* for many days, and no small tempest lay on *us*, all hope that we should be saved was now taken away. 21 And when they had been long without food, then Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have set sail from Crēte, and have gotten this injury and loss. 22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer; for there shall be no loss of life among you, but *only* of the ship. 23 For there stood by me this night an angel of the God whose I am, whom also I serve, 24 saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must stand before Çæ'sär: and lo, God hath granted thee all them that sail with thee. 25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even so as it hath been spoken unto me. 26 But we must be cast upon a certain island.

27 But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven to and fro in the *sea of* Ā'drĭ-ā, about midnight the sailors surmised that they were drawing near to some country: 28 and they sounded, and found twenty fath-

[1] Gr. *receive attention* [2] Or, *suffering us to get there* [3] Gr. *down the south-west wind and down the north-west wind*

[4] Many ancient authorities read *Clauda* [5] Or, *furniture*

oms; and after a little space, they sounded again, and found fifteen fathoms. 29 And fearing lest haply we should be cast ashore on rocky ground, they let go four anchors from the stern, and [1]wished for the day. 30 And as the sailors were seeking to flee out of the ship, and had lowered the boat into the sea, under color as though they would lay out anchors from the foreship, 31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved. 32 Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off. 33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take some food, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye wait and continue fasting, having taken nothing. 34 Wherefore I beseech you to take some food: for this is for your safety: for there shall not a hair perish from the head of any of you. 35 And when he had said this, and had taken bread, he gave thanks to God in the presence of all; and he brake it, and began to eat. 36 Then were they all of good cheer, and themselves also took food. 37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls. 38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea. 39 And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they perceived a certain bay with a beach, and they took counsel whether they could [2]drive the ship upon it. 40 And casting off the anchors, they left them in the sea, at the same time loosing the bands of the rudders; and hoisting up the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach. 41 But lighting upon a place where two seas met, they ran the vessel aground; and the foreship struck and remained unmoveable, but the stern began to break up by the violence *of the waves*. 42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any *of them* should swim out, and escape. 43 But the centurion, desiring to save Paul, stayed them from their purpose; and commanded that they who could swim should cast themselves overboard, and get first to the land; 44 and the rest, some on planks, and some on *other* things from the ship. And so it came to pass, that they all escaped safe to the land.

28 And when we were escaped, then we knew that the island was called [3]Mĕl'ĭ-tà. 2 And the barbarians showed us no common kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us all, because of the present rain, and because of the cold. 3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out [4]by reason of the heat, and fastened on his hand. 4 And when the barbarians saw the *venomous* creature hanging from his hand, they said one to another, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped from the sea, yet Justice hath not suffered to live. 5 Howbeit he shook off the creature into the fire, and took no harm. 6 But they expected that he would have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but when they were long in expectation and beheld nothing amiss come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

7 Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Pŭb'lĭ-ŭs; who received us, and entertained us three days courteously. 8 And it was so, that the father of Pŭb'lĭ-ŭs lay sick of fever and dysentery: unto whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laying his hands on him healed him. 9 And when this was done, the rest also that had diseases in the island came, and were cured: 10 who also honored us with many honors; and when we sailed, they

[1] Or, *prayed* [2] Some ancient authorities read *bring the ship safe to shore*

[3] Some ancient authorities read *Melitene*
[4] Or, *from the heat*

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MARKET OF APPIUS
PUTEOLI
ITALY
THESSALONICA
MACEDONIA
SEA OF
ADRIA
SICILY
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GREECE
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put on board such things as we needed.

11 And after three months we set sail in a ship of Ăl-ĕx-ăn'drĭ-ȧ which had wintered in the island, whose sign was [1]The Twin Brothers. 12 And touching at Sўr'ă-cūse, we tarried there three days. 13 And from thence we [2]made a circuit, and arrived at Rhē'gĭ-ŭm: and after one day a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Pū-tē'ō-lī; 14 where we found brethren, and were entreated to tarry with them seven days: and so we came to Rome. 15 And from thence the brethren, when they heard of us, came to meet us as far as The Market of Ăp'pī-ŭs and The Three Taverns; whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

16 And when we entered into Rome, [3]Paul was suffered to abide by himself with the soldier that guarded him.

17 And it came to pass, that after three days he called together [4]those that were the chief of the Jews: and when they were come together, he said unto them, I, brethren, though I had done nothing against the people, or the customs of our fathers, yet was delivered prisoner from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm into the hands of the Romans: 18 who, when they had examined me, desired to set me at liberty, because there was no cause of death in me. 19 But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Cæ'sär; not that I had aught whereof to accuse my nation. 20 For this cause therefore did I [5]entreat you to see and to speak with *me:* for because of the hope of ĭs'rȧ-ĕl I am bound with this chain. 21 And they said unto him, We neither received letters from Jū-dæ'ȧ concerning thee, nor did any of the brethren come hither and report or speak any harm of thee. 22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, it is known to us that everywhere it is spoken against.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, they came to him into his lodging in great number; to whom he expounded *the matter,* testifying the kingdom of God, and persuading them concerning Jĕ'sŭs, both from the law of Mō'sēs and from the prophets, from morning till evening. 24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved. 25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Spirit through Ī'sā-ĭăh the prophet unto your fathers, 26 saying,

[6]Go thou unto this people, and say,
By hearing ye shall hear, and shall in no wise understand;
And seeing ye shall see, and shall in no wise perceive:
27 For this people's heart is waxed gross,
And their ears are dull of hearing,
And their eyes they have closed;
Lest haply they should perceive with their eyes,
And hear with their ears,
And understand with their heart,
And should turn again,
And I should heal them.

28 Be it known therefore unto you, that this salvation of God is sent unto the Gĕn'tīles: they will also hear.[7]

30 And he abode two whole years in his own hired dwelling, and received all that went in unto him, 31 preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jĕ'sŭs Chrĭst with all boldness, none forbidding him.

[1] Gr. *Dioscuri* [2] Some ancient authorities read *cast loose* [3] Some ancient authorities insert *the centurion delivered the prisoners to the Chief of the camp: but &c.* [4] Or, *those that were of the Jews first* [5] Or, *call for you, to see and to speak with* you

[6] Is. 6.9, 10 [7] Some ancient authorities insert ver. 29 *And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, having much disputing among themselves*

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE

ROMANS

Salutation. Personal Explanations. The Gospel. The Gentiles' Need of Righteousness

1 Paul, a [1]servant of Jē'sŭs Chrīst, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the [2]gospel of God, 2 which he promised afore through his prophets in the holy scriptures, 3 concerning his Son, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4 who was [3]declared *to be* the Son of God [4]with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection [5]from the dead; *even* Jē'sŭs Chrīst our Lord, 5 through whom we received grace and apostleship, unto obedience [6]of faith among all the [7]nations, for his name's sake; 6 among whom are ye also, called *to be* Jē'sŭs Chrīst's: 7 to all that are in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jē'sŭs Chrīst.

8 First, I thank my God through Jē'sŭs Chrīst for you all, [8]that your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world. 9 For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the [2]gospel of his Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you, always in my prayers 10 making request, if by any means now at length I may be prospered [9]by the will of God to come unto you. 11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; 12 that is, that I with you may be comforted [10]in you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine. 13 And I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you (and was hindered hitherto), that I might have some fruit [10] in you also, even as [10]in the rest of the Gĕn'tiles. 14 I am debtor both to Grēeks and to Barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. 15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to [11]preach the gospel to you also that are in Rome.

16 For I am not ashamed of the [2]gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Grēek. 17 For therein is revealed a righteousness of God from faith unto faith: as it is written, [12]But the righteous shall live [13]by faith.

18 For [14]the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who [15]hinder the truth in unrighteousness; 19 because that which is known of God is manifest in them; for God manifested it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, *even* his everlasting power and divinity; [16]that they may be without excuse: 21 because that, knowing God, they glorified him not as God, neither gave thanks; but became vain in their reasonings, and their senseless heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts unto

[1] Gr. *bondservant* [2] Gr. *good tidings:* and so elsewhere. See marginal note on Mt. 4.23 [3] Gr. *determined* [4] Or, *in* [5] Or, *of the dead* [6] Or, *to the faith* [7] Or, *Gentiles* [8] Or, *because* [9] Gr. *in* [10] Or, *among* [11] Gr. *bring good tidings.* Comp. ch. 10.15 f. [12] Hab. 2.4 [13] Gr. *from* [14] Or, *a wrath* [15] Or, *hold the truth.* Comp. 1 Cor. 7.30 (Gr.) [16] Or, *so that they are*

uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonored among themselves: 25 for that they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed [1]for ever. Ā-mĕn'.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto [2]vile passions: for their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working unseemliness, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was due.

28 And even as they [3]refused to have God in *their* knowledge, God gave them up unto a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity, whisperers, 30 backbiters, [4]hateful to God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, unmerciful: 32 who, knowing the ordinance of God, that they that practise such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also consent with them that practise them.

2 Wherefore thou art without excuse, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest [5]another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest dost practise the same things. 2 [6]And we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against them that practise such things. 3 And reckonest thou this, O man, who judgest them that practise such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? 4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long-suffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? 5 but after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up for thyself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; 6 who will render to every man according to his works: 7 to them that by [7]patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and incorruption, eternal life: 8 but unto them that are factious, and obey not the truth, but obey unrighteousness, *shall be* wrath and indignation, 9 tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that worketh evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Grēek; 10 but glory and honor and peace to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Grēek: 11 for there is no respect of persons with God. 12 For as many as [8]have sinned without the law shall also perish without the law: and as many as [9]have sinned under the law shall be judged by the law; 13 for not the hearers of the law are [10]just before God, but the doers of the law shall be [11]justified; 14 (for when Gĕn'tiles that have not the law do by nature the things of the law, these, not having the law, are the law unto themselves; 15 in that they show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness therewith, and [12]their [13]thoughts one with another accusing or else excusing *them*); 16 in the day when God [14]shall judge the secrets of men, according to my [15]gospel, by Jĕ'sŭs Christ.

17 But if thou bearest the name of a Jew, and restest upon the law, and gloriest in God, 18 and knowest [16]his will, and [17]approvest the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, 19 and art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the [18]blind, a light of them

[1] Gr. *unto the ages* [2] Gr. *passions of dishonor* [3] Gr. *did not approve* [4] Or, *haters of God* [5] Gr. *the other* [6] Many ancient authorities read *For* [7] Or, *stedfastness* [8] Gr. *sinned* [9] Or, *righteous* [10] Or, *accounted righteous:* and so elsewhere [11] Or, *their thoughts accusing or else excusing* them *one with another* [12] Or, *reasonings* 2 Cor. 10.5 [13] Or, *judgeth* [14] See marginal note on ch. 1.1 [15] Or, *the Will* [16] Or, *dost distinguish the things that differ*

that are in darkness, 20 [1]a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having in the law the form of knowledge and of the truth; 21 thou therefore that teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? 22 thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou rob temples? 23 thou who gloriest in the law, through thy transgression of the law dishonorest thou God? 24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gĕn'tiles, because of you, [2]even as it is written. 25 For circumcision indeed profiteth, if thou be a doer of the law: but if thou be a transgressor of the law, thy circumcision is become uncircumcision. 26 If therefore the uncircumcision keep the ordinances of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be reckoned for circumcision? 27 and shall not the uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who with the letter and circumcision art a transgressor of the law? 28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh: 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

3 What advantage then hath the Jew? or what is the profit of circumcision? 2 Much every way: first of all, that they were intrusted with the oracles of God. 3 For what if some were without faith? shall their want of faith make of none effect the faithfulness of God? 4 [3]God forbid: yea, let God be found true, but every man a liar; as it is written,

[4]That thou mightest be justified in thy words,
And mightest prevail when thou comest into judgment.

5 But if our unrighteousness commendeth the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who visiteth with wrath? (I speak after the manner of men.) 6 [3]God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world? 7 [5]But if the truth of God through my lie abounded unto his glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? 8 and why not (as we are slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say), Let us do evil, that good may come? whose condemnation is just.

9 What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we before laid to the charge both of Jews and Grēeks, that they are all under sin; 10 as it is written,

[6]There is none righteous, no, not one;
11 There is none that understandeth,
There is none that seeketh after God;
12 They have all turned aside, they are together become unprofitable;
There is none that doeth good, no, not so much as one:
13 [7]Their throat is an open sepulchre;
With their tongues they have used deceit:
[8]The poison of asps is under their lips:
14 [9]Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:
15 [10]Their feet are swift to shed blood;
16 Destruction and misery are in their ways;
17 And the way of peace have they not known:
18 [11]There is no fear of God before their eyes.

19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it speaketh to them that are under the law; that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may be brought under the judgment of God: 20 because [12]by [13]the works of the law

[1] Or, *an instructor* [2] Is. 52.5 [3] Gr. *Be it not so*: and so elsewhere [4] Ps. 51.4
[5] Many ancient authorities read *For* [6] Ps. 14.1 ff.; 53.1 ff. [7] Ps. 5.9 [8] Ps. 140.3 [9] Ps. 10.7 [10] Is. 59.7 f. [11] Ps. 36.1 [12] Gr. *out of* [13] Or, *works of law*

shall no flesh be [1]justified in his sight; for [2]through the law *cometh* the knowledge of sin.

21 But now apart from the law a righteousness of God hath been manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 even the righteousness of God through faith [3]in Jē'sŭs [4]Christ unto all [4]them that believe; for there is no distinction; 23 for all [5]have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God; 24 being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jē'sŭs: 25 whom God set forth [6]*to be* a propitiation, through faith, in his blood, to show his righteousness because of the passing over of the sins done aforetime, in the forbearance of God; 26 for the showing, *I say*, of his righteousness at this present season: that he might himself be [7]just, and the [7]justifier of him that [8]hath faith [3]in Jē'sŭs. 27 Where then is the glorying? It is excluded. By what manner of law? of works? Nay: but by a law of faith. 28 [9]We reckon therefore that a man is justified by faith apart from [10]the works of the law. 29 Or is God *the God* of Jews only? is he not *the God* of Gĕn'tiles also? Yea, of Gĕn'tiles also: 30 if so be that God is one, and he shall justify the circumcision [11]by faith, and the uncircumcision [12]through faith.

31 Do we then make [13]the law of none effect [12]through faith? God forbid: nay, we establish [13]the law.

4 What then shall we say [14]that Abraham, [15]our forefather, hath found according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified [11]by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not toward God. 3 For what saith the scripture? [16]And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness. 4 Now to him that worketh, the reward is not reckoned as of grace, but as of debt. 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is reckoned for righteousness. 6 Even as David also pronounceth blessing upon the man, unto whom God reckoneth righteousness apart from works, 7 *saying*,

> [17]Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven,
> And whose sins are covered.
> 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not reckon sin.

9 Is this blessing then pronounced upon the circumcision, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say, To Abraham his faith was reckoned for righteousness. 10 How then was it reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision: 11 and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while he was in uncircumcision: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be in uncircumcision, that righteousness might be reckoned unto them; 12 and the father of circumcision to them who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham which he had in uncircumcision. 13 For not [2]through the law was the promise to Abraham or to his seed that he should be heir of the world, but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if they that are of the law are heirs, faith is made void, and the promise is made of none effect: 15 for the law worketh wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. 16 For this cause *it is* of faith, that *it may be* according to grace; to the end that the promise may be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all 17 (as it is written,

[17] Ps. 32.1 *f.*

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[1] Or, *accounted righteous* [2] Or, *through law* [3] Or, *of* [4] Some ancient authorities add *and upon all* [5] Gr. *sinned* [6] Or, to be *propitiatory* [7] See ch. 2.13, margin [8] Gr. *is of faith* [9] Many ancient authorities read *For we reckon* [10] Or, *works of law* [11] Gr. *out of* Gal. 3.8 [12] Or, *through the faith* Gal. 2.16 [13] Or, *law* [14] Some ancient authorities read *of Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh?* [15] Or, *our forefather according to the flesh hath found?* [16] Gen. 15.6

[1]A father of many nations have I made thee) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who giveth life to the dead, and calleth the things that are not, as though they were. 18 Who in hope believed against hope, to the end that he might become a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, [2]So shall thy seed be. 19 And without being weakened in faith he considered his own body [3]now as good as dead (he being about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's [4]womb; 20 yet, looking unto the promise of God, he wavered not through unbelief, but waxed strong through faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully assured that what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22 Wherefore also it was reckoned unto him for righteousness. 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was reckoned unto him; 24 but for our sake also, unto whom it shall be reckoned, who believe on him that raised Jē'sŭs our Lord from the dead, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification.

5 Being therefore justified [5]by faith, [6]we have peace with God through our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ; 2 through whom also we have had our access [7]by faith into this grace wherein we stand; and [8]we [9]rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only so, but [10]we also [9]rejoice in our tribulations: knowing that tribulation worketh stedfastness; 4 and stedfastness, approvedness; and approvedness, hope: 5 and hope putteth not to shame; because the love of God hath been [11]shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us. 6 For while we were yet weak, in due season Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: for peradventure for the good man some one would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified [12]by his blood, shall we be saved from the wrath *of God* through him. 10 For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, shall we be saved [12]by his life; 11 and not only so, [13]but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

12 Therefore, as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin; and so death passed unto all men, for that all sinned:—13 for until the law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Mō'sēs, even over them that had not sinned after the likeness of Adam's transgression, who is a figure of him that was to come. 15 But not as the trespass, so also *is* the free gift. For if by the trespass of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God, and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jē'sŭs Christ, abound unto the many. 16 And not as through one that sinned, *so* is the gift: for the judgment *came* of one unto condemnation, but the free gift *came* of many trespasses unto [14]justification. 17 For if, by the trespass of the one, death reigned through the one; much more shall they that receive the abundance of grace and [15]of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one, *even* Jē'sŭs Christ. 18 So then as through one trespass *the judgment came* unto all men to condemnation; even so through one act of righteousness *the free gift came* unto all men to justification of life. 19 For as through the one man's disobedi-

[1] Gen. 17.5 [2] Gen. 15.5 [3] Many ancient authorities omit *now* [4] Or, *womb; yea, &c.* [5] Gr. *out of* [6] Many ancient authorities read *let us have* [7] Some ancient authorities omit *by faith* [8] Or, *let us rejoice* [9] Gr. *glory* ver. 11; Heb. 3.6 [10] Or, *let us also rejoice* [11] Gr. *poured out* [12] Gr. *in* [13] Gr. *but also glorying.* Comp. ver. 2 [14] Gr. *an act of righteousness.* Rev. 15.4; 19.8 [15] Some ancient authorities omit *of the gift*

ence the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the one shall the many be made righteous. 20 And [1]the law came in besides, that the trespass might abound; but where sin abounded, grace did abound more exceedingly: 21 that, as sin reigned in death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jē'sŭs Christ our Lord.

6 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. We who died to sin, how shall we any longer live therein? 3 Or are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jē'sŭs were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have become [2]united with *him* in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of his resurrection; 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be done away, that so we should no longer be in bondage to sin; 7 for he that hath died is [3]justified from sin. 8 But if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him; 9 knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death no more hath dominion over him. 10 For [4]the death that he died, he died unto sin [5]once: but [4]the life that he liveth, he liveth unto God. 11 Even so reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God in Christ Jē'sŭs.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey the lusts thereof: 13 neither present your members unto sin *as* [6]instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves unto God, as alive from the dead, and your members *as* [6]instruments of righteousness unto God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under law, but under grace.

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under law, but under grace? God forbid. 16 Know ye not, that to whom ye present yourselves *as* [7]servants unto obedience, his [7]servants ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God, [8]that, whereas ye were [7]servants of sin, ye became obedient from the heart to that [9]form of teaching whereunto ye were delivered; 18 and being made free from sin, ye became [7]servants of righteousness. 19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye presented your members *as* servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity, even so now present your members *as* servants to righteousness unto sanctification. 20 For when ye were [7]servants of sin, ye were free in regard of righteousness. 21 What fruit then had ye at that time in the things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. 22 But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jē'sŭs our Lord.

7 Or are ye ignorant, brethren (for I speak to men who know [10]the law), that the law hath dominion over a man for so long time as he liveth? 2 For the woman that hath a husband is bound by law to the husband while he liveth; but if the husband die, she is discharged from the law of the husband. 3 So then if, while the husband liveth, she be joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if the husband die, she is free from the law, so

[1] Or, *law* [2] Or, *united with the likeness . . . with the likeness* [3] Or, *released.* Comp. Ecclus. 26.29 (Gr.); ch. 7.1 [4] Or, *in that* [5] Gr. *once for all* Heb. 7.27 [6] Or, *weapons.* Comp. 2 Cor. 10.4

[7] Gr. *bondservants* [8] Or, *that ye were . . . but ye became* [9] Or, *pattern* [10] Or, *law*

that she is no adulteress, though she be joined to another man. 4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also were made dead to the law through the body of Christ; that ye should be joined to another, *even* to him who was raised from the dead, that we might bring forth fruit unto God. 5 For when we were in the flesh, the [1]sinful passions, which were through the law, wrought in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. 6 But now we have been discharged from the law, having died to that wherein we were held; so that we serve in newness of the spirit, and not in oldness of the letter.

7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Howbeit, I had not known sin, except through [2]the law: for I had not known [3]coveting, except the law had said, [4]Thou shalt not [3]covet: 8 but sin, finding occasion, wrought in me through the commandment all manner of [3]coveting: for apart from [2]the law sin *is* dead. 9 And I was alive apart from [2]the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died; 10 and the commandment, which *was* unto life, this I found *to be* unto death: 11 for sin, finding occasion, through the commandment beguiled me, and through it slew me. 12 So that the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and righteous, and good. 13 Did then that which is good become death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might be shown to be sin, by working death to me through that which is good;—that through the commandment sin might become exceeding sinful. 14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. 15 For that which I [5]do I know not: for not what I would, that do I practise; but what I hate, that I do. 16 But if what I would not, that I do, I consent unto the law that it is good. 17 So now it is no more I that [5]do it, but sin which dwelleth in me. 18 For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me, but to [5]do that which is good *is* not. 19 For the good which I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I practise. 20 But if what I would not, that I do, it is no more I that [5]do it, but sin which dwelleth in me. 21 I find then [6]the law, that, to me who would do good, evil is present. 22 For I delight [7]in the law of God after the inward man: 23 but I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity [8]under the law of sin which is in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me out of [9]the body of this death? 25 [10]I thank God through Jē'sŭs Christ our Lord. So then I of myself with the mind, indeed, serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

8 There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jē'sŭs. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jē'sŭs made me free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the law could not do, [11]in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending his own Son in the likeness of [12]sinful flesh [13]and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 that the [14]ordinance of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 5 For they that are after the flesh mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For the mind of the flesh is death; but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace: 7 because the mind of the flesh is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can it be: 8 and they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if so

1 Gr. *passions of sins* 2 Or, *law* 3 Or, *lust* 4 Ex. 20.17; Deut. 5.21 5 Gr. *work* 6 Or, *in regard of the law.* Comp. ver. 12, 14 7 Gr. *with* 8 Gr. *in.* Many ancient authorities read *to* 9 Or, *this body of death* 10 Many ancient authorities read *But thanks be to God.* Comp. ch. 6.17 11 Or, *wherein* 12 Gr. *flesh of sin* 13 Or, *and as an offering for sin.* Lev. 7.37 &c. Heb. 10.6 &c. 14 Or, *requirement*

be that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you. But if any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jē'sŭs from the dead dwelleth in you, he that raised up Christ Jē'sŭs from the dead shall give life also to your mortal bodies [1]through his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh: 13 for if ye live after the flesh, ye must die; but if by the Spirit ye put to death the [2]deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For ye received not the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but ye received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Ăb'bā, Father. 16 The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God: 17 and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified with *him*.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but by reason of him who subjected it, [3]in hope 21 that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain [4]together until now. 23 And not only so, but ourselves also, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for *our* adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body. 24 For [5]in hope were we saved: but hope that is seen is not hope: [6]for who [7]hopeth for that which he seeth? 25 But if we hope for that which we see not, *then* do we with [8]patience wait for it.

26 And in like manner the Spirit also helpeth our infirmity: for we know not how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for *us* with groanings which cannot be uttered; 27 and he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, [9]because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of* God. 28 And we know that to them that love God [10]all things work together for good, *even* to them that are called according to *his* purpose. 29 For whom he foreknew, he also foreordained *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren: 30 and whom he foreordained, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? [11]It is God that justifieth; 34 who is he that condemneth? [12]It is Christ Jē'sŭs that died, yea rather, that was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love [13]of Christ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Even as it is written,

[1] Many ancient authorities read *because of*
[2] Gr. *doings* [3] Or, *in hope; because the creation &c.* [4] Or, *with* us
[5] Or, *by* [6] Many ancient authorities read *for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?*
[7] Some ancient authorities read *awaiteth*
[8] Or, *stedfastness* [9] Or, *that* [10] Some ancient authorities read *God worketh all things with them for good* [11] Or, *Shall God that justifieth?* [12] Or, *Shall Christ Jesus that died, . . . us?* [13] Some ancient authorities read *of God*

[1]For thy sake we are killed all
the day long;
We were accounted as sheep
for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other [2]creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jē'sŭs our Lord.

9 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience bearing witness with me in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing pain in my heart. 3 For I could [3]wish that I myself were ăn'ăth'ē-mă from Christ for my brethren's sake, my kinsmen according to the flesh: 4 who are Ĭs'rā-ĕl'ītes; whose is the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service *of God*, and the promises; 5 whose are the fathers, and of whom is Christ as concerning the [4]flesh, who is over all, God blessed [5]for ever. Ā-mĕn'.

6 But *it is* not as though the word of God hath come to nought. For they are not all Ĭs'rā-ĕl, that are of Ĭs'rā-ĕl: 7 neither, because they are Abraham's seed, are they all children: but, [6]In Ī'săac shall thy seed be called. 8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh that are children of God; but the children of the promise are reckoned for a seed. 9 For this is a word of promise, [7]According to this season will I come, and Sarah shall have a son. 10 And not only so; but Rĕ-bĕc'cà also having conceived by one, *even* by our father Ī'săac—11 for *the children* being not yet born, neither having done anything good or bad, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth, 12 it was said unto her, [8]The elder shall serve the younger. 13 Even as it is written, [9]Jacob I loved, but Ē'sau I hated.

14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. 15 For he saith to Mō'sĕs, [10]I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. 16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that hath mercy. 17 For the scripture saith unto Phā'raōh, [11]For this very purpose did I raise thee up, that I might show in thee my power, and that my name might be published abroad in all the earth. 18 So then he hath mercy on whom he will, and whom he will he hardeneth.

19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he still find fault? For who withstandeth his will? 20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why didst thou make me thus? 21 Or hath not the potter a right over the clay, from the same lump to make one part a vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor? 22 What if God, [12]willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much long-suffering vessels of wrath fitted unto destruction: 23 [13]and that he might make known the riches of his glory upon vessels of mercy, which he afore prepared unto glory, 24 *even* us, whom he also called, not from the Jews only, but also from the Ġĕn'tīles?

25 As he saith also in Hō-sē'à,
[14]I will call that my people,
which was not my people;
And her beloved, that was not
beloved.
26 [15]And it shall be, *that* in the
place where it was said unto
them, Ye are not my people,
There shall they be called sons
of the living God.
27 And Ĭ-sā'ĭăh crieth concerning
Ĭs'rā-ĕl, [16]If the number of the chil-

[1] Ps. 44.22 [2] Or, *creation* [3] Or, *pray* [4] Or, *flesh; he who is over all, God, be blessed for ever* [5] Gr. *unto the ages* [6] Gen. 21.12 [7] Gen. 18.10 [8] Gen. 25.23 [9] Mal. 1.2 f. [10] Ex. 33.19 [11] Ex. 9.16 [12] Or, *although willing* [13] Some ancient authorities omit *and* [14] Hos. 2.23 [15] Hos. 1.10 [16] Is. 10.22 f.

dren of Ĭs'rā-ĕl be as the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that shall be saved: 28 for the Lord will execute *his* word upon the earth, finishing it and cutting it short. 29 And, as Ī-sā'ĭăh hath said before,

[1]Except the Lord of Să-bā'ŏth had left us a seed,
We had become as Sŏd'ŏm,
and had been made like unto Gŏ-mŏr'răh.

30 What shall we say then? That the Gĕn'tiles, who followed not after righteousness, attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith: 31 but Ĭs'rā-ĕl, following after a law of righteousness, did not arrive at *that* law. 32 Wherefore? [2]Because *they sought it* not by faith, but as it were by works. They stumbled at the stone of stumbling; 33 even as it is written,

[3]Behold, I lay in Zī'ŏn a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence:
And he that believeth on [4]him shall not be put to shame.

10 Brethren, my heart's [5]desire and my supplication to God is for them, that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law unto righteousness to every one that believeth. 5 For Mō'sĕs writeth that [6]the man that doeth the righteousness which is of the law shall live thereby. 6 But the righteousness which is of faith saith thus, [7]Say not in thy heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down): 7 or, Who shall descend into the abyss? (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what saith it? [8]The word is nigh thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach: 9 [9]because if thou shalt [10]confess with thy mouth Jē'sŭs *as* Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: 10 for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, [11]Whosoever believeth on him shall not be put to shame. 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Grēek: for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, and is rich unto all that call upon him: 13 for, [12]Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 and how shall they preach, except they be sent? even as it is written, [13]How beautiful are the feet of them that bring [14]glad tidings of good things!

16 But they did not all hearken to the [15]glad tidings. For Ī-sā'ĭăh saith, [16]Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So belief *cometh* of hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ. 18 But I say, Did they not hear? Yea, verily,

[17]Their sound went out into all the earth,
And their words unto the ends of [18]the world.

19 But I say, Did Ĭs'rā-ĕl not know? First Mō'sĕs saith,

[19]I will provoke you to jealousy with that which is no nation,
With a nation void of understanding will I anger you.

20 And Ī-sā'ĭăh is very bold, and saith,

[20]I was found of them that sought me not;
I became manifest unto them that asked not of me.

21 But as to Ĭs'rā-ĕl he saith, [21]All

[1] Is. 1.9 [2] Or, *Because*, doing it *not by faith, but as it were by works, they stumbled* [3] Is. 28.16 [4] Or, *it* [5] Gr. *good pleasure* [6] Lev. 18.5 [7] Dt. 30.12 f. [8] Dt. 30.14 [9] Or, *that* [10] Some ancient authorities read *confess the word with thy mouth, that Jesus is Lord* [11] Is. 28.16 [12] Joel 2.32 [13] Is. 52.7 [14] Or, *a gospel* [15] Or, *gospel* [16] Is. 53.1 [17] Ps. 19.5 [18] Gr. *the inhabited earth* [19] Dt. 32.21 [20] Is. 65.1 [21] Is. 65.2

the day long did I spread out my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

11 I say then, Did God cast off his people? God forbid. For I also am an Ĭs'rā-ĕl-īte, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Bĕn'-jā-mĭn. 2 God did not cast off his people which he foreknew. Or know ye not what the scripture [1]saith [2]of Ē-lī'jăh? how he pleadeth with God against Ĭs'rā-ĕl: 3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, they have digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. 4 But what [3]saith the answer of God unto him? I have left for myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to Bā'ăl. 5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 6 But if it is by grace, it is no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. 7 What then? That which Ĭs'rā-ĕl seeketh for, that he obtained not; but the election obtained it, and the rest were hardened: 8 according as it is written, [4]God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear, unto this very day. 9 And David saith,

> [5]Let their table be made a snare, and a trap,
> And a stumblingblock, and a recompense unto them:
> 10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see,
> And bow thou down their back always.

11 I say then, Did they stumble that they might fall? God forbid: but by their [6]fall salvation *is come* unto the Ġĕn'tīles, to provoke them to jealousy. 12 Now if their fall is the riches of the world, and their loss the riches of the Ġĕn'tīles; how much more their fulness? 13 But I speak to you that are Ġĕn'tīles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Ġĕn'tīles, I glorify my ministry; 14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy *them that are* my flesh, and may save some of them. 15 For if the casting away of them *is* the reconciling of the world, what *shall* the receiving *of them be*, but life from the dead? 16 And if the firstfruit is holy, so is the lump: and if the root is holy, so are the branches. 17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and thou, being a wild olive, wast grafted in among them, and didst become partaker with them [7]of the root of the fatness of the olive tree; 18 glory not over the branches: but if thou gloriest, it is not thou that bearest the root, but the root thee. 19 Thou wilt say then, Branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. 20 Well; by their unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by thy faith. Be not high-minded, but fear: 21 for if God spared not the natural branches, neither will he spare thee. 22 Behold then the goodness and severity of God: toward them that fell, severity; but toward thee, God's goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. 23 And they also, if they continue not in their unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. 24 For if thou wast cut out of that which is by nature a wild olive tree, and wast grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree; how much more shall these, which are the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant of this mystery, lest ye be wise in your own conceits, that a hardening in part hath befallen Ĭs'rā-ĕl, until the fulness of the Ġĕn'tīles be come in; 26 and so all Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall be saved: even as it is written,

> [8]There shall come out of Zī'ŏn the Deliverer;
> He shall turn away [9]ungodliness from Jacob:

[1] 1 K. 19.10 [2] Or, *in*. Comp. Mk. 12.26 [3] 1 K. 19.18 [4] Is. 29.10; Dt. 29.4 [5] Ps. 69.22 f. [6] Or, *trespass*. Comp. ch. 5.15 ff.

[7] Many ancient authorities read *of the root and of the fatness* [8] Is. 59.20 f. [9] Gr. *ungodlinesses*

27 [1]And this is [2]my covenant unto them,
When I shall take away their sins.
28 As touching the [3]gospel, they are enemies for your sake: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sake. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are not repented of. 30 For as ye in time past were disobedient to God, but now have obtained mercy by their disobedience, 31 even so have these also now been disobedient, that by the mercy shown to you they also may now obtain mercy. 32 For God hath shut up all unto disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

33 O the depth [4]of the riches [5]both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past tracing out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? 35 or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? 36 For of him, and through him, and unto him, are all things. To him *be* the glory [6]for ever. Ā-mĕn'.

12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, [7]acceptable to God, *which is* your [8]spiritual [9]service. 2 And be not fashioned according to this [10]world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is [11]the good and [7]acceptable and perfect will of God.

3 For I say, through the grace that was given me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but so to think as to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to each man a measure of faith. 4 For even as we have many members in one body, and all the members have not the same office: 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and severally members one of another. 6 And having gifts differing according to the grace that was given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of our faith; 7 or ministry, *let us give ourselves* to our ministry; or he that teacheth, to his teaching; 8 or he that exhorteth, to his exhorting: he that giveth, *let him do it* with [12]liberality; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness.

9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10 In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another; 11 in diligence not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving [13]the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing stedfastly in prayer; 13 communicating to the necessities of the saints; [14]given to hospitality. 14 Bless them that persecute you; bless, and curse not. 15 Rejoice with them that rejoice; weep with them that weep. 16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Set not your mind on high things, but [15]condescend to [16]things that are lowly. Be not wise in your own conceits. 17 Render to no man evil for evil. Take thought for things honorable in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as in you lieth, be at peace with all men. 19 Avenge not yourselves, beloved, but give place unto [17]the wrath *of God*: for it is written, [18]Vengeance belongeth unto me; I will recompense, saith the Lord. 20 But [19]if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him to drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head. 21 Be not overcome of

[1] Is. 27.9 [2] Gr. *the covenant from me* [3] See ch. 10.15, 16, and marginal note on ch. 1.1 [4] Or, *of the riches and the wisdom &c.* [5] Or, *both of wisdom &c.* [6] Gr. *unto the ages* [7] Gr. *well-pleasing* [8] Gr. *belonging to the reason* [9] Or, *worship* [10] Or, *age* [11] Or, *the will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect* [12] Gr. *singleness*

[13] Some ancient authorities read *the opportunity* [14] Gr. *pursuing* [15] Gr. *be carried away with* [16] Or, *them* [17] Or, *wrath* [18] Dt. 32.35 [19] (Prov. 25.21 f.)

evil, but overcome evil with good.

13 Let every soul be in subjection to the higher powers: for there is no power but of God; and the *powers* that be are ordained of God. 2 Therefore he that resisteth the power, withstandeth the ordinance of God: and they that withstand shall receive to themselves judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to the good work, but to the evil. And wouldest thou have no fear of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise from the same: 4 for [1]he is a minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for [1]he beareth not the sword in vain: for [1]he is a minister of God, an avenger for wrath to him that doeth evil. 5 Wherefore *ye* must needs be in subjection, not only because of the wrath, but also for conscience' sake. 6 For for this cause ye pay tribute also; for they are ministers of God's service, attending continually upon this very thing. 7 Render to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

8 Owe no man anything, save to love one another: for he that loveth [2]his neighbor hath fulfilled the law. 9 For this, [3]Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not covet, and if there be any other commandment, it is summed up in this word, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: love therefore is the fulfilment of the law.

11 And this, knowing the season, that already it is time for you to awake out of sleep: for now is [4]salvation nearer to us than when we *first* believed. 12 The night is far spent, and the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk becomingly, as in the day; not in revelling and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and jealousy. 14 But put ye on the Lord Jē'sŭs Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

14 But him that is weak in faith receive ye, *yet* not [5]for decision of scruples. 2 One man hath faith to eat all things: but he that is weak eateth herbs. 3 Let not him that eateth set at nought him that eateth not; and let not him that eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. 4 Who art thou that judgest the [6]servant of another? to his own lord he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be made to stand; for the Lord hath power to make him stand. 5 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day *alike*. Let each man be fully assured in his own mind. 6 He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord: and he that eateth, eateth unto the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, unto the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks. 7 For none of us liveth to himself, and none dieth to himself. 8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; or whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived *again*, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 But thou, why dost thou judge thy brother? or thou again, why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of God.

11 For it is written,

[7]As I live, saith the Lord, to me
every knee shall bow,
And every tongue shall [8]confess to God.

12 So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.

1 Or, *it* 2 Gr. *the other*. Comp. 1 Cor. 6.1; 10.24; Gal. 6.4 3 Ex. 20.13 ff.; Dt. 5.17 ff. 4 Or, *our salvation nearer than when &c.*

5 Or, *to doubtful disputations* 6 Gr. *household-servant* 7 Is. 45.23 8 Or, *give praise*

13 Let us not therefore judge
one another any more: but judge
ye this rather, that no man put a
stumblingblock in his brother's
way, or an occasion of falling. 14
I know, and am persuaded in the
Lord Jĕ'sŭs, that nothing is un-
clean of itself: save that to him
who accounteth anything to be un-
clean, to him it is unclean. 15 For
if because of meat thy brother is
grieved, thou walkest no longer in
love. Destroy not with thy meat
him for whom Christ died. 16 Let
not then your good be evil spoken
of: 17 for the kingdom of God is
not eating and drinking, but right-
eousness and peace and joy in the
Holy Spirit. 18 For he that herein
serveth Christ is well-pleasing to
God, and approved of men. 19 So
then [1]let us follow after things
which make for peace, and things
whereby we may edify one another.
20 Overthrow not for meat's sake
the work of God. All things in-
deed are clean; howbeit it is evil for
that man who eateth with offence.
21 It is good not to eat flesh, nor
to drink wine, nor *to do anything*
whereby thy brother stumbleth[2].
22 The faith which thou hast, have
thou to thyself before God. Happy
is he that judgeth not himself in
that which he [3]approveth. 23 But
he that doubteth is condemned if
he eat, because *he eateth* not of
faith; and whatsoever is not of
faith is sin[4].

15 Now we that are strong
ought to bear the infirmities
of the weak, and not to please our-
selves. 2 Let each one of us
please his neighbor for that which
is good, unto edifying. 3 For Christ
also pleased not himself; but,
as it is written, [5]The reproaches of
them that reproached thee fell upon
me. 4 For whatsoever things were
written aforetime were written for
our learning, that through [6]patience
and through comfort of the scrip-
tures we might have hope. 5 Now
the God of [6]patience and of com-
fort grant you to be of the same
mind one with another according
to Christ Jĕ'sŭs: 6 that with one
accord ye may with one mouth glor-
ify [7]the God and Father of our Lord
Jĕ'sŭs Christ. 7 Wherefore re-
ceive ye one another, even as Christ
also received [8]you, to the glory of
God. 8 For I say that Christ hath
been made a minister of the cir-
cumcision for the truth of God,
that he might confirm the promises
given unto the fathers, 9 and
that the Gĕn'tīles might glorify
God for his mercy; as it is
written,

[9]Therefore will I [10]give praise
unto thee among the [11]Gĕn'-
tīles,
And sing unto thy name.
10 And again he saith,
[12]Rejoice, ye [11]Gĕn'tīles, with
his people.
11 And again,
[13]Praise the Lord, all ye [11]Gĕn'-
tīles;
And let all the peoples praise
him.
12 And again, Ī-sā'ĭăh saith,
[14]There shall be the root of
Jĕs'sĕ,
And he that ariseth to rule over
the [11]Gĕn'tīles;
On him shall the [11]Gĕn'tīles
hope.

13 Now the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing,
that ye may abound in hope, in the
power of the Holy Spirit.

14 And I myself also am per-
suaded of you, my brethren, that
ye yourselves are full of goodness,
filled with all knowledge, able also
to admonish one another. 15 But
I write the more boldly unto you
in some measure, as putting you
again in remembrance, because of
the grace that was given me of
God, 16 that I should be a minister
of Christ Jĕ'sŭs unto the [11]Gĕn'-

[1] Many ancient authorities read *we follow*
[2] Many ancient authorities add *or is offended, or is weak*
[3] Or, *putteth to the test*
[4] Many authorities, some ancient, insert here ch. 16. 25-27
[5] Ps. 69.9
[6] Or, *steadfastness*
[7] Or, *God and the Father*. So 2 Cor. 1.3; 11.31; Eph. 1.3; 1 Pet. 1.3
[8] Some ancient authorities read *us*
[9] Ps. 18.49 (or 2 S. 22.50)
[10] Or, *confess*
[11] Gr. *nations*. Comp. Mt. 4.15
[12] Dt. 32.43
[13] Ps. 117.1
[14] Is. 11.10

tiles, [1]ministering the [2]gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gĕn'tiles might be made acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. 17 I have therefore my glorying in Christ Jĕ'sŭs in things pertaining to God. 18 For I will not dare to speak of any [3]things save those which Christ wrought through me, for the obedience of the [4]Gĕn'tiles, by word and deed, 19 in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of [5]the Holy Spirit; so that from Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, and round about even unto Ĭl-lўr'ĭ-cŭm, I have [6]fully preached the [2]gospel of Christ; 20 yea, [7]making it my aim so to [8]preach the gospel, not where Christ was *already* named, that I might not build upon another man's foundation; 21 but, as it is written,

[9]They shall see, to whom no tidings of him came,
And they who have not heard shall understand.

22 Wherefore also I was hindered these many times from coming to you: 23 but now, having no more any place in these regions, and having these many years a longing to come unto you, 24 whensoever I go unto Spain (for I hope to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first in some measure I shall have been satisfied with your company)—25 but now, *I say*, I go unto Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, ministering unto the saints. 26 For it hath been the good pleasure of Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-â and Ă-chā'ĭà to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints that are at Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm. 27 Yea, it hath been their good pleasure; and their debtors they are. For if the Gĕn'tiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, they owe it *to them* also to minister unto them in carnal things. 28 When therefore I have accomplished this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will go on by you unto Spain. 29 And I know that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of Christ.

30 Now I beseech you, brethren, by our Lord Jĕ'sŭs Christ, and by the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; 31 that I may be delivered from them that are disobedient in Jū-dæ'ą, and *that* my ministration which *I have* for Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm may be acceptable to the saints; 32 that I may come unto you in joy through the will of God, and together with you find rest. 33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Ā-mĕn'.

16 I commend unto you Phœ'bĕ our sister, who is a [10]servant of the church that is at Çĕn'chrĕ-æ: 2 that ye receive her in the Lord, worthily of the saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever matter she may have need of you: for she herself also hath been a helper of many, and of mine own self.

3 Salute Prĭs'cą and Ăq'ŭĭ-lą my fellow-workers in Christ Jĕ'sŭs, 4 who for my life laid down their own necks; unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gĕn'tiles: 5 and *salute* the church that is in their house. Salute Ĕp-æ-nē'tŭs my beloved, who is the firstfruits of Ā'sĭ-ą unto Christ. 6 Salute Mary, who bestowed much labor on you. 7 Salute Ăn-drŏ-nī'cŭs and [11]Jū'nĭ-ăs, my kinsmen, and my fellow-prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also have been in Christ before me. 8 Salute Ăm'plĭ-ą-tŭs my beloved in the Lord. 9 Salute Ûr-bā'nŭs our fellow-worker in Christ, and Stā'chўs my beloved. 10 Salute Ă-pĕl'lēs the approved in Christ. Salute them that are of the *household* of Ăr-ĭs-tŏ-bū'lŭs. 11 Salute Hĕ-rō'dĭ-ŏn my kinsman. Salute them of the *household* of Năr-çĭs'sŭs, that are

[1] Gr. *ministering in sacrifice* [2] See marginal note on ch. 1.1 [3] Gr. *of those things which Christ wrought not through me* [4] Gr. *nations*. Comp. Mt. 4.15 [5] Many ancient authorities read *the Spirit of God*. One reads *the Spirit* [6] Gr. *fulfilled*. Comp. Col. 1.25 [7] Gr. *being ambitious*. 2 Cor. 5.9; 1 Thess. 4.11 [8] See marginal note on ch. 1.15 [9] Is. 52.15

[10] Or, *deaconess* [11] Or, *Junia*

in the Lord. 12 Salute Trȳ-phæ'nȧ and Trȳ-phō'sȧ, who labor in the Lord. Salute Pēr'sĭs the beloved, who labored much in the Lord. 13 Salute Ru'fŭs the chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. 14 Salute Ā-sȳn'crĭ-tŭs, Phlē'gŏn, Hēr'mēs, Păt'rō-bȧs, Hēr'mȧs, and the brethren that are with them. 15 Salute Phĭ-lō'lō-gŭs and Jū'lĭ-ȧ, Nē'reŭs and his sister, and Ō-lȳm'pȧs, and all the saints that are with them. 16 Salute one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ salute you.

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them that are causing the divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the [1]doctrine which ye learned: and turn away from them. 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Christ, but their own belly; and by their smooth and fair speech they beguile the hearts of the innocent. 19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I rejoice therefore over you: but I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple unto that which is evil. 20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.

[1] Or, *teaching*

The grace of our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ be with you.

21 Tĭm'ō-thȳ my fellow-worker saluteth you; and Lū'cĭŭs and Jā'sŏn and Sō-sĭp'ă-tĕr, my kinsmen. 22 I Tĕr'tĭŭs, [2]who write the epistle, salute you in the Lord. 23 Gā'ĭŭs my host, and of the whole church, saluteth you. Ē-rās'tŭs the treasurer of the city saluteth you, and Quâr'tŭs the brother.[3]

25 [4]Now to him that is able to establish you according to my [5]gospel and the preaching of Jē'sŭs Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which hath been kept in silence through times eternal, 26 but now is manifested, and [6]by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, is made known unto all the [7]nations unto obedience [8]of faith: 27 to the only wise God, through Jē'sŭs Christ, [9]to whom be the glory [10]for ever. Ā-mĕn'.

[2] Or, *who write the epistle in the Lord, salute you* [3] Some ancient authorities insert here ver. 24 *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen,* and omit the like words in ver. 20 [4] Some ancient authorities omit ver. 25-27. Comp. the end of ch. 14 [5] See marginal note on ch. 1.1 [6] Gr. *through* [7] Or, *Gentiles* [8] Or, *to the faith* [9] Some ancient authorities omit *to whom* [10] Gr. *unto the ages*

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Salutation. Thanksgiving

1 Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jē'sŭs Christ through the will of God, and Sŏs'thĕ-nēs [1]our brother, 2 unto the church of God which is at Cŏr'ĭnth, *even* them that are sanctified in Christ Jē'sŭs, called *to be* saints, with all that call upon the name of our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ in every place, their *Lord* and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jē'sŭs Christ.

4 I thank [2]my God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jē'sŭs; 5 that in everything ye were enriched in him, in all [3]utterance and all knowledge; 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: 7 so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ; 8 who shall also confirm you unto the end, *that ye be* unreprovable in the day of our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ. 9 God is faithful, through whom ye were called into the fellowship of his Son Jē'sŭs Christ our Lord.

[1] Gr. *the brother* [2] Some ancient authorities omit *my* [3] Gr. *word*

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, through the name of our Lord Jē'sŭs Chrīst, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no [1]divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 11 For it hath been signified unto me concerning you, my brethren, by them *that are of the household* of Chlō'ē, that there are contentions among you. 12 Now this I mean, that each one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Ā-pŏl'lōs; and I of Cē'phās; and I of Chrīst. 13 [2]Is Chrīst divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized into the name of Paul? 14 [3]I thank God that I baptized none of you, save Crĭs'pŭs and Gā'ĭŭs; 15 lest any man should say that ye were baptized into my name. 16 And I baptized also the household of Stĕph'ā-nās: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. 17 For Chrīst sent me not to baptize, but to [4]preach the gospel: not in wisdom of words, lest the cross of Chrīst should be made void.

18 For the word of the cross is to them that [5]perish foolishness; but unto us who [6]are saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written,

> [7]I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
> And the discernment of the discerning will I bring to nought.

20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this [8]world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom knew not God, it was God's good pleasure through the foolishness of the [9]preaching to save them that believe. 22 Seeing that Jews ask for signs, and Grēeks seek after wisdom: 23 but we preach [10]Christ crucified, unto Jews a stumbling-block, and unto Gĕn'tiles foolishness; 24 but unto [11]them that are called, both Jews and Grēeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For [12]behold your calling, brethren, that not many wise after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*: 27 but God chose the foolish things of the world, that he might put to shame them that are wise; and God chose the weak things of the world, that he might put to shame the things that are strong; 28 and the base things of the world, and the things that are despised, did God choose, *yea* [13]and the things that are not, that he might bring to nought the things that are: 29 that no flesh should glory before God. 30 But of him are ye in Chrīst Jē'sŭs, who was made unto us wisdom from God, [14]and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption: 31 that, according as it is written, [15]He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

2 And I, brethren, when I came unto you, came not with excellency of [16]speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the [17]testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jē'sŭs Chrīst, and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my [16]speech and my [9]preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 that your faith should not [18]stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

6 We speak wisdom, however, among them that are fullgrown: yet a wisdom not of this [19]world, nor of the rulers of this [19]world, who are coming to nought: 7 but we speak God's wisdom in a mys-

1 Gr. *schisms* 2 Or, *Christ is divided! Was Paul crucified for you?* 3 Some ancient authorities read *I give thanks that* 4 Gr. *bring good tidings.* Comp. Mt. 11.5 5 Or, *are perishing* 6 Or, *are being saved* 7 Is. 29.14 8 Or, *age* 9 Gr. *thing preached* 10 Or, *a Messiah* 11 Gr. *the called themselves* 12 Or, *ye behold* 13 Many ancient authorities omit *and* 14 Or, *both righteousness and sanctification and redemption* 15 Jer. 9.23 f. 16 Or, *word* 17 Many ancient authorities read *mystery* 18 Gr. *be* 19 Or, *age:* and so in ver. 7, 8; but not in ver. 12

tery, *even* the *wisdom* that hath been hidden, which God foreordained before the [1]worlds unto our glory: 8 which none of the rulers of this [1]world hath known: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory: 9 but as it is written,

> [2]Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not,
> And *which* entered not into the heart of man,
> Whatsoever things God prepared for them that love him.

10 [3]But unto us God revealed [4]*them* through the Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For who among men knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of the man, which is in him? even so the things of God none knoweth, save the Spirit of God. 12 But we received, not the spirit of the [5]world, but the spirit which is from God; that we might know the things that were freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth; [6]combining spiritual things with spiritual *words*. 14 Now the [7]natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually [8]judged. 15 But he that is spiritual [9]judgeth all things, and he himself is [8]judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

3 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, as unto babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not with meat; for ye were not yet able *to bear it*: nay, not even now are ye able; 3 for ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you jealousy and strife, are ye not carnal, and do ye not walk after the manner of men? 4 For when one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Ă-pŏl'lōs; are ye not men? 5 What then is Ă-pŏl'lōs? and what is Paul? Ministers through whom ye believed; and each as the Lord gave to him. 6 I planted, Ă-pŏl'-lōs watered; but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. 8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: but each shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are God's fellow-workers: ye are God's [10]husbandry, God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which was given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder I laid a foundation; and another buildeth thereon. But let each man take heed how he buildeth thereon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jē'sŭs Christ. 12 But if any man buildeth on the foundation gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 each man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it is revealed in fire; [11]and the fire itself shall prove each man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work shall abide which he built thereon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as through fire.

16 Know ye not that ye are a [12]temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 If any man destroyeth the [12]temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the [12]temple of God is holy, [13]and such are ye.

18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man thinketh that he is wise among you in this [14]world, let him become a fool, that he may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

[1] Or, *age:* and so in ver. 7, 8; but not in ver. 12 [2] Is. 64.4; 65.17 [3] Some ancient authorities read *For* [4] Or, *It* [5] See ver. 6 [6] Or, *interpreting spiritual things to spiritual men* [7] Or, *unspiritual* Gr. *psychical* [8] Or, *examined* [9] Or, *examineth* [10] Gr. *tilled land* [11] Or, *and each man's work, of what sort it is, the fire shall prove it* [12] Or, *sanctuary* [13] Or, *which* [14] Or, *age*

For it is written, [1]He that taketh the wise in their craftiness: 20 and again, [2]The Lord knoweth the reasonings of the wise, that they are vain. 21 Wherefore let no one glory in men. For all things are yours; 22 whether Paul, or Ă-pŏl'lŏs, or Çē'phăs, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; 23 and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

4 Let a man so account of us, as of ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Here, moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. 3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be [3]judged of you, or of man's [4]judgment: yea, I [5]judge not mine own self. 4 For I know nothing against myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that [6]judgeth me is the Lord. 5 Wherefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and make manifest the counsels of the hearts; and then shall each man have his praise from God.

6 Now these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and Ă-pŏl'lŏs for your sakes; that in us ye might learn not *to go* beyond the things which are written; that no one of you be puffed up for the one against the other. 7 For who maketh thee to differ? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? but if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it? 8 Already are ye filled, already ye are become rich, ye have come to reign without us: yea and I would that ye did reign, that we also might reign with you. 9 For, I think, God hath set forth us the apostles last of all, as men doomed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, [7]both to angels and men. 10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye have glory, but we have dishonor. 11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling-place; 12 and we toil, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; 13 being defamed, we entreat: we are made as the [8]filth of the world, the offscouring of all things, even until now.

14 I write not these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. 15 For though ye have ten thousand tutors in Christ, yet *have ye* not many fathers; for in Christ Jē'sŭs I begat you through the [9]gospel. 16 I beseech you therefore, be ye imitators of me. 17 For this cause have I sent unto you Tĭm'ŏ-thў, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, who shall put you in remembrance of my ways which are in Christ, even as I teach everywhere in every church. 18 Now some are puffed up, as though I were not coming to you. 19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will; and I will know, not the word of them that are puffed up, but the power. 20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. 21 What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?

5 It is actually reported that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not even among the Gĕn'tiles, that one *of you* hath his father's wife. 2 And [10]ye are puffed up, and [11]did not rather mourn, that he that had done this deed might be taken away from among you. 3 For I verily, being absent in body but present in spirit, have already as though I were present judged him that hath so wrought this thing, 4 in the name of our Lord Jē'sŭs, ye being gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our

[1] Job. 5.13 [2] Ps. 94.11 [3] Or, *examined* [4] Gr. *day*. See ch. 3.13 [5] Or, *examine* [6] Or, *examineth* [7] Or, *and to angels, and to men*

[8] Or, *refuse* [9] Gr. *good tidings*. See marginal note on Mt. 4.23 [10] Or, *are ye puffed up?* [11] Or, *did ye not rather mourn, . . . you?*

Lord Jĕ'sŭs, 5 to deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord [1]Jĕ'sŭs. 6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? 7 Purge out the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, even as ye are unleavened. For our passover also hath been sacrificed, *even* Christ: 8 wherefore let us [2]keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote unto you in my epistle to have no company with fornicators; 10 [3]not at all *meaning* with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous and extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world: 11 but [4]as it is, I wrote unto you not to keep company, if any man that is named a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one no, not to eat. 12 For what have I to do with judging them that are without? Do not ye judge them that are within? 13 But them that are without God judgeth. Put away the wicked man from among yourselves.

6 Dare any of you, having a matter against [5]his neighbor, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? 2 Or know ye not that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world is judged by you, are ye unworthy [6]to judge the smallest matters? 3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more, things that pertain to this life? 4 If then ye have [7]to judge things pertaining to this life, [8]do ye set them to judge who are of no account in the church? 5 I say *this* to move you to shame.

[9]What, cannot there be *found* among you one wise man who shall be able to decide between his brethren, 6 but brother goeth to law with brother, and that before unbelievers? 7 Nay, already it is altogether [10]a defect in you, that ye have lawsuits one with another. Why not rather take wrong? why not rather be defrauded? 8 Nay, but ye yourselves do wrong, and defraud, and that *your* brethren. 9 Or know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye [11]were washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of the Lord Jĕ'sŭs Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

12 All things are lawful for me; but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me; but I will not be brought under the power of any. 13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall bring to nought both it and them. But the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body: 14 and God both raised the Lord, and will raise up us through his power. 15 Know ye not that your bodies are members of Christ? shall I then take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid. 16 Or know ye not that he that is joined to a harlot is one body? for, [12]The twain, saith he, shall become one flesh. 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. 18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 19 Or know ye not that your body is a [13]temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not

[1] Some ancient authorities omit *Jesus*
[2] Gr. *keep festival*
[3] Or, *not altogether with the fornicators &c.*
[4] Or, *now I write*
[5] Gr. *the other.* See Rom. 13.8
[6] Gr. *of the smallest tribunals*
[7] Gr. *tribunals pertaining to*
[8] Or, *set them . . . church*
[9] Or, *Is it so, that there cannot &c.*
[10] Or, *a loss to you*
[11] Gr. *washed yourselves*
[12] Gen. 2.24
[13] Or, *sanctuary*

your own; 20 for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body.

7 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 But, because of fornications, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. 3 Let the husband render unto the wife her due: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. 4 The wife hath not power over her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power over his own body, but the wife. 5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be by consent for a season, that ye may give yourselves unto prayer, and may be together again, that Satan tempt you not because of your incontinency. 6 But this I say by way of concession, not of commandment. 7 [1]Yet I would that all men were even as I myself. Howbeit each man hath his own gift from God, one after this manner, and another after that.

8 But I say to the unmarried and to widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. 9 But if they have not continency, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn. 10 But unto the married I give charge, *yea* not I, but the Lord, That the wife depart not from her husband 11 (but should she depart, let her remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband); and that the husband leave not his wife. 12 But to the rest say I, not the Lord: If any brother hath an unbelieving wife, and she is content to dwell with him, let him not leave her. 13 And the woman that hath an unbelieving husband, and he is content to dwell with her, let her not leave her husband. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified in the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified in the brother: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. 15 Yet if the unbelieving departeth, let him depart: the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such *cases*: but God hath called [2]us in peace. 16 For how knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O husband, whether thou shalt save thy wife? 17 Only, as the Lord hath distributed to each man, as God hath called each, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all the churches. 18 Was any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Hath any been called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised. 19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing; but the keeping of the commandments of God. 20 Let each man abide in that calling wherein he was called. 21 Wast thou called being a bondservant? care not for it: [3]nay, even if thou canst become free, use *it* rather. 22 For he that was called in the Lord being a bondservant, is the Lord's freedman: likewise he that was called being free, is Christ's bondservant. 23 Ye were bought with a price; become not bondservants of men. 24 Brethren, let each man, wherein he was called, therein abide with God.

25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: but I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be trustworthy. 26 I think therefore that this is good by reason of the distress that is upon us, *namely*, that it is good for a man [4]to be as he is. 27 Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife. 28 But shouldest thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Yet such shall have tribulation in the flesh: and I would spare you. 29 But this I say, brethren, the time [5]is shortened, that henceforth both those that have wives may be as though they had none;

[1] Many ancient authorities read *For*

[2] Many ancient authorities read *you* [3] Or, *but if* [4] Gr. *so to be* [5] Or, *is shortened henceforth, that both those &c.*

30 and those that weep, as though they wept not; and those that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and those that buy, as though they possessed not; 31 and those that use the world, as not using it to the full: for the fashion of this world passeth away. 32 But I would have you to be free from cares. He that is unmarried is careful for the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord: 33 but he that is married is careful for the things of the world, how he may please his [1]wife, 34 and is divided. *So* also the woman that is unmarried and the virgin is careful for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married is careful for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. 35 And this I say for your own profit; not that I may cast a [2]snare upon you, but for that which is seemly, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction. 36 But if any man thinketh that he behaveth himself unseemly toward his [3]virgin *daughter*, if she be past the flower of her age, and if need so requireth, let him do what he will; he sinneth not; let them marry. 37 But he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power as touching his own will, and hath determined this in his own heart, to keep his own [3]virgin *daughter*, shall do well. 38 So then both he that giveth his own [3]virgin *daughter* in marriage doeth well; and he that giveth her not in marriage shall do better. 39 A wife is bound for so long time as her husband liveth; but if the husband be [4]dead, she is free to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord. 40 But she is happier if she abide as she is, after my judgment: and I think that I also have the Spirit of God.

8 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but love [5]edifieth. 2 If any man thinketh that he knoweth anything, he knoweth not yet as he ought to know; 3 but if any man loveth God, the same is known by him. 4 Concerning therefore the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that no idol is *anything* in the world, and that there is no God but one. 5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or on earth; as there are gods many, and lords many; 6 yet to us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we unto him; and one Lord, Jē′sŭs Christ, through whom are all things, and we through him. 7 Howbeit there is not in all men that knowledge: but some, being used until now to the idol, eat as *of* a thing sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. 8 But food will not [6]commend us to God: neither, if we eat not, [7]are we the worse; nor, if we eat, [8]are we the better. 9 But take heed lest by any means this [9]liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to the weak. 10 For if a man see thee who hast knowledge sitting at meat in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, [10]be emboldened to eat things sacrificed to idols? 11 For [11]through thy knowledge he that is weak perisheth, the brother for whose sake Christ died. 12 And thus, sinning against the brethren, and wounding their conscience when it is weak, ye sin against Christ. 13 Wherefore, if meat causeth my brother to stumble, I will eat no flesh for evermore, that I cause not my brother to stumble.

9 Am I not free? am I not an apostle? have I not seen Jē′sŭs our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? 2 If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you;

[1] Some ancient authorities read *wife. And there is a difference also between the wife and the virgin. She that is unmarried is careful &c.*
[2] Or, *constraint.* Gr. *noose* [3] Or, *virgin* (omitting daughter) [4] Gr. *fallen asleep.* See Acts 7.60
[5] Gr. *buildeth up* [6] Gr. *present* [7] Gr. *do we lack* [8] Gr. *do we abound* [9] Or, *power* [10] Gr. *be builded up* [11] Gr. *in*

for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord. 3 My defence to them that examine me is this. 4 Have we no right to eat and to drink? 5 Have we no right to lead about a wife that is a [1]believer, even as the rest of the apostles, and the brethren of the Lord, and Cē'phās? 6 Or I only and Bär'nă-bās, have we not a right to forbear working? 7 What soldier ever serveth at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? 8 Do I speak these things after the manner of men? or saith not the law also the same? 9 For it is written in the law of Mō'sēs, [2]Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn. Is it for the oxen that God careth, 10 or saith he it [3]assuredly for our sake? Yea, for our sake it was written: because he that ploweth ought to plow in hope, and he that thresheth, *to thresh* in hope of partaking. 11 If we sowed unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your carnal things? 12 If others partake of *this* right over you, do not we yet more? Nevertheless we did not use this right; but we bear all things, that we may cause no hindrance to the [4]gospel of Christ. 13 Know ye not that they that minister about sacred things eat *of* the things of the temple, *and* they that wait upon the altar have their portion with the altar? 14 Even so did the Lord ordain that they that proclaim the [4]gospel should live of the [4]gospel. 15 But I have used none of these things: and I write not these things that it may be so done in my case; for *it were* good for me rather to die, than that any man should make my glorying void. 16 For if I [5]preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of; for necessity is laid upon me; for woe is unto me, if I [5]preach not the gospel. 17 For if I do this of mine own will, I have a reward: but if not of mine own will, I have a stewardship intrusted to me. 18 What then is my reward? That, when I [5]preach the gospel, I may make the [4]gospel without charge, so as not to use to the full my right in the [4]gospel. 19 For though I was free from all *men*, I brought myself under bondage to all, that I might gain the more. 20 And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, not being myself under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; 21 to them that are without law, as without law, not being without law to God, but under law to Christ, that I might gain them that are without law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might gain the weak: I am become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some. 23 And I do all things for the [4]gospel's sake, that I may be a joint partaker thereof. 24 Know ye not that they that run in a [6]race run all, but one receiveth the prize? Even so run; that ye may attain. 25 And every man that striveth in the games exerciseth self-control in all things. Now they *do it* to receive a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, as not uncertainly; so [7]fight I, as not beating the air; 27 but I [8]buffet my body, and bring it into bondage: lest by any means, after that I [9]have preached to others, I myself should be rejected.

10 For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 and were all baptized [10]unto Mō'sēs in the cloud and in the sea; 3 and did all eat the same spiritual food; 4 and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of a spiritual rock that followed them: and the rock was [11]Christ. 5 Howbeit with most of them God was not well pleased: for they were

[1] Gr. *sister* [2] Dt. 25.4 [3] Or, *altogether* [4] See marginal note on ch. 4.15 [5] See marginal note on ch. 1.17
[6] Gr. *race course* [7] Gr. *box* [8] Gr. *bruise* Lk. 18.5 [9] Or, *have been a herald* [10] Gr. *into* [11] Or, *the Christ*. Comp. Heb. 11.26

overthrown in the wilderness. 6 Now [1]these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. 7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, [2]The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. 8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. 9 Neither let us make trial of the [3]Lord, as some of them made trial, and perished by the serpents. 10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them murmured, and perished by the destroyer. 11 Now these things happened unto them [4]by way of example; and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come. 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it.

14 Wherefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. 15 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. 16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a [5]communion of the blood of Christ? The [6]bread which we break, is it not a [5]communion of the body of Christ? 17 [7]seeing that we, who are many, are one [6]bread, one body: for we all partake [8]of the one [6]bread. 18 Behold Ĭs'rā-ĕl after the flesh: have not they that eat the sacrifices communion with the altar? 19 What say I then? that a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20 But *I say*, that the things which the Gĕn'tiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have communion with demons. 21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of demons: ye cannot partake of the table of the Lord, and of the table of demons. 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

23 All things are lawful; but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful; but not all things [9]edify. 24 Let no man seek his own, but *each* [10]his neighbor's *good*. 25 Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, eat, asking no question for conscience' sake; 26 for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof. 27 If one of them that believe not biddeth you *to a feast*, and ye are disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience' sake. 28 But if any man say unto you, This hath been offered in sacrifice, eat not, for his sake that showed it, and for conscience' sake: 29 conscience, I say, not thine own, but the other's; for why is my liberty judged by another conscience? 30 [11]If I partake with thankfulness, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks? 31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 32 Give no occasion of stumbling, either to Jews, or to Grēeks, or to the church of God: 33 even as I also please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the *profit* of the many, that they may be saved.

11 1 Be ye imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ.

2 Now I praise you that ye remember me in all things, and hold fast the traditions, even as I delivered them to you. 3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. 4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoreth his head. 5 But every woman praying or prophesying with her head unveiled dishonoreth her head; for it is one and the same

[1] Or, *in these things they became figures of us* [2] Ex. 32.6 [3] Some ancient authorities read *Christ* [4] Gr. *by way of figure* [5] Or, *participation in* [6] Or, *loaf* [7] Or, *seeing that there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body* [8] Gr. *from*

[9] Gr. *build up* [10] Gr. *the other's*. See Rom. 13.8 [11] Or, *If I by grace partake*

thing as if she were shaven. 6 For if a woman is not veiled, let her also be shorn: but if it is a shame to a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be veiled. 7 For a man indeed ought not to have his head veiled, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. 8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man: 9 for neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man: 10 for this cause ought the woman to have *a sign of* authority on her head, because of the angels. 11 Nevertheless, neither is the woman without the man, nor the man without the woman, in the Lord. 12 For as the woman is of the man, so is the man also by the woman; but all things are of God. 13 Judge ye [1]in yourselves: is it seemly that a woman pray unto God unveiled? 14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a dishonor to him? 15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering. 16 But if any man seemeth to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

17 But in giving you this charge, I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better but for the worse. 18 For first of all, when ye come together [2]in the church, I hear that [3]divisions exist among you; and I partly believe it. 19 For there must be also [4]factions among you, that they that are approved may be made manifest among you. 20 When therefore ye assemble yourselves together, it is not possible to eat the Lord's supper: 21 for in your eating each one taketh before *other* his own supper; and one is hungry, and another is drunken. 22 What, have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the [5]church of God, and put them to shame that [6]have not? What shall I say to you? [7]shall I praise you? In this I praise you not. 23 For I received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jē'sŭs in the night in which he was [8]betrayed took bread; 24 and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, This is my body, which [9]is for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25 In like manner also the cup, after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood: this do, as often as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me. 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come. 27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man prove himself, and so let him eat of the bread, and drink of the cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh, eateth and drinketh judgment unto himself, if he [10]discern not the body. 30 For this cause many among you are weak and sickly, and not a few sleep. 31 But if we [11]discerned ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But [12]when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. 33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, wait one for another. 34 If any man is hungry, let him eat at home; that your coming together be not unto judgment. And the rest will I set in order whensoever I come.

12 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. 2 Ye know that when ye were Gĕn'tiles *ye were* led away unto those dumb idols, howsoever ye might be led. 3 Wherefore I make known unto you, that no man speaking in the Spirit of God saith, Jē'sŭs is ăn-ăth'ĕ-mă; and no man can say, Jē'sŭs is Lord, but in the Holy Spirit.

[1] Or, *among* [2] Or, *in congregation* [3] Gr. *schisms* [4] Gr. *heresies* [5] Or, *congregation* [6] Or, *have nothing* [7] Or, *shall I praise you in this? I praise you not* [8] Or, *delivered up* [9] Many ancient authorities read *is broken for you* [10] Gr. *discriminate* [11] Gr. *discriminated* [12] Or, *when we are judged of the Lord, we are chastened*

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are diversities of ministrations, and the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of workings, but the same God, who worketh all things in all. 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit to profit withal. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom; and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit: 9 to another faith, in the same Spirit; and to another gifts of healings, in the one Spirit; 10 and to another workings of [1]miracles; and to another prophecy; and to another discernings of spirits: to another *divers* kinds of tongues; and to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 but all these worketh the one and the same Spirit, dividing to each one severally even as he will.

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. 13 For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Grēeks, whether bond or free; and were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member, but many. 15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; it is not therefore not of the body. 16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; it is not therefore not of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? 18 But now hath God set the members each one of them in the body, even as it pleased him. 19 And if they were all one member, where were the body? 20 But now they are many members, but one body. 21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of thee: or again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 22 Nay, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be more feeble are necessary: 23 and those *parts* of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we [2]bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely *parts* have more abundant comeliness; 24 whereas our comely *parts* have no need: but God tempered the body together, giving more abundant honor to that *part* which lacked; 25 that there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another. 26 And whether one member suffereth, all the members suffer with it; or *one* member is [3]honored, all the members rejoice with it. 27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and [4]severally members thereof. 28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers, then [1]miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, [5]governments, *divers* kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all *workers of* [1]miracles? 30 have all gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? 31 But desire earnestly the greater gifts. And moreover a most excellent way show I unto you.

13 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have *the gift of* prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And if I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and if I give my body [6]to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing. 4 Love suffereth long, *and* is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; 6 rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; 7 [7]beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things,

[1] Gr. *powers*
[2] Or, *put on* [3] Or, *glorified* [4] Or, *members each in his part* [5] Or, *wise counsels*
[6] Many ancient authorities read *that I may glory* [7] Or, *covereth*. Comp. 1 Pet. 4.8

endureth all things. 8 Love never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall be done away; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall be done away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; 10 but when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child: now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror, [1]darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know fully even as also I was fully known. 13 But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the [2]greatest of these is love.

14 Follow after love; yet desire earnestly spiritual *gifts*, but rather that ye may prophesy. 2 For he that speaketh in a tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God; for no man [3]understandeth; but in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. 3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men edification, and [4]exhortation, and consolation. 4 He that speaketh in a tongue [5]edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth [5]edifieth the church. 5 Now I would have you all speak with tongues, but rather that ye should prophesy: and greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying. 6 But now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, unless I speak to you either by way of revelation, or of knowledge, or of prophesying, or of teaching? 7 Even things without life, giving a voice, whether pipe or harp, if they give not a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? 8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain voice, who shall prepare himself for war? 9 So also ye, unless ye utter by the tongue speech easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye will be speaking into the air. 10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and [6]no *kind* is without signification. 11 If then I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be to him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh will be a barbarian [7]unto me. 12 So also ye, since ye are zealous of [8]spiritual *gifts*, seek that ye may abound unto the edifying of the church. 13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in a tongue pray that he may interpret. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. 16 Else if thou bless with the spirit, how shall he that filleth the place of [9]the unlearned say the Ā-mĕn' at thy giving of thanks, seeing he knoweth not what thou sayest? 17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not [10]edified. 18 I thank God, I speak with tongues more than you all: 19 howbeit in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that I might instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

20 Brethren, be not children in mind: yet in malice be ye babes, but in mind be [11]men. 21 In the law it is written, [12]By men of strange tongues and by the lips of strangers will I speak unto this people; and not even thus will they hear me, saith the Lord. 22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to the unbelieving: but prophesying *is for a sign*, not to the unbelieving, but to them that believe. 23 If therefore the whole church be assembled together and all speak with tongues, and there come in men unlearned

[1] Gr. *in a riddle* [2] Gr. *greater.* Comp. Mt. 18.1, 4; 23.11 [3] Gr. *heareth* [4] Or, *comfort* [5] Gr. *buildeth up*

[6] Or, *nothing is without voice* [7] Or, *in my case* [8] Gr. *spirits* [9] Or, *him that is without gifts*: and so in ver. 23, 24 [10] Gr. *builded up* [11] Gr. *of full age.* Comp. ch. 2.6 [12] Is. 28.11 f.

or unbelieving, will they not say that ye are mad? 24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one unbelieving or unlearned, he is [1]reproved by all, he is judged by all; 25 the secrets of his heart are made manifest; and so he will fall down on his face and worship God, declaring that God is [2]among you indeed.

26 What is it then, brethren? When ye come together, each one hath a psalm, hath a teaching, hath a revelation, hath a tongue, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. 27 If any man speaketh in a tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most three, and *that* in turn; and let one interpret: 28 but if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. 29 And let the prophets speak *by* two or three, and let the others [3]discern. 30 But if a revelation be made to another sitting by, let the first keep silence. 31 For ye all can prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be [4]exhorted; 32 and the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets; 33 for God is not *a God* of confusion, but of peace.

As in all the churches of the saints, 34 let the women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but let them be in subjection, as also [5]saith the law. 35 And if they would learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home: for it is shameful for a woman to speak in the church. 36 What? was it from you that the word of God went forth? or came it unto you alone?

37 If any man thinketh himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him take knowledge of the things which I write unto you, that they are the commandment of the Lord. 38 [6]But if any man is ignorant, let him be ignorant.

39 Wherefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. 40 But let all things be done decently and in order.

15 Now I make known unto you, brethren, the [7]gospel which I [8]preached unto you, which also ye received, wherein also ye stand, 2 by which also ye are saved, if ye hold fast [9]the word which I [8]preached unto you, except ye believed [10]in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which also I received: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 and that he was buried; and that he hath been raised on the third day according to the scriptures; 5 and that he appeared to Çē'phās; then to the twelve; 6 then he appeared to above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain until now, but some are fallen asleep; 7 then he appeared to [11]James; then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as to the *child* untimely born, he appeared to me also. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not found [12]vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. 11 Whether then *it be* I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

12 Now if Christ is preached that he hath been raised from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, neither hath Christ been raised: 14 and if Christ hath not been raised, then is our preaching [12]vain, [13]your faith also is [12]vain. 15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we witnessed of God that he raised up [14]Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead are not raised.

[1] Or, *convicted* [2] Or, *in* [3] Gr. *discriminate* [4] Or, *comforted* [5] Gen. 3.16? [6] Many ancient authorities read *But if any man knoweth not, he is not known.* Comp. ch. 8.3 [7] See marginal note on ch. 4.15 [8] See marginal note on ch. 1.17 [9] Gr. *with what word* [10] Or, *without cause* [11] Or, *Jacob* [12] Or, *void* [13] Some ancient authorities read *our* [14] Gr. *the Christ*

16 For if the dead are not raised, neither hath Christ been raised: 17 and if Christ hath not been raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 18 Then they also that are fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 [1]If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable.

20 But now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of them that are asleep. 21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in [2]Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; then they that are Christ's, at his [3]coming. 24 Then *cometh* the end, when he shall deliver up the kingdom to [4]God, even the Father; when he shall have abolished all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be abolished is death. 27 For, He put all things in subjection under his feet. [5]But when he saith, [6]All things are put in subjection, it is evident that he is excepted who did subject all things unto him. 28 And when all things have been subjected unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subjected to him that did subject all things unto him, that God may be all in all.

29 Else what shall they do that are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them? 30 why do we also stand in jeopardy every hour? 31 I protest by [7]that glorying in you, brethren, which I have in Christ Jē'sŭs our Lord, I die daily. 32 If after the manner of men I fought with beasts at Ĕph'ē-sŭs, [8]what doth it profit me? If the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die. 33 Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals. 34 Awake to soberness righteously, and sin not; for some have no knowledge of God: I speak *this* to move you to shame.

35 But some one will say, How are the dead raised? and with what manner of body do they come? 36 Thou foolish one, that which thou thyself sowest is not quickened except it die: 37 and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body that shall be, but a bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other kind; 38 but God giveth it a body even as it pleased him, and to each seed a body of its own. 39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one *flesh* of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fishes. 40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: 43 it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: 44 it is sown a [9]natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a [9]natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*. 45 So also it is written, [10]The first man Adam became a living soul. The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit. 46 Howbeit that is not first which is spiritual, but that which is [9]natural; then that which is spiritual. 47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is of heaven. 48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, [11]we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

[1] Or, *If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, &c.* [2] Gr. *the Christ* [3] Gr. *presence* [4] Gr. *the God and Father* [5] Or, *But when he shall have said, All things are put in subjection (evidently excepting him that did subject all things unto him), when, I say, all things &c.*

[6] Ps. 8.6 [7] Or, *your glorying* [8] Or, *what doth it profit me, if the dead are not raised? Let us eat &c.* [9] Gr. *psychical* [10] Gen. 2.7 [11] Many ancient authorities read *let us also bear*

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: [1]We all shall not sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 But when [2]this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, [3]Death is swallowed up [4]in victory. 55 [5]O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law: 57 but thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ. 58 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not [6]vain in the Lord.

16 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I gave order to the churches of Gă-lā'ti-ā, so also do ye. 2 Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come. 3 And when I arrive, [7]whomsoever ye shall approve, them will I send with letters to carry your bounty unto Jē-ru'să-lĕm: 4 and if it be meet for me to go also, they shall go with me. 5 But I will come unto you, when I shall have passed through Măcĕ-dō'nĭ-ā; for I pass through Măcĕ-dō'nĭ-ā; 6 but with you it may be that I shall abide, or even winter, that ye may set me forward on my journey whithersoever I go. 7 For I do not wish to see you now by the way; for I hope to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit. 8 But I will tarry at Ĕph'ē-sŭs until Pĕn'tē-cŏst; 9 for a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

10 Now if Tĭm'ō-thy come, see that he be with you without fear; for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do: 11 let no man therefore despise him. But set him forward on his journey in peace, that he may come unto me: for I expect him with the brethren. 12 But as touching Ă-pŏl'lŏs the brother, I besought him much to come unto you with the brethren: and it was not at all [8]*his* will to come now; but he will come when he shall have opportunity.

13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 14 Let all that ye do be done in love.

15 Now I beseech you, brethren (ye know the house of Stĕph'ă-năs, that it is the firstfruits of Ă-chā'ĭá, and that they have set themselves to minister unto the saints), 16 that ye also be in subjection unto such, and to every one that helpeth in the work and laboreth. 17 And I rejoice at the [9]coming of Stĕph'ă-năs and Fôr-tū-nā'tŭs and Ă-chā'ĭ-cŭs: for that which was lacking on your part they supplied. 18 For they refreshed my spirit and yours: acknowledge ye therefore them that are such.

19 The churches of Ā'sĭ-ā salute you. Ăq'ŭĭ-lā and Prĭs'cā salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. 20 All the brethren salute you. Salute one another with a holy kiss.

21 The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand. 22 If any man loveth not the Lord, let him be ăn-ăth'ĕ-mā. [10]Mär'ăn-ā' thā. 23 The grace of the Lord Jē'sŭs Christ be with you. 24 My love be with you all in Christ Jē'sŭs. Ā-mĕn'.

[1] Or, *We shall not all &c.* [2] Many ancient authorities omit *this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and* [3] Is. 25.8 [4] Or, *victoriously* [5] Hos. 13.14 [6] Or, *void* [7] Or, *whomsoever ye shall approve by letters, them will I send &c.*

[8] Or, God's *will that he should come now.* Comp. Rom. 2.18 marg. [9] Gr. *presence.* 2 Cor. 10.10 [10] That is, *O* (or *Our*) *Lord, come!*

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE
CORINTHIANS

Salutation. "The God of All Comfort." Paul's Conscious Sincerity

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jē'sŭs through the will of God, and Tĭm'ŏ-thy [1]our brother, unto the church of God which is at Cŏr'ĭnth, with all the saints that are in the whole of Ă-chā'ĭá: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jē'sŭs Christ.

3 Blessed *be* [2]the God and Father of our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; 4 who comforteth us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound unto us, even so our comfort also aboundeth through Christ. 6 But whether we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or whether we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which worketh in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: 7 and our hope for you is stedfast; knowing that, as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so also are ye of the comfort. 8 For we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning our affliction which befell *us* in Ā'sĭ-á, that we were weighed down exceedingly, beyond our power, insomuch that we despaired even of life: 9 [3]yea, we ourselves have had the [4]sentence of death within ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raiseth the dead: 10 who delivered us out of so great a death, and will deliver: on whom we have [5]set our hope that he will also still deliver us; 11 ye also helping together on our behalf by your supplication; that, for the gift bestowed upon us by means of many, thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf.

12 For our glorying is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we behaved ourselves in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward. 13 For we write no other things unto you, than what ye read or even acknowledge, and I hope ye will acknowledge unto the end: 14 as also ye did acknowledge us in part, that we are your glorying, even as ye also are ours, in the day of our Lord Jē'sŭs.

15 And in this confidence I was minded to come first unto you, that ye might have a second [6]benefit; 16 and by you to pass into Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-á, and again from Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-á to come unto you, and of you to be set forward on my journey unto Jū-dæ'á. 17 When I therefore was thus minded, did I show fickleness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be the yea yea and the nay nay? 18 But as God is faithful, our word toward you is not yea and nay. 19 For the Son of God, Jē'sŭs Christ, who was preached among you [7]by us, *even* [7]by me and Sĭl-vā'nŭs and Tĭm'ŏ-thy, was not yea and nay, but in him is yea. 20 For how many soever be the promises of God, in him is the yea: wherefore also through him is the Ā-mĕn', unto the glory of God through us. 21 Now he that establisheth us with you [8]in Christ, and anointed us, is God; 22 [9]who also sealed us, and gave *us* the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

[1] Gr. *the brother* [2] Or, *God and the Father* See Rom. 15.6 marg. [3] Or, *but we ourselves* [4] Gr. *answer* [5] Some ancient authorities read *set our hope; and still will he deliver us*

[6] Or, *grace.* Some ancient authorities read *joy* [7] Gr. *through* [8] Gr. *into* [9] Or, *seeing that he both sealed us*

23 But I call God for a witness upon my soul, that to spare you I forbare to come unto Cŏr'ĭnth. 24 Not that we have lordship over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for in [1]faith ye stand fast.

2 1 [2]But I determined this for myself, that I would not come again to you with sorrow. 2 For if I make you sorry, who then is he that maketh me glad but he that is made sorry by me? 3 And I wrote this very thing, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is *the joy* of you all. 4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be made sorry, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

5 But if any hath caused sorrow, he hath caused sorrow, not to me, but in part (that I press not too heavily) to you all. 6 Sufficient to such a one is this punishment which was *inflicted* by [3]the many; 7 so that contrariwise ye should [4]rather forgive him and comfort him, lest by any means such a one should be swallowed up with his overmuch sorrow. 8 Wherefore I beseech you to confirm *your* love toward him. 9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, [5]whether ye are obedient in all things. 10 But to whom ye forgive anything, I *forgive* also: for what I also have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, for your sakes *have I forgiven it* in the [6]presence of Christ; 11 that no advantage may be gained over us by Satan: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

12 Now when I came to Trō'ăs for the [7]gospel of Christ, and when a door was opened unto me in the Lord, 13 I had no relief for my spirit, because I found not Tī'tŭs my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went [1]forth into Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-à.

14 But thanks be unto God, who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest through us the savor of his knowledge in every place. 15 For we are a sweet savor of Christ unto God, in them that [8]are saved, and in them that [9]perish; 16 to the one a savor from death unto death; to the other a savor from life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not as the many, [10]corrupting the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God, speak we in Christ.

3 Are we beginning again to commend ourselves? or need we, as do some, epistles of commendation to you or from you? 2 Ye are our epistle, written in our hearts, known and read of all men; 3 being made manifest that ye are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in tables *that are* hearts of flesh. 4 And such confidence have we through Christ to God-ward: 5 not that we are sufficient of ourselves, to account anything as from ourselves; but our sufficiency is from God; 6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. 7 But if the ministration of death, [11]written, *and* engraven on stones, came [12]with glory, so that the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl could not look stedfastly upon the face of Mō'sĕs for the glory of his face; which *glory* [13]was passing away: 8 how shall not rather the ministration of the spirit be with glory? 9 [14]For if the ministration of condemnation hath glory, much rather doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in

[1] Or, *your faith* [2] Some ancient authorities read *For* [3] Gr. *the more* [4] Some ancient authorities omit *rather* [5] Some ancient authorities read *whereby* [6] Or, *person* [7] Gr. *good tidings:* see marginal note on Mt. 4.23
[8] Or, *are being saved* [9] Or, *are perishing* [10] Or, *making merchandise of the word of God* Comp. 2 Pet. 2.3 [11] Gr. *in letters* [12] Gr. *in* [13] Or, *was being done away.* Comp. 1 Cor. 13. 8.10 [14] Many ancient authorities read *For if the ministration of condemnation is glory*

glory. 10 For verily that which hath been made glorious hath not been made glorious in this respect, by reason of the glory that surpasseth. 11 For if that which [1]passeth away *was* [2]with glory, much more that which remaineth *is* in glory.

12 Having therefore such a hope, we use great boldness of speech, 13 and *are* not as Mō′sĕs, *who* put a veil upon his face, that the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl should not look stedfastly [3]on the end of that which [4]was passing away: 14 but their [5]minds were hardened: for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil [6]remaineth, it not being revealed *to them* that it is done away in Chrĭst. 15 But unto this day, whensoever Mō′sĕs is read, a veil lieth upon their heart. 16 But whensoever [7]it shall turn to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face [8]beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.

4 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, even as we obtained mercy, we faint not: 2 but we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by the manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our [9]gospel is veiled, it is veiled in them that [10]perish: 4 in whom the god of this [11]world hath blinded the [5]minds of the unbelieving, [12]that the [13]light of the [9]gospel of the glory of Chrĭst, who is the image of God, should not dawn *upon them*. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Chrĭst Jē′sŭs as Lord, and ourselves as your [14]servants [15]for Jē′sŭs' sake. 6 Seeing it is God, that said, [16]Light shall shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts, to give the [13]light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jē′sŭs Chrĭst.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves; 8 *we are* pressed on every side, yet not straitened; perplexed, yet not unto despair; 9 pursued, yet not [17]forsaken; smitten down, yet not destroyed; 10 always bearing about in the body the [18]dying of Jē′sŭs, that the life also of Jē′sŭs may be manifested in our body. 11 For we who live are always delivered unto death for Jē′sŭs' sake, that the life also of Jē′sŭs may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you. 13 But having the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, [19]I believed, and therefore did I speak; we also believe, and therefore also we speak; 14 knowing that he that raised up [20]the Lord Jē′sŭs shall raise up us also with Jē′sŭs, and shall present us with you. 15 For all things *are* for your sakes, that the grace, being multiplied through [21]the many, may cause the thanksgiving to abound unto the glory of God.

16 Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory; 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

[1] Or, *is being done away.* See ver 7 marg. [2] Gr. *through* [3] Or, *unto* [4] Or, *was being done away* See ver. 7 marg. [5] Gr. *thoughts.* Ch. 4.4; 11.3 [6] Or, *remaineth unlifted; which* veil *is done away* [7] Or, a man *shall turn* [8] Or, *reflecting as a mirror* [9] See marginal note on ch. 2.12 [10] Or, *are perishing* [11] Or, *age* [12] Or, *that they should not see the light . . . image of God* [13] Gr. *illumination*

[14] Gr. *bondservants.* Comp. 1. Cor. 9.19 [15] Some ancient authorities read *through Jesus* [16] Gen. 1.3 [17] Or, *left behind* [18] Gr. *putting to death* [19] Ps. 116.10 [20] Some ancient authorities omit *the Lord* [21] Gr. *the more*

5 For we know that if the earthly house of our [1]tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens. 2 For verily in this we groan, longing to be clothed upon with our habitation which is from heaven: 3 if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. 4 For indeed we that are in this [1]tabernacle do groan, [2]being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but that we would be clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up of life. 5 Now he that wrought us for this very thing is God, who gave unto us the earnest of the Spirit. 6 Being therefore always of good courage, and knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord 7 (for we walk by faith, not by [3]sight); 8 we are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord. 9 Wherefore also we [4]make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto him. 10 For we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things *done* [5]in the body, according to what he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

11 Knowing therefore the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest unto God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences. 12 We are not again commending ourselves unto you, but *speak* as giving you occasion of glorying on our behalf, that ye may have wherewith to answer them that glory in appearance, and not in heart. 13 For whether we [6]are beside ourselves, it is unto God; or whether we are of sober mind, it is unto you. 14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and he died for all, that they that live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto him who for their sakes died and rose again. 16 Wherefore we henceforth know no man after the flesh: even though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now we know *him so* no more. 17 Wherefore if any man is in Christ, [7]*he is* a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new. 18 But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 to wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not reckoning unto them their trespasses, and having [8]committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: we beseech *you* on behalf of Christ, be ye reconciled to God. 21 Him who knew no sin he made *to be* sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him. 6 1 And working together *with him* we entreat also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain 2 (for he saith,

> [9]At an acceptable time I hearkened unto thee,
> And in a day of salvation did I succor thee:

behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation): 3 giving no occasion of stumbling in anything, that our ministration be not blamed; 4 but in everything commending ourselves, as ministers of God, in much [10]patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, 5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; 6 in pureness, in knowledge, in long suffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in love unfeigned, 7 in the word of truth, in the power of God; [11]by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, 8 by glory and

[1] Or, *bodily frame*. Comp. Wisd. 9.15
[2] Or, *being burdened, in that we would not be unclothed, but would be clothed upon*
[3] Gr. *appearance*
[4] Gr. *are ambitious*. See Rom. 15.20 marg.
[5] Gr. *through*
[6] Or, *were*.
[7] Or, there is *a new creation*
[8] Or, *placed in us*
[9] Is. 49.8
[10] Or, *stedfastness*
[11] Gr. *through*

dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and *yet* true; 9 as unknown, and *yet* well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things.

11 Our mouth is open unto you, O Cō-rĭn'thĭ-ăns, our heart is enlarged. 12 Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own affections. 13 Now for a recompense in like kind (I speak as unto *my* children), be ye also enlarged.

14 Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers: for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? or what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Chrĭst with [1]Bē'lĭ-ăl? or what portion hath a believer with an unbeliever? 16 And what agreement hath a [2]temple of God with idols? for we are a [2]temple of the living God; even as God said, [3]I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore

[4]Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate,
saith the Lord,
And touch no unclean thing;
And I will receive you,
18 [5]And will be to you a Father,
And ye shall be to me sons and daughters,
saith the Lord Almighty.

7 1 Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 [6]Open your hearts to us: we wronged no man, we corrupted no man, we took advantage of no man. 3 I say it not to condemn *you*: for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die together and live together. 4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying on your behalf: I am filled with comfort, I overflow with joy in all our affliction.

5 For even when we were come into Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-ă our flesh had no relief, but *we were* afflicted on every side; without *were* fightings within *were* fears. 6 Nevertheless he that comforteth the lowly, *even* God, comforted us by the [7]coming of Tĭ'tŭs; 7 and not by his [7]coming only, but also by the comfort wherewith he was comforted in you, while he told us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced yet more. 8 For though I made you sorry with my epistle, I do not regret it; though I did regret *it* ([8]for I see that that epistle made you sorry, though but for a season), 9 I now rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye were made sorry unto repentance; for ye were made sorry after a godly sort, that ye might suffer loss by us in nothing. 10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance [9]unto salvation, *a repentance* which bringeth no regret: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. 11 For behold, this self-same thing, that ye were made sorry after a godly sort, what earnest care it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea what fear, yea what longing, yea what zeal, yea what avenging! In everything ye approved yourselves to be pure in the matter. 12 So although I wrote unto you, *I wrote* not for his cause that did the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered the wrong, but that your earnest care for us might be made manifest unto you in the sight of God. 13 Therefore we have been comforted: and in our comfort we joyed the more exceedingly for the joy of Tĭ'tŭs, because his spirit hath been refreshed by you all. 14 For if in anything I have gloried to him on your behalf, I was not put to shame; but as we spake all things to you in

[1] Gr. *Beliar* [2] Or, *sanctuary* [3] Lev. 26.12; Ex. 29.45; Ezek. 37.27; Jer. 31.1 [4] Is. 52.11 [5] Hos. 1.10; Isa. 43.6 [6] Gr. *Make room for us*
[7] Gr. *presence.* Comp. 2 Thess. 2.9 [8] Some ancient authorities omit *for* [9] Or, *unto a salvation which bringeth no regret*

truth, so our glorying also which I made before Tĭ'tŭs was found to be truth. 15 And his affection is more abundantly toward you, while he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him. 16 I rejoice that in everything I am of good courage concerning you.

8 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God which hath been given in the churches of Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-à; 2 how that in much proof of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their [1]liberality. 3 For according to their power, I bear witness, yea and beyond their power, *they gave* of their own accord, 4 beseeching us with much entreaty in regard of this grace and the fellowship in the ministering to the saints: 5 and *this*, not as we had hoped, but first they gave their own selves to the Lord, and to us through the will of God. 6 Insomuch that we exhorted Tĭ'tŭs, that as he had made a beginning before, so he would also complete in you this grace also. 7 But as ye abound in everything, *in* faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and *in* all earnestness, and *in* [2]your love to us, *see* that ye abound in this grace also. 8 I speak not by way of commandment, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity also of your love. 9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jē'sŭs Chrĭst, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might become rich. 10 And herein I give *my* judgment: for this is expedient for you, who were the first to make a beginning a year ago, not only to do, but also to will. 11 But now complete the doing also; that as *there was* the readiness to will, so *there may be* the completion also out of your ability. 12 For if the readiness is there, *it is* acceptable according as *a man* hath, not according as *he* hath not. 13 For *I say* not *this* that others may be eased *and* ye distressed; 14 but by equality: your abundance *being a supply* at this present time for their want, that their abundance also may become *a supply* for your want; that there may be equality: 15 as it is written, [3]He that *gathered* much had nothing over; and he that *gathered* little had no lack.

16 But thanks be to God, who putteth the same earnest care for you into the heart of Tĭ'tŭs. 17 For he accepted indeed our exhortation; but being himself very earnest, he went forth unto you of his own accord. 18 And we have sent together with him the brother whose praise in the [4]gospel *is spread* through all the churches; 19 and not only so, but who was also appointed by the churches to travel with us in *the matter of* this grace, which is ministered by us to the glory of the Lord, and *to show* our readiness: 20 avoiding this, that any man should blame us in *the matter of* this bounty which is ministered by us: 21 for we take thought for things honorable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. 22 And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have many times proved earnest in many things, but now much more earnest, by reason of the great confidence which *he hath* in you. 23 Whether *any inquire* about Tĭ'tŭs, *he is* my partner and *my* fellow-worker to you-ward; or our brethren, *they are* the [5]messengers of the churches, *they are* the glory of Chrĭst. 24 [6]Show ye therefore unto them in the face of the churches the proof of your love, and of our glorying on your behalf.

9 For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: 2 for I know your readiness, of which I

[1] Gr. *singleness*. See Rom. 12.8
[2] Some ancient authorities read *our love to you*
[3] Ex. 16.18 [4] See marginal note on ch. 2.12 [5] Gr. *apostles* [6] Or, *Show ye therefore in the face . . . on your behalf unto them*

glory on your behalf to them of Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-à, that Ă-chā'ĭà hath been prepared for a year past; and [1]your zeal hath stirred up [2]very many of them. 3 But I have sent the brethren, that our glorying on your behalf may not be made void in this respect; that, even as I said, ye may be prepared: 4 lest by any means, if there come with me any of Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-à and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be put to shame in this confidence. 5 I thought it necessary therefore to entreat the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your aforepromised [3]bounty, that the same might be ready as a matter of bounty, and not of [4]extortion.

6 But this *I say*, He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth [5]bountifully shall reap also [6]bountifully. 7 *Let* each man *do* according as he hath purposed in his heart: not [6]grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound unto you; that ye, having always all sufficiency in everything, may abound unto every good work: 9 as it is written,

> [7]He hath scattered abroad, he hath given to the poor;
> His righteousness abideth for ever.

10 And he that supplieth seed to the sower and bread for food, shall supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of your righteousness: 11 ye being enriched in everything unto all [8]liberality, which worketh through us thanksgiving to God. 12 For the ministration of this service not only filleth up the measure of the wants of the saints, but aboundeth also through many thanksgivings unto God; 13 seeing that through the proving *of you* by this ministration they glorify God for the obedience of your confession unto the [9]gospel of Christ, and for the [8]liberality of *your* contribution unto them and unto all; 14 while they themselves also, with supplication on your behalf, long after you by reason of the exceeding grace of God in you. 15 Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

10 Now I Paul myself entreat you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I who in your presence am lowly among you, but being absent am of good courage toward you: 2 yea, I beseech you, that I may not when present show courage with the confidence wherewith I count to be bold against some, who count of us as if we walked according to the flesh. 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh 4 (for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the casting down of strongholds); 5 casting down [10]imaginations, and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ; 6 and being in readiness to avenge all disobedience, when your obedience shall be made full. 7 [11]Ye look at the things that are before your face. If any man trusteth in himself that he is Christ's, let him consider this again with himself, that, even as he is Christ's, so also are we. 8 For though I should glory somewhat abundantly concerning our authority (which the Lord gave for building you up, and not for casting you down), I shall not be put to shame: 9 that I may not seem as if I would terrify you by my letters. 10 For, His letters, they say, are weighty and strong; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account. 11 Let such a one reckon this, that, what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such *are we* also in deed when we are present.

[1] Or, *emulation of you* [2] Gr. *the more part* [3] Gr. *blessing* [4] Or, *covetousness* [5] Gr. *with blessings.* Comp. ver. 5 [6] Gr. *of sorrow* [7] Ps. 112.9 [8] Gr. *singleness.* Comp. ch. 8.2 [9] Gr. *good tidings.* See marginal note on ch. 2.12 [10] Or, *reasonings.* Rom. 2.15 [11] Or, *Do ye look . . . face?*

12 For we are not bold [1]to number
or compare ourselves with certain
of them that commend themselves:
but they themselves, measuring
themselves by themselves, and
comparing themselves with them-
selves, are without understanding.
13 But we will not glory beyond
our measure, but according to the
measure of the [2]province which
God apportioned to us as a meas-
ure, to reach even unto you. 14
For we stretch not ourselves over-
much, as though we reached not
unto you: for we [3]came even as
far as unto you in the [4]gospel of
Christ: 15 not glorying beyond *our*
measure, *that is*, in other men's
labors; but having hope that, as
your faith groweth, we shall be
magnified in you according to our
[2]province unto *further* abundance,
16 so as to [5]preach the gospel even
unto the parts beyond you, *and*
not to glory in another's [2]province
in regard of things ready to our
hand. 17 [6]But he that glorieth, let
him glory in the Lord. 18 For not
he that commendeth himself is
approved, but whom the Lord
commendeth.

11 Would that ye could bear
with me in a little foolish-
ness: [7]but indeed ye do bear with
me. 2 For I am jealous over you
with [8]a godly jealousy: for I es-
poused you to one husband, that
I might present you *as* a pure vir-
gin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest by
any means, as the serpent be-
guiled Eve in his craftiness, your
[9]minds should be corrupted from
the simplicity and the purity that
is toward Christ. 4 For if he that
cometh preacheth another Jē'sŭs,
whom we did not preach, or *if* ye
receive a different spirit, which ye
did not receive, or a different
[10]gospel, which ye did not accept,
ye do well to bear with *him*. 5 For
I reckon that I am not a whit be-
hind [11]the very chiefest apostles.
6 But though *I be* rude in speech,
yet *am I* not in knowledge; [12]nay,
in every way have we made *this*
manifest unto you in all things. 7
Or did I commit a sin in abasing
myself that ye might be exalted,
because I [13]preached to you the
gospel of God for nought? 8 I
robbed other churches, taking
wages *of them* that I might minis-
ter unto you; 9 and when I was
present with you and was in want,
I was not a burden on any man;
for the brethren, when they came
from Măç-ē-dō'nĭ-à, supplied the
measure of my want; and in every-
thing I kept myself from being bur-
densome unto you, and *so* will I
keep *myself*. 10 As the truth of
Christ is in me, no man shall stop
me of this glorying in the regions
of Ă-chā'ĭà. 11 Wherefore? be-
cause I love you not? God know-
eth. 12 But what I do, that I will
do, that I may cut off [14]occasion
from them that desire an occa-
sion; that wherein they glory, they
may be found even as we. 13 For
such men are false apostles, de-
ceitful workers, fashioning them-
selves into apostles of Christ. 14
And no marvel; for even Satan
fashioneth himself into an angel
of light. 15 It is no great thing
therefore if his ministers also
fashion themselves as ministers
of righteousness; whose end shall
be according to their works.

16 I say again, Let no man think
me foolish; but if *ye do*, yet as
foolish receive me, that I also may
glory a little. 17 That which I
speak, I speak not after the Lord,
but as in foolishness, in this con-
fidence of glorying. 18 Seeing that
many glory after the flesh, I will
glory also. 19 For ye bear with
the foolish gladly, being wise *your-
selves*. 20 For ye bear with a man,
if he bringeth you into bondage,
if he devoureth you, if he taketh
you *captive*, if he exalteth himself,

[1] Gr. *to judge ourselves among, or to judge ourselves with* [2] Or, *limit* Gr. *measuring-rod* [3] Or, *were the first to come* [4] Gr. *good tidings*. See marginal note on ch. 2.12 [5] Gr. *bring good tidings*. Comp. Mt. 11.5 [6] Jer. 9.24 [7] Or, *nay indeed bear with me* [8] Gr. *a jealousy of God* [9] Gr. *thoughts*. See ch. 3.14 [10] Gr. *good tidings*. Comp. ch. 2.12 [11] Or, *those preeminent apostles* [12] Or, *nay, in everything we have made* it *manifest among all men to you-ward* [13] Gr. *brought good tidings*. See ch. 10.16 [14] Gr. *the occasion of them*

if he smiteth you on the face. 21 I speak by way of disparagement, as though we had been weak. Yet whereinsoever any is bold (I speak in foolishness), I am bold also. 22 Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Is'rā-ĕl-ītes? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. 23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as one beside himself) I more; in labors more abundantly, in prisons more abundantly, in stripes above measure, in deaths oft. 24 Of the Jews five times received I forty *stripes* save one. 25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day have I been in the deep; 26 *in* journeyings often, *in* perils of rivers, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils from *my* [1]countrymen, *in* perils from the Gĕn'tiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; 27 *in* labor and travail, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. 28 [2]Besides those things that are without, there is that which presseth upon me daily, anxiety for all the churches. 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is caused to stumble, and I burn not? 30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things that concern my weakness. 31 [3]The God and Father of the Lord Jĕ'sŭs, he who is blessed [4]for evermore knoweth that I lie not. 32 In Dă-măs'cŭs the [5]governor under Ăr'ĕ-tăs the king guarded the city of the Dăm-ă-scēnes' in order to take me: 33 and through a window was I let down in a basket by the wall, and escaped his hands.

12 [6]I must needs glory, though it is not expedient; but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I know a man in Christ, fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I know not; or whether out of the body, I know not; God knoweth), such a one caught up even to the third heaven. 3 And I know such a man (whether in the body, or apart from the body, I know not; God knoweth), 4 how that he was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. 5 On behalf of such a one will I glory: but on mine own behalf I will not glory, save in *my* weaknesses. 6 For if I should desire to glory, I shall not be foolish; for I shall speak the truth: but I forbear, lest any man should account of me above that which he seeth me *to be*, or heareth from me. 7 And by reason of the exceeding greatness of the [7]revelations, that I should not be exalted overmuch, there was given to me a [8]thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, that I should not be exalted overmuch. 8 Concerning this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he hath said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for *my* power is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may [9]rest upon me. 10 Wherefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in injuries, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

11 I am become foolish: ye compelled me; for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing was I behind [10]the very chiefest apostles, though I am nothing. 12 Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all [11]patience, by signs and wonders and [12]mighty works. 13 For what is there wherein ye were made inferior to the rest of the churches, except *it be* that I myself was not

[1] Gr. *race*. Comp. Acts 7.19 [2] Or, *Besides the things which I omit* Or, *Besides the things that come out of course* [3] Or, *God and the Father*. See Rom. 15.6 [4] Gr. *unto the ages* [5] Gr. *ethnarch* [6] Some ancient authorities read *Now to glory is not expedient, but I will come &c.*

[7] Some ancient authorities read *revelations —wherefore, that &c.* [8] Or, *stake* [9] Or, *cover me*. Gr. *spread a tabernacle over me*. See Rev. 7.15 [10] Or, *those preeminent apostles* [11] Or, *stedfastness* [12] Gr. *powers*

a burden to you? forgive me this wrong.

14 Behold, this is the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be a burden to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. 15 And I will most gladly spend and be [1]spent for your souls. If I love you more abundantly, am I loved the less? 16 But be it so, I did not myself burden you; but, being crafty, I caught you with guile. 17 Did I take advantage of you by any one of them whom I have sent unto you? 18 I exhorted Tī'tŭs, and I sent the brother with him. Did Tī'tŭs take any advantage of you? walked we not [2]in the same spirit? *walked we* not in the same steps?

19 [3]Ye think all this time that we are excusing ourselves unto you. In the sight of God speak we in Christ. But all things, beloved, *are* for your edifying. 20 For I fear, lest by any means, when I come, I should find you not such as I would, and should myself be found of you such as ye would not; lest by any means *there should be* strife, jealousy, wraths, factions, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, [4]tumults; 21 lest again when I come my God should humble me before you, and I should mourn for many of them that have sinned heretofore, and repented not of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they committed.

13 This is the third time I am coming to you. At the mouth of two witnesses or three shall every word be established. 2 I have said [5]beforehand, and I do say [5]beforehand, [6]as when I was present the second time, so now, being absent, to them that have sinned heretofore, and to all the rest, that, if I come again, I will not spare; 3 seeing that ye seek a proof of Christ that speaketh in me; who to you-ward is not weak, but is powerful in you: 4 for he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth through the power of God. For we also are weak [7]in him, but we shall live with him through the power of God toward you. 5 Try your own selves, whether ye are in the faith; prove your own selves. Or know ye not as to your own selves, that Jē'sŭs Christ is in you? unless indeed ye be reprobate. 6 But I hope that ye shall know that we are not reprobate. 7 Now we pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we may appear approved, but that ye may do that which is honorable, [8]though we be as reprobate. 8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. 9 For we rejoice, when we are weak, and ye are strong: this we also pray for, even your perfecting. 10 For this cause I write these things while absent, that I may not when present deal sharply, according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up, and not for casting down.

11 Finally, brethren, [9]farewell. Be perfected; be comforted; be of the same mind; live in peace: and the God of love and peace shall be with you. 12 Salute one another with a holy kiss.

13 All the saints salute you.

14 The grace of the Lord Jē'sŭs Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

[1] Gr. *spent out* [2] Or, *by the same Spirit* [3] Or, *Think ye . . . you?* [4] Or, *disorders* [5] Or, *plainly.* Comp. 1 Thess. 3.4 [6] Or, *as if I were present the second time, even though I am now absent*

[7] Many ancient authorities read *with* [8] Gr. *and that* [9] Or, *rejoice: be perfected*

GALATIANS

Salutation. The Gospel I preach came from God; was not learned at Jerusalem;

1 Paul, an apostle (not from men, neither through [1]man, but through Jē'sŭs Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead), 2 and all the brethren that are with me, unto the churches of Gă-lā'tĭ-ā: 3 Grace to you and peace [2]from God the Father, and our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us out of this present evil [3]world, according to the will of [4]our God and Father: 5 to whom *be* the glory [5]for ever and ever. Ā-mĕn'.

6 I marvel that ye are so quickly removing from him that called you in the grace of Christ unto a different [6]gospel; 7 [7]which is not another *gospel:* only there are some that trouble you, and would pervert the [6]gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, should [8]preach [9]unto you any gospel [10]other than that which we [8]preached unto you, let him be ăn-ăth'ĕ-mā. 9 As we have said before, so say I now again, If any man [8]preacheth unto you any gospel [10]other than that which ye received, let him be ăn-ăth'ĕ-mā. 10 For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? or am I striving to please men? if I were still pleasing men, I should not be a [11]servant of Christ.

11 For I make known to you, brethren, as touching the [6]gospel which was [8]preached by me, that it is not after man. 12 For neither did I receive it from [1]man, nor was I taught it, but *it came to me* through revelation of Jē'sŭs Christ. 13 For ye have heard of my manner of life in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and made havoc of it: 14 and I advanced in the Jews' religion beyond many of mine own age [12]among my countrymen, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when it was the good pleasure of God, who separated me, *even* from my mother's womb, and called me through his grace, 16 to reveal his Son in me, that I might [8]preach him among the Gĕn'tĭles; straightway I conferred not with flesh and blood: 17 neither went I up to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm to them that were apostles before me: but I went away into Ā-rā'bĭ-ā; and again I returned unto Dă-măs'cŭs.

18 Then after three years I went up to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm to [13]visit Cē'phăs, and tarried with him fifteen days. 19 But other of the apostles saw I none, [14]save [15]James the Lord's brother. 20 Now touching the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not. 21 Then I came into the regions of Sўr'ĭ-ā and Çĭ-lĭ'cĭ-ā. 22 And I was still unknown by face unto the churches of Jŭ-dæ'ā which were in Christ: 23 but they only heard say, He that once persecuted us now [8]preacheth the faith of which he once made havoc; 24 and they glorified God in me.

2 Then after the space of fourteen years I went up again to Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm with Bär'nă-băs, taking Tĭ'tŭs also with me. 2 And I went up by revelation; and I laid

[1] Or, *a man* [2] Some ancient authorities read *from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ* [3] Or, *age* [4] Or, *God and our Father* [5] Gr. *unto the ages of the ages* [6] Gr. *good tidings.* See marginal note on Mt. 4.23 [7] Or, *which is nothing else save that there &c.* [8] See marginal note on Mt. 11.5 [9] Some ancient authorities omit *unto you* [10] Or, *contrary to that* [11] Gr. *bondservant*

[12] Gr. *in my race.* Comp 2 Cor. 11.26 [13] Or, *become acquainted with* [14] Or, *but only* [15] Or, *Jacob*

yet was endorsed by "the Three."

before them the [1]gospel which I preach among the Gĕn'tiles but privately before them who [2]were of repute, lest by any means I should be running, or had run, in vain. 3 But not even Tī'tŭs who was with me, being a Grēek, was compelled to be circumcised: 4 [3]and that because of the false brethren privily brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jē'sŭs, that they might bring us into bondage: 5 to whom we gave place in the way of subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the [1]gospel might continue with you. 6 But from those who [2]were reputed to be somewhat (4whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth not man's person)—they, I say, who were of repute imparted nothing to me: 7 but contrariwise, when they saw that I had been intrusted with the [1]gospel of the uncircumcision, even as Peter with *the* [1]*gospel* of the circumcision 8 (for he that wrought for Peter unto the apostleship of the circumcision wrought for me also unto the Gĕn'tiles); 9 and when they perceived the grace that was given unto me, [5]James and Çē'phăs and John, they who [2]were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Bär'nă-băs the right hands of fellowship, that we should go unto the Gĕn'tiles, and they unto the circumcision; 10 only *they would* that we should remember the poor; which very thing I was also zealous to do.

11 But when Çē'phăs came to Ăn'tī-ŏch, I resisted him to the face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before that certain came from James, he ate with the Gĕn'tiles; but when they came, he drew back and separated himself, fearing them that were of the circumcision. 13 And the rest of the Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that even Bär'nă-băs was carried away with their dissimulation. 14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the [1]gospel, I said unto Çē'phăs before *them* all, If thou, being a Jew, livest as do the Gĕn'tiles, and not as do the Jews, how compellest thou the Gĕn'tiles to live as do the Jews? 15 We being Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gĕn'tiles, 16 yet knowing that a man is not [6]justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jē'sŭs Christ, even we believed on Christ Jē'sŭs, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law: because by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. 17 But if, while we sought to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found sinners, is Christ a minister of sin? God forbid. 18 For if I build up again those things which I destroyed, I prove myself a transgressor. 19 For I through the law died unto the law, that I might live unto God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me: and that *life* which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, *the faith* which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me. 21 I do not make void the grace of God: for if righteousness is through the law, then Christ died for nought.

The Folly of relapsing to the Law

3 O foolish Gă-lā'tiănș, who did bewitch you, before whose eyes Jē'sŭs Christ was openly set forth crucified? 2 This only would I learn from you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the [7]hearing of faith? 3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, [8]are ye now perfected in the flesh? 4 Did ye suffer so many things in vain? if it be indeed in vain. 5 He therefore that supplieth to you the Spirit, and worketh [9]miracles [10]among you, *doeth he it* by the works of the law, or by the [7]hearing of faith? 6 Even as

[1] See marginal note on ch. 1.6 [2] Or, *are* [3] Or, *but it was because of* [4] Or, *what they once were* [5] Or, *Jacob*

[6] Or, *accounted righteous:* and so elsewhere. Comp. Rom. 2.13 [7] Or, *message* [8] Or, *do ye now make an end in the flesh?* [9] Gr. *powers* [10] Or, *in*

Abraham [1]believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness. 7 [2]Know therefore that they that are of faith, the same are sons of Abraham. 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God [3]would justify the [4]Gĕn'tiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand unto Abraham, *saying*, [5]In thee shall all the nations be blessed. 9 So then they that are of faith are blessed with the faithful Abraham. 10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under a curse: for it is written, [6]Cursed is every one who continueth not in all things that are written in the book of the law, to do them. 11 Now that no man is justified [7]by the law before God, is evident: for, [8]The righteous shall live by faith; 12 and the law is not of faith; but, [9]He that doeth them shall live in them. 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us; for it is written, [10]Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 14 that upon the Gĕn'tiles might come the blessing of Abraham in Christ Jē'sŭs; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men: Though it be but a man's covenant, yet when it hath been confirmed, no one maketh it void, or addeth thereto. 16 Now to Abraham were the promises spoken, and to his seed. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, [11]And to thy seed, which is Christ. 17 Now this I say: A covenant confirmed beforehand by God, the law, which came four hundred and thirty years after, doth not disannul, so as to make the promise of none effect. 18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no more of promise: but God hath granted it to Abraham by promise. 19 What then is the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise hath been made; *and it was* ordained through angels by the hand of a mediator. 20 Now a mediator is not *a mediator* of one; but God is one. 21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could make alive, verily righteousness would have been of the law. 22 But the scripture shut up all things under sin, that the promise by faith in Jē'sŭs Christ might be given to them that believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept in ward under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. 24 So that the law is become our tutor *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith is come, we are no longer under a tutor. 26 For ye are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jē'sŭs. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ. 28 There can be neither Jew nor Grēek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female; for ye all are one *man* in Christ Jē'sŭs. 29 And if ye are Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, heirs according to promise.

4 But I say that so long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a bondservant though he is lord of all; 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the day appointed of the father. 3 So we also, when we were children, were held in bondage under the [12]rudiments of the world: 4 but when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 that he might redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Ăb'bā, Father. 7 So that thou art no longer a bondservant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

8 Howbeit at that time, not knowing God, ye were in bondage

[1] Gen. 15.6 [2] Or, *Ye perceive* [3] Gr. *justifieth* [4] Gr. *nations* [5] Gen. 12.3 [6] Deut. 27.26 [7] Gr. *in* [8] Hab. 2.4 [9] Lev. 18.5 [10] Deut. 21.23 [11] Gen. 13.15; 17.8
[12] Or, *elements*. 2 Pet. 3.10, 12

to them that by nature are no gods: 9 but now that ye have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how turn ye back again to the weak and beggarly [1]rudiments, whereunto ye desire to be in bondage over again? 10 Ye observe days, and months, and seasons, and years. 11 I am afraid of you, lest by any means I have bestowed labor upon you in vain.

12 I beseech you, brethren, become as I *am*, for I also *am become* as ye *are*. Ye did me no wrong: 13 but ye know that because of an infirmity of the flesh I [2]preached the gospel unto you the [3]first time: 14 and that which was a temptation to you in my flesh ye despised not, nor [4]rejected; but ye received me as an angel of God, *even* as Christ Jē'sŭs. 15 Where then is that gratulation [5]of yourselves? for I bear you witness, that, if possible, ye would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me. 16 So then am I become your enemy, [6]by telling you the truth? 17 They zealously seek you in no good way; nay, they desire to shut you out, that ye may seek them. 18 But it is good to be zealously sought in a good matter at all times, and not only when I am present with you. 19 My little children, of whom I am again in travail until Christ be formed in you—20 but I could wish to be present with you now, and to change my tone; for I am perplexed about you.

21 Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? 22 For it is written, [7]that Abraham had two sons, one by the handmaid, and one by the freewoman. 23 [8]Howbeit the *son* by the handmaid is born after the flesh; but the *son* by the freewoman *is born* through promise. 24 Which things contain an allegory: for these *women* are two covenants; one from mount Sī'nāi, bearing children unto bondage, which is Hā'gär. 25 [9]Now this Hā'gär is mount Sī'nāi in Ă-rā'-bĭ-ă, and answereth to the Jē-ru'-să-lĕm that now is: for she is in bondage with her children. 26 But the Jē-ru'să-lĕm that is above is free, which is our mother. 27 For it is written,

> [10]Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not;
> Break forth and cry, thou that travailest not:
> For more are the children of the desolate than of her that hath the husband.

28 Now [11]we, brethren, as Ī'săac was, are children of promise. 29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born* after the Spirit, so also it is now. 30 Howbeit what saith the scripture? [12]Cast out the handmaid and her son: for the son of the handmaid shall not inherit with the son of the freewoman. 31 Wherefore, brethren, we are not children of a handmaid, but of the freewoman.

5 For freedom did Christ set us free: stand fast therefore, and be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage.

2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that, if ye receive circumcision, Christ will profit you nothing. 3 Yea, I testify again to every man that receiveth circumcision, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. 4 Ye are [13]severed from Christ, ye who would be justified by the law; ye are fallen away from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit by faith wait for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jē'sŭs neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith [14]working through love. 7 Ye were running well; who hindered you that ye should not obey the truth? 8 This persuasion *came* not of him

1 Or, *elements*. See ver. 3 2 See marginal note on ch. 1.8 3 Gr. *former* 4 Gr. *spat out* 5 Or, *of yours* 6 Or, *by dealing truly with you* 7 Gen. 16.15 8 Gen. 21.2

9 Many ancient authorities read *For Sinai is a mountain in Arabia* 10 Is. 54.1 11 Many ancient authorities read *ye*. 12 Gen. 21.10, 12 13 Gr. *brought to nought*. Comp. Rom. 7.2, 6 (in the Gr.) 14 Or, *wrought*

that calleth you. 9 A little leaven
leaveneth the whole lump. 10 I
have confidence to you-ward in
the Lord, that ye will be none other-
wise minded: but he that trou-
bleth you shall bear his judgment,
whosoever he be. 11 But I,
brethren, if I still preach circum-
cision, why am I still persecuted?
then hath the stumbling-block of
the cross been done away? 12 I
would that they that unsettle you
would even [1]go beyond circum-
cision.

13 For ye, brethren, were called
for freedom; only *use* not your free-
dom for an occasion to the flesh,
but through love be servants one
to another. 14 For the whole law
is fulfilled in one word, *even* in
this: [2]Thou shalt love thy neigh-
bor as thyself. 15 But if ye bite
and devour one another, take heed
that ye be not consumed one of
another.

16 But I say, Walk by the Spir-
it, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of
the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth
against the Spirit, and the Spirit
against the flesh; for these are
contrary the one to the other; that
ye may not do the things that ye
would. 18 But if ye are led by the
Spirit, ye are not under the law.
19 Now the works of the flesh are
manifest, which are *these*: fornica-
tion, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities,
strife, jealousies, wraths, fac-
tions, divisions, [3]parties, 21 envy-
ings, drunkenness, revellings, and
such like; of which I [4]forewarn
you, even as I did [4]forewarn you,
that they who practise such things
shall not inherit the kingdom of
God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, longsuffering,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23 meekness, self-control; against
such there is no law. 24 And they
that are of Christ Jē'sŭs have cru-
cified the flesh with the passions
and the lusts thereof.

25 If we live by the Spirit, by
the Spirit let us also walk. 26 Let
us not become vainglorious, [5]pro-
voking one another, envying one
another.

6 Brethren, even if a man be
overtaken [6]in any trespass, ye
who are spiritual, restore such a
one in a spirit of gentleness; look-
ing to thyself, lest thou also be
tempted. 2 Bear ye one another's
burdens, and so fulfil the law of
Christ. 3 For if a man thinketh
himself to be something when he
is nothing, he deceiveth himself.
4 But let each man prove his own
work, and then shall he have his
glorying in regard of himself
alone, and not of [7]his neighbor. 5
For each man shall bear his own
[8]burden.

6 But let him that is taught in
the word communicate unto him
that teacheth in all good things. 7
Be not deceived; God is not
mocked: for whatsoever a man
soweth, that shall he also reap. 8
For he that soweth unto his own
flesh shall of the flesh reap cor-
ruption; but he that soweth unto
the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap
eternal life. 9 And let us not be
weary in well-doing: for in due
season we shall reap, if we faint
not. 10 So then, [9]as we have op-
portunity, let us work that which
is good toward all men, and es-
pecially toward them that are of
the household of the faith.

11 See with how large letters I
[10]write unto you with mine own
hand. 12 As many as desire to
make a fair show in the flesh, they
compel you to be circumcised;
only that they may not be perse-
cuted [11]for the cross of Christ. 13
For not even they who [12]receive
circumcision do themselves keep
the law; but they desire to have
you circumcised, that they may
glory in your flesh. 14 But far be
it from me to glory, save in the
cross of our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ,
through [13]which the world hath

[1] Gr. *mutilate themselves* [2] Lev. 19.18
[3] Gr. *heresies* [4] Or, *tell you plainly*
[5] Or, *challenging* [6] Or, *by other.* See Rom 13.8. [7] Gr. *the other.* [8] Or, *load* [9] Or, *while* [10] Or, *have written* [11] Or, *by reason of* [12] Some ancient authorities read *have been circumcised* [13] Or, *whom*

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been crucified unto me, and I unto the world. 15 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new [1]creature. 16 And as many as shall walk by this rule, peace *be* upon them, and mercy, and upon the Ĭs'rā-ĕl of God.

17 Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear branded on my body the marks of Jē'sŭs.

18 The grace of our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Ā-mĕn'.

[1] Or, *creation*

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

Salutation. The Blessings of Redemption

1 Paul, an apostle of Chrĭst Jē'sŭs through the will of God, to the saints that are [1]at Ĕph'ĕ-sŭs, and the faithful in Chrĭst Jē'-sŭs: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jē'sŭs Chrĭst.

3 Blessed *be* [2]the God and Father of our Lord Jē'sŭs Chrĭst, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Chrĭst: 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before [3]him in love: 5 having foreordained us unto adoption as sons through Jē'-sŭs Chrĭst unto himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of the glory of his grace, [4]which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved: 7 in whom we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 [5]which he made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 making known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in him 10 unto a dispensation of the fulness of the [6]times, to sum up all things in Chrĭst, the things [7]in the heavens, and the things upon the earth; in him, *I say*, 11 in whom also we were made a heritage, having been foreordained according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his will: 12 to the end that we should be unto the praise of his glory, we who [8]had before hoped in Chrĭst: 13 in whom ye also, having heard the word of the truth, the [9]gospel of your salvation,—in whom, having also believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 which is an earnest of our inheritance, unto the redemption of *God's* own possession, unto the praise of his glory.

15 For this cause I also, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jē'-sŭs which is [10]among you, and [11]the love which *ye show* toward all the saints, 16 cease not to give thanks for you, making mention *of you* in my prayers; 17 that the God of our Lord Jē'sŭs Chrĭst, the Father of glory, may give unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him; 18 having the eyes of your heart enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 and what the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to that working of the strength of his might 20 which he wrought in Chrĭst, when he raised

[1] Some very ancient authorities omit *at Ephesus* [2] Or, *God and the Father*: See Rom. 15.6 marg. [3] Or, *him: having in love foreordained us* [4] Or, *wherewith he endued us* [5] Or, *wherewith he abounded* [6] Gr. *seasons* [7] Gr. *upon* [8] Or, *have* [9] Gr. *good tidings*. See marginal note on Mt. 4.23 [10] Or, *in* [11] Many ancient authorities omit *the love*

him from the dead, and made him to sit at his right hand in the heavenly *places*, 21 far above all rule, and authority, and power, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this [1]world, but also in that which is to come: 22 and he put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

2 And you *did he make alive*, when ye were dead through your trespasses and sins, 2 wherein ye once walked according to the [2]course of this world, according to the prince of the [3]powers of the air, of the spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience; 3 among whom we also all once lived in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the [4]mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest:—4 but God, being rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together [5]with Christ (by grace have ye been saved), 6 and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly *places*, in Christ Jĕ'sŭs: 7 that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jĕ'sŭs: 8 for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; 9 not of works, that no man should glory. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jĕ'sŭs for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.

11 Wherefore remember, that once ye, the Gĕn'tiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called Circumcision, in the flesh, made by hands; 12 that ye were at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Is'rā-ĕl, and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jĕ'sŭs ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace, who made both one, and brake down the middle wall of partition, 15 having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; that he might create in himself of the two one new man, *so* making peace; 16 and might reconcile them both in one body unto God through the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: 17 and he came and [6]preached peace to you that were far off, and peace to them that were nigh: 18 for through him we both have our access in one Spirit unto the Father. 19 So then ye are no more strangers and sojourners, but ye are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, 20 being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jĕ'sŭs himself being the chief corner stone; 21 in whom [7]each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy [8]temple in the Lord; 22 in whom ye also are builded together [9]for a habitation of God in the Spirit.

3 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jĕ'sŭs in behalf of you Gĕn'tiles,—2 if so be that ye have heard of the [10]dispensation of that grace of God which was given me to you-ward; 3 how that by revelation was made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote before in few words, 4 whereby, when ye read, ye can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ; 5 which in other generations was not made known unto the sons of men, as it hath now been revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; 6 *to wit*, that the Gĕn'tiles are fellow-heirs, and fellow-members of the body, and fellow-partakers of the promise in Christ Jĕ'sŭs through

1 Or, *age* 2 Gr. *age* 3 Gr. *power* 4 Gr. *thoughts* 5 Some ancient authorities read *in Christ*

6 Gr. *brought good tidings of peace.* Comp. Mt. 11.5 7 Gr. *every building* 8 Or, *sanctuary* 9 Gr. *into* 10 Or, *stewardship*

the [1]gospel, 7 whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of that grace of God which was given me according to the working of his power. 8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, was this grace given, to [2]preach unto the Gĕn'tiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; 9 and to [3]make all men see what is the dispensation of the mystery which for ages hath been hid in God who created all things; 10 to the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly *places* might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11 according to the [4]eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jĕ'sŭs our Lord: 12 in whom we have boldness and access in confidence through [5]our faith in him. 13 Wherefore I ask that [6]ye may not faint at my tribulations for you, which [7]are your glory.

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, 15 from whom every [8]family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man; 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God.

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21 unto him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jĕ'sŭs unto [9]all generations for ever and ever. A-mĕn'.

4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called, 2 with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all. 7 But unto each one of us was the grace given according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith,

[10]When he ascended on high,
he led captivity captive,
And gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now this, He ascended, what is it but that he also descended [11]into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) 11 And he gave some *to be* apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ: 13 till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 that we may be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error; 15 but [12]speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things into him, who is the head, *even* Christ; 16 from whom all the body fitly framed and knit together [13]through that which every joint supplieth, according to the working in *due* measure of each several part, maketh the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love.

[1] Gr. *good tidings.* See Mt. 4.23 marg. [2] Gr. *bring good tidings of the &c.* Comp. ch. 2.17 [3] Some ancient authorities read *bring to light what is* [4] Gr. *purpose of the ages* [5] Or, *the faith of him* [6] Or, *I* [7] Or, *is* [8] Gr. *fatherhood* [9] Gr. *all the generations of the age of the ages*

[10] Ps. 68.18 [11] Some ancient authorities insert *first* [12] Or, *dealing truly* [13] Gr. *through every joint of the supply*

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye no longer walk as the Gĕn'tiles also walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart; 19 who being past feeling gave themselves up to lasciviousness, [1]to work all uncleanness with [2]greediness. 20 But ye did not so learn Christ; 21 if so be that ye heard him, and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jĕ'sŭs: 22 that ye put away, as concerning your former manner of life, the old man, that waxeth corrupt after the lusts of deceit; 23 and that ye be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new man, [3]that after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth.

25 Wherefore, putting away falsehood, [4]speak ye truth each one with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. 26 [5]Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your [6]wrath: 27 neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have whereof to give to him that hath need. 29 Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for [7]edifying as the need may be, that it may give grace to them that hear. 30 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, in whom ye were sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and railing, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave [8]you.

5 Be ye therefore imitators of God, as beloved children; 2 and walk in love, even as Christ also loved you, and gave himself up for [9]us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odor of a sweet smell.

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as becometh saints; 4 nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, or jesting, which are not befitting: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know of a surety, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no man deceive you with empty words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them; 8 for ye were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord: walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth), 10 proving what is well-pleasing unto the Lord; 11 and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even [10]reprove them; 12 for the things which are done by them in secret it is a shame even to speak of. 13 But all things when they are [11]reproved are made manifest by the light: for everything that is made manifest is light. 14 Wherefore *he* saith, [12]Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon thee.

15 Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise; 16 [13]redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but be filled [14]with the Spirit; 19 speaking [15]one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; 20 giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord

[1] Or, *to make a trade of* [2] Or, *covetousness.* Comp. ch. 5.3; Col. 3.5 [3] Or, *that is after God, created &c.* [4] Zech. 8.16 [5] Ps. 4.4 [6] Gr. *provocation* [7] Gr. *the building up of the need* [8] Many ancient authorities read *us* [9] Some ancient authorities read *you* [10] Or, *convict* [11] Or, *convicted* [12] (?) Comp. 1 Tim. 3.16 [13] Gr. *buying up the opportunity* [14] Or, *in spirit* [15] Or, *to yourselves*

Jē'sŭs Christ to [1]God, even the Father; 21 subjecting yourselves one to another in the fear of Christ.

22 Wives, *be in subjection* unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, *being* himself the saviour of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, [2]so *let* the wives also *be* to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it; 26 that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the [3]washing of water with the word, 27 that he might present the church to himself a glorious *church*, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28 Even so ought husbands also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his own wife loveth himself: 29 for no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as Christ also the church; 30 because we are members of his body. 31 [4]For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh. 32 This mystery is great: but I speak in regard of Christ and of the church. 33 Nevertheless do ye also severally love each one his own wife even as himself; and *let* the wife *see* that she fear her husband.

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 [5]Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise), 3 that it may be well with thee, and thou [6]mayest live long on the [7]earth. 4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord.

5 [8]Servants, be obedient unto them that according to the flesh are your [9]masters, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6 not in the way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but as [8]servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the [10]heart; 7 with good will doing service, as unto the Lord, and not unto men: 8 knowing that whatsoever good thing each one doeth, the same shall he receive again from the Lord, whether *he be* bond or free. 9 And, ye [9]masters, do the same things unto them, and forbear threatening: knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no respect of persons with him.

10 [11]Finally, [12]be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For our wrestling is not against [13]flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. 13 Wherefore take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the [14]gospel of peace; 16 withal taking up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil *one*. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 with all prayer and supplication praying at all seasons in the Spirit, and watching thereunto in all perseverance and supplication for all the saints, 19 and on my behalf, that utterance may be given unto me [15]in opening my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the [14]gospel, 20 for which I am

[1] Gr. *the God and Father* [2] Or, *so* are *the wives also* [3] Gr. *laver* [4] Gen. 2.24 [5] Ex. 20.12; Deut. 5.16 [6] Or, *shalt* [7] Or, *land* [8] Gr. *Bondservants* [9] Gr. *lords*
[10] Gr. *soul* [11] Or, *Henceforth* [12] Gr. *be made powerful* [13] Gr. *blood and flesh* [14] Gr. *good tidings*. See Mt. 4.23 marg. [15] Or, *in opening my mouth with boldness, to make known*

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an ambassador in [1]chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

21 But that ye also may know my affairs, how I do, Tÿch'ĭ-cŭs, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things: 22 whom I have sent unto you for this very purpose, that ye may know our state, and that he may comfort your hearts.

23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jē'sŭs Chrĭst. 24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jē'sŭs Chrĭst [2]with *a love* incorruptible.

[1] Gr. *a chain*

[2] Or, *in incorruption.* See Rom. 2.7

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Salutation. Thanksgiving and Supplication on the Readers' behalf

1 Paul and Tĭm'ŏ-thÿ, [1]servants of Chrĭst Jē'sŭs, to all the saints in Chrĭst Jē'sŭs that are at Phĭ-lĭp'pī, with the [2]bishops and deacons: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jē'sŭs Chrĭst.

3 I thank my God upon all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every supplication of mine on behalf of you all making my supplication with joy, 5 for your fellowship in furtherance of the [3]gospel from the first day until now; 6 being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jē'sŭs Chrĭst: 7 even as it is right for me to be thus minded on behalf of you all, because [4]I have you in my heart, inasmuch as, both in my bonds and in the defence and confirmation of the [3]gospel, ye all are partakers with me of grace. 8 For God is my witness, how I long after you all in the tender mercies of Chrĭst Jē'sŭs. 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment; 10 so that ye may [5]approve the things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and void of offence unto the day of Chrĭst; 11 being filled with the [6]fruits of righteousness, which are through Jē'sŭs Chrĭst, unto the glory and praise of God.

12 Now I would have you know, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the progress of the [3]gospel; 13 so that my bonds became manifest in Chrĭst [7]throughout the whole præ-tō'rĭ-ăn guard, and to all the rest; 14 and that most of the brethren in the Lord, [8]being confident through my bonds, are more abundantly bold to speak the word of God without fear. 15 Some indeed preach Chrĭst even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: 16 [9]the one *do it* of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the [3]gospel; 17 [10]but the other proclaim Chrĭst of faction, not sincerely, thinking to raise up affliction for me in my bonds. 18 What then? only that in every way, whether in pretence or in truth, Chrĭst is proclaimed; and

[1] Gr. *bondservants* [2] Or, *overseers* [3] Gr. *good tidings:* and so elsewhere; see marginal note on Mt. 4.23 [4] Or, *ye have me in your heart*

[5] Or, *distinguish the things that differ* [6] Gr. *fruit* [7] Gr. *in the whole Prætorium* [8] Gr. *trusting in my bonds* [9] Or, *they that are moved by love* do it, *knowing &c.* [10] Or, *but they that are factious proclaim Christ, not &c.*

therein I rejoice, yea, and will rejoice. 19 For I know that this shall turn out to my salvation, through your supplication and the supply of the Spirit of Jē'sŭs Christ, 20 according to my earnest expectation and hope, that in nothing shall I be put to shame, but *that* with all boldness, as always, *so* now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether by life, or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 [1]But if to live in the flesh,—*if* [2]this shall bring fruit from my work, then [3]what I shall choose I know not. 23 But I am in a strait betwixt the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ; for it is very far better: 24 yet to abide in the flesh is more needful for your sake. 25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide, yea, and abide with you all, for your progress and joy [4]in the faith; 26 that your glorying may abound in Christ Jē'sŭs in me through my presence with you again. 27 Only [5]let your manner of life be worthy of the [6]gospel of Christ: that, whether I come and see you or be absent, I may hear of your state, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one soul striving [7]for the faith of the [6]gospel; 28 and in nothing affrighted by the adversaries: which is for them an evident token of perdition, but of your salvation, and that from God; 29 because to you it hath been granted in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer in his behalf: 30 having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

2 If there is therefore any exhortation in Christ, if any [8]consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any tender mercies and compassions, 2 make full my joy, that ye be of the same mind, having the same love, being of one accord, [9]of one mind; 3 *doing* nothing through faction or through vainglory, but in lowliness of mind each counting other better than himself; 4 not looking each of you to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others. 5 Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jē'sŭs: 6 who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a [10]servant, [11]being made in the likeness of men; 8 and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient *even* unto death, yea, the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore also God highly exalted him, and gave unto him the name which is above every name; 10 that in the name of Jē'sŭs every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven and *things* on earth and [12]*things* under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jē'sŭs Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 So then, my beloved, even as ye have always obeyed, not [13]as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without murmurings and questionings; 15 that ye may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye are seen as [14]lights in the world, 16 holding forth the word of life; that I may have whereof to glory in the day of Christ, that I did not run in vain neither labor in vain. 17 Yea, and if I am [15]offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all: 18 and in the same manner do

[1] Or, *But if to live in the flesh* be my lot, *this is the fruit of my work: and what I shall choose I know not* [2] Gr. *this is for me fruit of work* [3] Or, *what shall I choose?* [4] Or, *of faith* [5] Gr. *behave as citizens worthily*. Comp ch. 3.20 [6] Gr. *good tidings*. See marginal note on ch. 1.5 [7] Gr. *with* [8] Or, *persuasion*

[9] Some ancient authorities read *of the same mind* [10] Gr. *bondservant* [11] Gr. *becoming in* [12] Or, things *of the world below* [13] Some ancient authorities omit *as* [14] Gr. *luminaries*. Wisd. 13.2; comp. Rev. 21.11 [15] Gr. *poured out as a drink-offering*

ye also joy, and rejoice with me.
19 But I hope in the Lord Jĕ'sŭs to send Tĭm'ŏ-thy shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. 20 For I have no man likeminded, who will care [1]truly for your state. 21 For they all seek their own, not the things of Jĕ'sŭs Christ. 22 But ye know the proof of him, that, as a child *serveth* a father, *so* he served with me in furtherance of the [2]gospel. 23 Him therefore I hope to send forthwith, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me: 24 but I trust in the Lord that I myself also shall come shortly. 25 But I counted it necessary to send to you Ĕ-păph-rŏ-dī'tŭs, my brother and fellow-worker and fellow-soldier, and your [3]messenger and minister to my need; 26 since he longed [4]after you all, and was sore troubled, because ye had heard that he was sick: 27 for indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, that I might not have sorrow upon sorrow. 28 I have sent him therefore the more diligently, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful. 29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all joy; and hold such in honor: 30 because for the work of [5]Christ he came nigh unto death, hazarding his life to supply that which was lacking in your service toward me.

3 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not irksome, but for you it is safe. 2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the concision: 3 for we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God, and glory in Christ Jĕ'sŭs, and have no confidence in the flesh: 4 though I myself might have confidence even in the flesh: if any other man [6]thinketh to have confidence in the flesh, I yet more: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, of the tribe of Bĕn'jă-mĭn, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as touching the law, a Phăr'ĭ-sēe; 6 as touching zeal, persecuting the church; as touching the righteousness which is in the law, found blameless. 7 Howbeit what things were [7]gain to me, these have I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea verily, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jĕ'sŭs my Lord: for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but refuse, that I may gain Christ, 9 and be found in him, [8]not having a righteousness of mine own, *even* that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God [9]by faith: 10 that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed unto his death; 11 if by any means I may attain unto the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect: but I press on, if so be that I may [10]lay hold on that for which also I was laid hold on by Christ Jĕ'sŭs. 13 Brethren, I count not myself [11]yet to have laid hold: but one thing *I do*, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, 14 I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the [12]high calling of God in Christ Jĕ'sŭs. 15 Let us therefore, as many as are [13]perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye are otherwise minded, this also shall God reveal unto you: 16 only, whereunto we have attained, by that same *rule* let us walk.

17 Brethren, be ye imitators together of me, and mark them that so walk even as ye have us for an ensample. 18 For many walk, of whom I told you often, and now

[1] Gr. *genuinely* [2] Gr. *good tidings*. See marginal note on ch. 1.5 [3] Gr. *apostle* [4] Many ancient authorities read *to see you all* [5] Many ancient authorities read *the Lord*
[6] Or, *seemeth* [7] Gr. *gains* [8] Or, *not having as my righteousness that which is of the law* [9] Gr. *upon* [10] Or, *lay hold, seeing that also I was laid hold on* [11] Many ancient authorities omit *yet* [12] Or, *upward* [13] Or, *full-grown*. 1 Cor. 2.6

tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 whose end is perdition, whose god is the belly, and *whose* glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things. 20 For our [1]citizenship is in heaven; whence also we wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jē'sŭs Christ: 21 who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, *that it may be* conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself.

4 Wherefore, my brethren beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my beloved.

2 I exhort Eū-ō'dĭ-ă, and I exhort Sỹn'tỹ-chē, to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yea, I beseech thee also, true yokefellow, help these women, for they labored with me in the [2]gospel, with Clĕm'ĕnt also, and the rest of my fellow-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your [3]forbearance be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jē'sŭs.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are [4]honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are [5]of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, [6]think on these things. 9 The things which ye both learned and received and heard and saw in me, these things do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

10 But I [7]rejoice in the Lord greatly, that now at length ye have revived your thought for me; [8]wherein ye did indeed take thought, but ye lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content. 12 I know how to be abased, and I know also how to abound: in everything and in all things have I learned the secret both to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in want. 13 I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me. 14 Howbeit ye did well that ye had fellowship with my affliction. 15 And ye yourselves also know, ye Phĭ-lĭp'pĭ-ăns, that in the beginning of the [2]gospel, when I departed from Măc-ĕ-dō'nĭ-ă, no church had fellowship with me in the matter of giving and receiving but ye only; 16 for even in Thĕs-să-lō-nī'că ye sent once and again unto my need. 17 Not that I seek for the gift; but I seek for the fruit that increaseth to your account. 18 But I have all things, and abound: I am filled, having received from Ē-păph-rŏ-dī'tŭs the things *that came* from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God. 19 And my God shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jē'sŭs. 20 Now unto [9]our God and Father *be* the glory [10]for ever and ever. Ā-mĕn'.

21 Salute every saint in Christ Jē'sŭs. The brethren that are with me salute you. 22 All the saints salute you, especially they that are of Çæ'sär's household.

23 The grace of the Lord Jē'sŭs Christ be with your spirit.

[1] Or, *commonwealth* [2] Gr. *good tidings.* See ch. 1.5 [3] Or, *gentleness.* Comp. 2 Cor. 10.1 [4] Gr. *reverend* [5] Or, *gracious* [6] Gr. *take account of*

[7] Gr. *rejoiced* [8] Or, *seeing that* [9] Or, *God and our Father* [10] Gr. *unto the ages of the ages:*

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE

COLOSSIANS

Salutation. Thanksgiving for their Attainments and Prayer for their Progress

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jĕ'sŭs through the will of God, and Tĭm'ŏ-thy [1]our brother, 2 [2]to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *that are* at Cŏ-lŏs'sæ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 We give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jĕ'sŭs Christ, praying always for you, 4 having heard of your faith in Christ Jĕ'sŭs, and of the love which ye have toward all the saints, 5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in the heavens, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the [3]gospel, 6 which is come unto you; even as it is also in all the world bearing fruit and increasing, as *it doth* in you also, since the day ye heard and knew the grace of God in truth; 7 even as ye learned of Ĕp'ă-phrăs our beloved fellow-servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on [4]our behalf, 8 who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray and make request for you, that ye may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 to walk worthily of the Lord [5]unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing [6]in the knowledge of God; 11 [7]strengthened [8]with all power, according to the might of his glory, unto all [9]patience and longsuffering with joy; 12 giving thanks unto the Father, who made [10]us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; 13 who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love; 14 in whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins: 15 who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and unto him; 17 and he is before all things, and in him all things [11]consist. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; [12]that in all things he might have the pre-eminence. 19 [13]For it was the good pleasure *of the Father* that in him should all the fulness dwell; 20 and through him to reconcile all things [14]unto [15]himself, having made peace through the blood of his cross; through him, *I say*, whether things upon the earth, or things in the heavens. 21 And you, being in time past alienated and enemies in your mind in your evil works, 22 yet now [16]hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and unreprovable before him: 23 if so be that ye continue in the faith, grounded and stedfast, and not moved away from the hope of the [3]gospel which ye heard, which was preached in all creation

1 Gr. *the brother* 2 Or, *to those that are at Colossæ, holy and faithful brethren in Christ* 3 Gr. *good tidings:* and so elsewhere; see marginal note on Mt. 4.23 4 Many ancient authorities read *your* 5 Or, *unto all pleasing, in every good work, bearing fruit and increasing &c.* 6 Or, *by* 7 Gr. *made powerful* 8 Or, *in*

9 Or, *stedfastness* 10 Some ancient authorities read *you* 11 That is, *hold together* 12 Or, *that among all he might have &c.* 13 Or, *For the whole fulness* of God *was pleased to dwell in him* 14 Or, *into him* 15 Or, *him* 16 Some ancient authorities read *ye have been reconciled*

under heaven; whereof I Paul was made a minister.

24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church; 25 whereof I was made a minister, according to the [1]dispensation of God which was given me to youward, to fulfil the word of God, 26 *even* the mystery which hath been hid [2]for ages and generations: but now hath it been manifested to his saints, 27 to whom God was pleased to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gĕn'tiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: 28 whom we proclaim, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ; 29 whereunto I labor also, striving according to his working, which worketh in me [3]mightily.

2 For I would have you know how greatly I strive for you, and for them at Lā-ŏd-ĭ-cē'ā, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; 2 that their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the [4]full assurance of understanding, that they may know the mystery of God, [5]*even* Christ, 3 in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden. 4 This I say, that no one may delude you with persuasiveness of speech. 5 For though I am absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.

6 As therefore ye received Christ Jē'sŭs the Lord, *so* walk in him, 7 rooted and builded up in him, and established [6]in your faith, even as ye were taught, abounding [7]in thanksgiving.

8 [8]Take heed lest there shall be any one that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the [9]rudiments of the world, and not after Christ: 9 for in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, 10 and in him ye are made full, who is the head of all principality and power: 11 in whom ye were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ; 12 having been buried with him in baptism, wherein ye were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, you, *I say*, did he make alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses; 14 having blotted out [10]the bond written in ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us: and he hath taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross; 15 [11]having despoiled the principalities and the powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a feast day or a new moon or a sabbath day: 17 which are a shadow of the things to come; but the body is Christ's. 18 Let no man rob you of your prize [12]by a voluntary humility and [13]worshipping of the angels, [14]dwelling in the things which he hath [15]seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast the Head, from whom all the body, being supplied and knit together through the joints and bands, increaseth with the increase of God.

20 If ye died with Christ from

[1] Or, *stewardship*. See 1 Cor. 9.17
[2] Or, *from all ages &c.* Gr. *from the ages and from the generations*
[3] Or, *in power*
[4] Or, *fulness*
[5] The ancient authorities vary much in the text of this passage
[6] Or, *by*
[7] Some ancient authorities insert *in it*
[8] Or, *See whether*
[9] Or, *elements*. See Gal. 4.3 marg.
[10] Or, *the bond that was against us by its ordinances*
[11] Or, *having put off from himself the principalities &c.*
[12] Or, *of his own mere will, by humility &c.*
[13] The Greek word denotes an act of reverence, whether paid to a creature, or to the Creator
[14] Or, *taking his stand upon*
[15] Many authorities, some ancient, insert *not*

the [1]rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, do ye subject yourselves to ordinances, 21 Handle not, nor taste, nor touch 22 (all which things are to perish with the using), after the precepts and doctrines of men? 23 Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will-worship, and humility, and severity to the body; *but are* not of any [2]value against the indulgence of the flesh.

3 If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth. 3 For ye died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, *who is* [3]our life, shall be manifested, then shall ye also with him be manifested in glory.

5 Put to death therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry; 6 for which things' sake cometh the wrath of God [4]upon the sons of disobedience: 7 [5]wherein ye also once walked, when ye lived in these things; 8 but now do ye also put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, railing, shameful speaking out of your mouth: 9 lie not one to another; seeing that ye have put off the old man with his doings, 10 and have put on the new man, that is being renewed unto knowledge after the image of him that created him: 11 where there cannot be Grēek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scyth'ī-ăn, bondman, freeman; but Christ is all, and in all.

12 Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering; 13 forbearing one another, and forgiving each other, if any man have a complaint against any; even as [6]the Lord forgave you, so also do ye: 14 and above all these things *put on* love, which is the bond of perfectness. 15 And let the peace of Christ [7]rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body; and be ye thankful. 16 Let the word of [8]Christ dwell in you [9]richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing [10]one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God. 17 And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jē'sŭs, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

18 Wives, be in subjection to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. 20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing in the Lord. 21 Fathers, provoke not your children, that they be not discouraged. 22 [11]Servants, obey in all things them that are your [12]masters according to the flesh; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing the Lord: 23 whatsoever ye do, work [13]heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men; 24 knowing that from the Lord ye shall receive the recompense of the inheritance: ye serve the Lord Christ. 25 For he that doeth wrong shall [14]receive again for the wrong that he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

4 1 [12]Masters, render unto your [11]servants that which is just and [15]equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

2 Continue stedfastly in prayer, watching therein with thanksgiving; 3 withal praying for us also, that God may open unto us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds; 4 that I may make it mani-

[1] Or, *elements*. See Gal. 4.3 marg. [2] Or, *honor* [3] Many ancient authorities read *your* [4] Some ancient authorities omit *upon the sons of disobedience*. See Eph. 5.6
[5] Or, *amongst whom* [6] Many ancient authorities read *Christ* [7] Gr. *arbitrate* [8] Some ancient authorities read *the Lord*: others, *God* [9] Or, *richly in all wisdom; teaching &c.* [10] Or, *yourselves* [11] Gr. *Bond-servants* [12] Gr. *lords* [13] Gr. *from the soul* [14] Gr. *receive again the wrong* [15] Gr. *equality*

fest, as I ought to speak. 5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, [1]redeeming the time. 6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer each one.

7 All my affairs shall Tȳch'ĭ-cŭs make known unto you, the beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow-servant in the Lord: 8 whom I have sent unto you for this very purpose, that ye may know our state, and that he may comfort your hearts; 9 together with Ō-nĕs'ĭ-mŭs, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things that *are done* here.

10 Ăr-ĭs-tär'chŭs my fellow-prisoner saluteth you, and Mark, the cousin of Băr'nă-băs (touching whom ye received commandments; if he come unto you, receive him), 11 and Jē'sŭs that is called Jŭs'tŭs, who are of the circumcision: these only *are my* fellow-workers unto the kingdom of God, men that have been a comfort unto me. 12 Ĕp'ă-phrăs, who is one of you, a [2]servant of Christ Jē'sŭs, saluteth you, always striving for you in his prayers, that ye may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God. 13 For I bear him witness, that he hath much labor for you, and for them in Lā-ŏd-ĭ-cē'ă, and for them in Hĭ-ĕ-răp'ō-lĭs. 14 Lūke, the beloved physician, and Dē'măs salute you. 15 Salute the brethren that are in Lā-ŏd-ĭ-cē'ă, and [3]Nўm'-phăs, and the church that is in [4]their house. 16 And when [5]this epistle hath been read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Lā-ŏd-ĭ-cē'ăns; and that ye also read the epistle from Lā-ŏd-ĭ-cē'ă. 17 And say to Ăr-chĭp'pŭs, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

18 The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you.

[1] Gr. *buying up the opportunity*
[2] Gr. *bondservant* [3] The Greek may represent *Nympha* [4] Some ancient authorities read *her* [5] Gr. *the*

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

Salutation. Thanksgiving for their Reception of the Gospel

1 Paul, and Sĭl-vā'nŭs, and Tĭm'ō-thў, unto the church of the Thĕs-să-lō'nĭ-ăns in God the Father and the Lord Jē'sŭs Chrĭst: Grace to you and peace.

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention *of you* in our prayers; 3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love and [1]patience of hope in our Lord Jē'sŭs Chrĭst, before [2]our God and Father; 4 knowing, brethren beloved of God, your election, 5 [3]how that our [4]gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and *in* much [5]assurance; even as ye know what manner of men we showed ourselves toward you for your sake. 6 And ye became imitators of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy

[1] Or, *steadfastness* [2] Or, *God and our Father*
[3] Or, *because our gospel &c.* [4] Gr. *good tidings:* and so elsewhere; see marginal note on Mt. 4.23 [5] Or, *fulness*

Spirit; 7 so that ye became an ensample to all that believe in Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-à and in Ă-chā'ĭà. 8 For from you hath sounded forth the word of the Lord, not only in Măc-ĕ-dō'nĭ-à and Ă-chā'ĭà, but in every place your faith to God-ward is gone forth; so that we need not to speak anything. 9 For they themselves report concerning us what manner of entering in we had unto you; and how ye turned unto God from idols, to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jē'sŭs, who delivereth us from the wrath to come.

2 For yourselves, brethren, know our entering in unto you, that it hath not been found vain: 2 but having suffered before and been shamefully treated, as ye know, at Phĭ-lĭp'pī, we waxed bold in our God to speak unto you the [1]gospel of God in much conflict. 3 For our exhortation *is* not of error, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: 4 but even as we have been approved of God to be intrusted with the [1]gospel, so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God who proveth our hearts. 5 For neither at any time were we found using words of flattery, as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness, God is witness; 6 nor seeking glory of men, neither from you nor from others, when we might have [2]claimed authority as apostles of Christ. 7 But we were [3]gentle in the midst of you, as when a nurse cherisheth her own children: 8 even so, being affectionately desirous of you, we were well pleased to impart unto you, not the [1]gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were become very dear to us. 9 For ye remember, brethren, our labor and travail: working night and day, that we might not burden any of you, we preached unto you the [1]gospel of God. 10 Ye are witnesses, and God *also*, how holily and righteously and unblameably we behaved ourselves toward you that believe: 11 as ye know how we *dealt with* each one of you, as a father with his own children, exhorting you, and encouraging *you*, and testifying, 12 to the end that ye should walk worthily of God, who [4]calleth you into his own kingdom and glory.

13 And for this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when ye received from us [5]the word of the message, *even the word* of God, ye accepted *it* not *as* the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also worketh in you that believe. 14 For ye, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Jū-dæ'à in Chrīst Jē'sŭs: for ye also suffered the same things of your own countrymen, even as they did of the Jews; 15 who both killed the Lord Jē'sŭs and the prophets, and drove out us, and please not God, and are contrary to all men; 16 forbidding us to speak to the Gĕn'tiles that they may be saved; to fill up their sins always: but the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

17 But we, brethren, being bereaved of you for [6]a short season, in presence not in heart, endeavored the more exceedingly to see your face with great desire: 18 because we would fain have come unto you, I Paul once and again; and Satan hindered us. 19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of glorying? Are not even ye, before our Lord Jē'sŭs at his [7]coming? 20 For ye are our glory and our joy.

3 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left behind at Ăth'ĕns alone; 2 and sent Tĭm'ō-thȳ, our brother and [8]God's minister in the [9]gospel of Chrīst, to establish you, and to comfort *you* concerning your

[1] Gr. *good tidings:* and so elsewhere; see marginal note on Mt. 4.23 [2] Or, *been burdensome* ver. 9; comp. 1 Cor 9.4 ff. [3] Most of the ancient authorities read *babes*. Comp. 1 Cor. 14.20

[4] Some ancient authorities read *called* [5] Gr. *the word of hearing*. Gal. 3.2, 5 [6] Gr. *a season of an hour* [7] Gr. *presence*. Comp. 2 Cor. 10.10 [8] Some ancient authorities read *fellow-worker with God* [9] Gr. *good tidings;* see ch. 1.5

faith; 3 that no man be moved by these afflictions; for yourselves know that hereunto we are appointed. 4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you [1]beforehand that we are to suffer affliction; even as it came to pass, and ye know. 5 For this cause I also, when I could no longer forbear, sent that I might know your faith, lest by any means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor should be in vain. 6 But when Tĭm'ō-thy came even now unto us from you, and brought us glad tidings of your faith and love, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, longing to see us, even as we also *to see* you; 7 for this cause, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our distress and affliction through your faith: 8 for now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord. 9 For what thanksgiving can we render again unto God for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God; 10 night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face, and may perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

11 Now may [2]our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jē'sŭs, direct our way unto you: 12 and the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we also *do* toward you; 13 to the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before [3]our God and Father, at the [4]coming of our Lord Jē'sŭs with all his saints[5].

4 Finally then, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jē'sŭs, that, as ye received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, even as ye do walk,—that ye abound more and more. 2 For ye know what [6]charge we gave you through the Lord Jē'sŭs. 3 For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that ye abstain from fornication; 4 that each one of you know how to possess himself of his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 5 not in the passion of lust, even as the Gĕn'tiles who know not God; 6 that no man [7]transgress, and wrong his brother in the matter: because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as also we [8]forewarned you and testified. 7 For God called us not for uncleanness, but in sanctification. 8 Therefore he that rejecteth, rejecteth not man, but God, who giveth his Holy Spirit unto you.

9 But concerning love of the brethren ye have no need that one write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another; 10 for indeed ye do it toward all the brethren that are in all Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-ă. But we exhort you, brethren, that ye abound more and more; 11 and that ye [9]study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your hands, even as we charged you; 12 that ye may walk becomingly toward them that are without, and may have need of nothing.

13 But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jē'sŭs died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep [10]in Jē'sŭs will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the [11]coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; 17 then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall

[1] Or, *plainly* [2] Or, *God himself and our Father* [3] Or, *God and our Father* [4] Gr. *presence.* Comp. 2 Cor. 10.10 [5] Many ancient authorities add *Amen* [6] Gr. *charges*
[7] Or, *overreach* [8] Or, *told you plainly* [9] Gr. *be ambitious.* See Rom. 15.20 marg. [10] Gr. *through.* Or, *will God through Jesus* [11] Gr. *presence*

we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore [1]comfort one another with these words.

5 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that aught be written unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 When they are saying, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall in no wise escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you [2]as a thief: 5 for ye are all sons of light, and sons of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness; 6 so then let us not sleep, as do the rest, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that are drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, since we are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God appointed us not unto wrath, but unto the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jē'sŭs Chrīst, 10 who died for us, that, whether we [3]wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 11 Wherefore [4]exhort one another, and build each other up, even as also ye do.

12 But we beseech you, brethren, to know them that labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; 13 and to esteem them exceeding highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. 14 And we exhort you, brethren, admonish the disorderly, encourage the fainthearted, support the weak, be longsuffering toward all. 15 See that none render unto any one evil for evil; but always follow after that which is good, one toward another, and toward all. 16 Rejoice always; 17 pray without ceasing; 18 in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jē'sŭs to you-ward. 19 Quench not the Spirit; 20 despise not prophesyings; 21 [5]prove all things; hold fast that which is good; 22 abstain from every form of evil.

23 And the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame at the [6]coming of our Lord Jē'sŭs Chrīst. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who will also do it.

25 Brethren, pray for us[7].

26 Salute all the brethren with a holy kiss. 27 I adjure you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the [8]brethren.

28 The grace of our Lord Jē'sŭs Chrīst be with you.

1 Or, *exhort* ch. 5.11 2 Some ancient authorities read *as thieves* 3 Or, *watch* 4 Or, *comfort* ch. 4.18

5 Many ancient authorities insert *but* 6 Gr. *presence* 7 Some ancient authorities add *also* 8 Many ancient authorities insert *holy*

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

Salutation. Thanksgiving for their Faith and Fidelity

1 Paul, and Sīl-vā'nŭs, and Tĭm'ō-thȳ, unto the church of the Thĕs-să-lō'nĭ-ăns in God our Father and the Lord Jē'sŭs Chrīst; 2 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jē'sŭs Chrīst.

3 We are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren, even as it is meet, for that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the love of each one of you all toward one another aboundeth; 4 so that we ourselves glory in you in the

churches of God for your [1]patience and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which ye endure; 5 *which is* a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God; to the end that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: 6 if so be that it is a righteous thing with God to recompense affliction to them that afflict you, 7 and to you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jē'sŭs from heaven with the angels of his power in flaming fire, 8 rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the [2]gospel of our Lord Jē'sŭs: 9 who shall suffer punishment, *even* eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 10 when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be marvelled at in all them that believed (because our testimony unto you was believed) in that day. 11 To which end we also pray always for you, that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfil every [3]desire of goodness and *every* work of faith, with power; 12 that the name of our Lord Jē'sŭs may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jē'sŭs Christ.

2 Now we beseech you, brethren, [4]touching the [5]coming of our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ, and our gathering together unto him; 2 to the end that ye be not quickly shaken from your mind, nor yet be troubled, either by spirit, or by word, or by epistle as from us, as that the day of the Lord is just at hand; 3 let no man beguile you in any wise: for *it will not be*, except the falling away come first, and the man of [6]sin be revealed, the son of perdition, 4 he that opposeth and exalteth himself against all that is called God or [7]that is worshipped; so that he sitteth in the [8]temple of God, setting himself forth as God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know that which restraineth, to the end that he may be revealed in his own season. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness doth already work: [9]only *there is* one that restraineth now, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall be revealed the lawless one, whom the Lord [10]Jē'sŭs shall [11]slay with the breath of his mouth, and bring to nought by the manifestation of his [5]coming; 9 *even he*, whose [5]coming is according to the working of Satan with all [12]power and signs and lying wonders, 10 and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that [13]perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God sendeth them a working of error, that they should believe a lie: 12 that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, for that God chose you [14]from the beginning unto salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and [15]belief of the truth: 14 whereunto he called you through our [16]gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ. 15 So then, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye were taught, whether by word, or by epistle of ours.

16 Now our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ himself, and God our Father who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

1 Or, *stedfastness* 2 Gr. *good tidings*: and so elsewhere. See marginal note on Mt. 4.23 3 Gr. *good pleasure of goodness*. Comp. Rom. 10.1 4 Gr. *in behalf of* 5 Gr. *presence* 6 Many ancient authorities read *lawlessness* 7 Gr. *an object of worship* Acts 17.23

8 Or, *sanctuary* 9 Or, *only until he that now restraineth be taken &c.* 10 Some ancient authorities omit *Jesus* 11 Some ancient authorities read *consume* 12 Gr. *power and signs and wonders of falsehood* 13 Or, *are perishing* 14 Many ancient authorities read *as firstfruits* 15 Or, *faith* 16 Gr. *good tidings*: see ch. 1.8

3 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified, even as also *it is* with you; 2 and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and evil men; for all have not faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and guard you from [1]the evil *one*. 4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command. 5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the [2]patience of Christ.

6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which [3]they received of us. 7 For yourselves know how ye ought to imitate us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; 8 neither did we eat bread for nought at any man's hand, but in labor and travail, working night and day, that we might not burden any of you: 9 not because we have not the right, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you, that ye should imitate us. 10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, If any will not work, neither let him eat. 11 For we hear of some that walk among you disorderly, that work not at all, but are busybodies. 12 Now them that are such we command and exhort in the Lord Jē'sŭs Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. 13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well-doing. 14 And if any man obeyeth not our word by this epistle, note that man, that ye have no company with him, to the end that he may be ashamed. 15 And *yet* count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

16 Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all.

17 The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write. 18 The grace of our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ be with you all.

1 Or, *evil* 2 Or, *stedfastness* 3 Some ancient authorities read *ye*

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

Salutation. Charge respecting Misuse of the Law

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jē'sŭs according to the commandment of God our Saviour, and Christ Jē'sŭs our hope; 2 unto Tĭm'ō-thў, my true child in faith: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jē'sŭs our Lord.

3 As I exhorted thee to tarry at ĕph'ĕ-sŭs, when I was going into Măç-ĕ-dō'nĭ-à, that thou mightest charge certain men not to teach a different doctrine, 4 neither to give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questionings, rather than a [1]dispensation of God which is in faith; *so do I now*. 5 But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and a good conscience and faith unfeigned: 6 from which things some having [2]swerved have turned aside unto vain talking; 7 desiring to be teachers of the law, though they understand neither what they say, nor whereof they confidently affirm. 8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully, 9 as knowing this, that law

1 Or, *stewardship*. See 1 Cor. 9.17 2 Gr. *missed the mark*. ch. 6.21; 2 Tim. 2.18

is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and unruly, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for [1]murderers of fathers and [1]murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 for fornicators, for abusers of themselves with men, for menstealers, for liars, for false swearers, and if there be any other thing contrary to the [2]sound [3]doctrine; 11 according to the [4]gospel of the glory of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

12 I thank him that [5]enabled me, *even* Christ Jĕ'sŭs our Lord, for that he counted me faithful, appointing me to *his* service; 13 though I was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: howbeit I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief; 14 and the grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love which is in Christ Jĕ'sŭs. 15 Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jĕ'sŭs came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief: 16 howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me as chief might Jĕ'sŭs Christ show forth all his longsuffering, for an ensample of them that should thereafter believe on him unto eternal life. 17 Now unto the King [6]eternal, [7]immortal, invisible, the only God, *be* honor and glory [8]for ever and ever. Ā-mĕn'.

18 This charge I commit unto thee, my child Tĭm'ō-thy, according to the prophecies which led the way to thee, that by them thou mayest war the good warfare; 19 holding faith and a good conscience; which some having thrust from them made shipwreck concerning the faith: 20 of whom is Hў-mĕ-næ'ŭs and Ăl-ex-ăn'dĕr; whom I delivered unto Satan, that they might be taught not to blaspheme.

2 I exhort therefore, first of all, [9]that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men; 2 for kings and all that are in high place; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity. 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, one mediator also between God and men, *himself* man, Christ Jĕ'sŭs, 6 who gave himself a ransom for all; the testimony *to be borne* in its own times; 7 whereunto I was appointed a [10]preacher and an apostle (I speak the truth, I lie not), a teacher of the Gĕn'tiles in faith and truth.

8 I desire therefore that the men pray in every place, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and [11]disputing. 9 In like manner, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefastness and sobriety; not with braided hair, and gold or pearls or costly raiment; 10 but (which becometh women professing godliness) through good works. 11 Let a woman learn in quietness with all subjection. 12 But I permit not a woman to teach, nor to have dominion over a man, but to be in quietness. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve; 14 and Adam was not beguiled, but the woman being beguiled hath fallen into transgression: 15 but she shall be saved through [12]her childbearing, if they continue in faith and love and sanctification with sobriety.

3 [13]Faithful is the saying, If a man seeketh the office of a [14]bishop, he desireth a good work. 2 The [14]bishop therefore must be without reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, orderly, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 3 [15]no brawler, no

1 Or, *smiters* 2 Gr. *healthful* 3 Or, *teaching* 4 Gr. *good tidings.* See Mt. 4.23 marg. 5 Some ancient authorities read *enableth* 6 Gr. *of the ages.* Comp. Heb. 1.2; Rev. 15.3 7 Gr. *incorruptible* 8 Gr. *unto the ages of the ages*

9 Gr. *to make supplications &c.* 10 Gr. *herald* 11 Or, *doubting* 12 Or, *the childbearing.* Comp. Gal. 4.4 13 Some connect the words *Faithful is the saying* with the preceding paragraph 14 Or, *overseer* 15 Or, *not quarrelsome over wine*

striker; but gentle, not contentious, no lover of money; 4 one that ruleth well his own house, having *his* children in subjection with all gravity; 5 (but if a man knoweth not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) 6 not a novice, lest being puffed up he fall into the [1]condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover he must have good testimony from them that are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. 8 Deacons in like manner *must be* grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; 9 holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. 10 And let these also first be proved; then let them serve as deacons, if they be blameless. 11 Women in like manner *must be* grave, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons be husbands of one wife, ruling *their* children and their own houses well. 13 For they that have served well as deacons gain to themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Je'sus.

14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly; 15 but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know [2]how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and [3]ground of the truth. 16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness;

[4]He who was manifested in the flesh,
Justified in the spirit,
Seen of angels,
Preached among the [5]nations,
Believed on in the world,
Received up in glory.

4 But the Spirit saith expressly, that in later times some shall fall away from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 through the hypocrisy of men that speak lies, [6]branded in their own conscience as with a hot iron; 3 forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by them that believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 for it is sanctified through the word of God and prayer.

6 If thou put the brethren in mind of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Christ Je'sus, nourished in the words of the faith, and of the good doctrine which thou hast followed *until now*: 7 but refuse profane and old wives' fables. And exercise thyself unto godliness: 8 for bodily exercise is profitable [7]for a little; but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come. 9 Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptation. 10 For to this end we labor and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of them that believe. 11 These things command and teach. 12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an ensample to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity. 13 Till I come, give heed to reading, to exhortation, to teaching. 14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. 15 Be diligent in these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy progress may be manifest unto all. 16 Take heed to thyself, and to thy teaching. Continue in these things; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee.

5 Rebuke not an elder, but exhort him as a father; the younger men as brethren; 2 the elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, in all purity. 3 Honor

1 Gr. *judgment* 2 Or, *how thou oughtest to behave thyself* 3 Or, *stay* 4 The word *God*, in place of *He who*, rests on no sufficient ancient evidence. Some ancient authorities read *which* 5 Or, *Gentiles*
6 Or, *seared* 7 Or, *for little*

widows that are widows indeed: 4 But if any widow hath children or grandchildren, let them learn first to show piety towards their own family, and to requite their parents: for this is acceptable in the sight of God. 5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, hath her hope set on God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. 6 But she that giveth herself to pleasure is dead while she liveth. 7 These things also command, that they may be without reproach. 8 But if any provideth not for his own, and specially his own household, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever. 9 Let none be enrolled as a widow under threescore years old, *having been* the wife of one man, 10 well reported of for good works; if she hath brought up children, if she hath used hospitality to strangers, if she hath washed the saints' feet, if she hath relieved the afflicted, if she hath diligently followed every good work. 11 But younger widows refuse: for when they have waxed wanton against Christ, they desire to marry; 12 having condemnation, because they have rejected their first [1]pledge. 13 And withal they learn also *to be* idle, going about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. 14 I desire therefore that the younger [2]*widows* marry, bear children, rule the household, give no occasion to the adversary for reviling: 15 for already some are turned aside after Satan. 16 If any woman that believeth hath widows, let her relieve them, and let not the church be burdened; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and in teaching. 18 For the scripture saith, [3]Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn. And, The laborer is worthy of his hire. 19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, except at *the mouth of* two or three witnesses. 20 Them that sin reprove in the sight of all, that the rest also may be in fear. 21 I charge *thee* in the sight of God, and Christ Jē'sŭs, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without [4]prejudice, doing nothing by partiality. 22 Lay hands hastily on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure. 23 Be no longer a drinker of water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities. 24 Some men's sins are evident, going before unto judgment; and some men also they follow after. 25 In like manner also [5]there are good works that are evident; and such as are otherwise cannot be hid.

6 Let as many as are [6]servants under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and the doctrine be not blasphemed. 2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but let them serve them the rather, because they that [7]partake of the benefit are believing and beloved. These things teach and exhort.

3 If any man teacheth a different doctrine, and consenteth not to [8]sound words, *even* the words of our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; 4 he is puffed up, knowing nothing, but [9]doting about questionings and disputes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, 5 wranglings of men corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth, supposing that godliness is a way of gain. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain: 7 for we brought nothing into the world, for neither can we carry anything out; 8 but having food and covering [10]we shall

1 Gr. *faith* 2 Or, *women* 3 Dt. 25.4
4 Or, *preference* 5 Gr. *the works that are good are evident* 6 Gr. *bondservants* 7 Or, *lay hold of* 8 Gr. *healthful* 9 Gr. *sick* 10 Or, *in these we shall have enough*

he therewith content. 9 But they that are minded to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts, such as drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is a root of all [1]kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, [2]patience, meekness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith, lay hold on the life eternal, whereunto thou wast called, and didst confess the good confession in the sight of many witnesses. 13 I charge thee in the sight of God, who [3]giveth life to all things, and of Christ Jē'sŭs, who before Pŏn'tĭŭs Pī'lāte witnessed the good confession; 14 that thou keep the commandment, without spot, without reproach, until the appearing of our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ: 15 which in [4]its own times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of [5]kings, and Lord of [6]lords; 16 who only hath immortality, dwelling in light unapproachable; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom *be* honor and power eternal. Ā-mĕn'.

17 Charge them that are rich in this present [7]world, that they be not highminded, nor have their hopes set on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 18 that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, [8]willing to communicate; 19 laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on the life which is *life* indeed.

20 O Tĭm'ŏ-thў, guard [9]that which is committeed unto *thee*, turning away from the profane babblings and oppositions of the knowledge which is falsely so called; 21 which some professing have [10]erred concerning the faith.

Grace be with you.

1 Gr. *evils* 2 Or, *stedfastness* 3 Or, *preserveth all things alive* 4 Or, *his* 5 Gr. *them that reign as kings* 6 Gr. *them that rule as lords* 7 Or, *age* 8 Or, *ready to sympathize* 9 Gr. *the deposit* 10 Gr. *missed the mark*

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

Salutation

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jē'sŭs through the will of God, according to the promise of the life which is in Christ Jē'sŭs, 2 to Tĭm'ŏ-thў, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jē'sŭs our Lord.

3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers in a pure conscience, how unceasing is my remembrance of thee in my supplications, night and day 4 longing to see thee, remembering thy tears, that I may be filled with [1]joy; 5 having been reminded of the unfeigned faith that is in thee; which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lō'ĭs, and thy mother Eŭ-nī'çĕ; and, I am persuaded, in thee also. 6 For which cause I put thee in remembrance that thou [2]stir up the gift of God, which is in thee through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love

1 Or, *joy in being reminded* 2 Gr. *stir into flame*

and [1]discipline. 8 Be not ashamed therefore of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but suffer hardship with the [2]gospel according to the power of God; 9 who saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Chrĭst Jē′sŭs [3]before times eternal, 10 but hath now been manifested by the appearing of our Saviour Chrĭst Jē′sŭs, who abolished death, and brought life and [4]immortality to light through the [2]gospel, 11 whereunto I was appointed a [5]preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher. 12 For which cause I suffer also these things: yet I am not ashamed; for I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard [6]that which I have committed unto him against that day. 13 Hold the pattern of [7]sound words which thou hast heard from me, in faith and love which is in Chrĭst Jē′sŭs. 14 [8]That good thing which was committed unto *thee* guard through the Holy Spirit which dwelleth in us.

15 This thou knowest, that all that are in Ā′sĭ-ȧ turned away from me; of whom are Phў-ġĕl′ŭs and Hĕr-mŏġ′ĕ-nēs. 16 The Lord grant mercy unto the house of ŏn-ĕ-sĭph′ō-rŭs: for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain; 17 but, when he was in Rome, he sought me diligently, and found me 18 (the Lord grant unto him to find mercy of the Lord in that day); and in how many things he ministered at ĕph′ĕ-sŭs, thou knowest very well.

2 Thou therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Chrĭst Jē′sŭs. 2 And the things which thou last heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 3 [9]Suffer hardship with *me*, as a good soldier of Chrĭst Jē′sŭs. 4 No soldier on service entangleth himself in the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier. 5 And if also a man contend in the games, he is not crowned, except he have contended lawfully. 6 The husbandman that laboreth must be the first to partake of the fruits. 7 Consider what I say; for the Lord shall give thee understanding in all things. 8 Remember Jē′sŭs Chrĭst, risen from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my [10]gospel: 9 wherein I suffer hardship unto bonds, as a malefactor; but the word of God is not bound. 10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Chrĭst Jē′sŭs with eternal glory. 11 Faithful is the [11]saying: For if we died with him, we shall also live with him: 12 if we endure, we shall also reign with him: if we shall deny him, he also will deny us: 13 if we are faithless, he abideth faithful; for he cannot deny himself.

14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging *them* in the sight of [12]the Lord, that they strive not about words, to no profit, to the subverting of them that hear. 15 Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, [13]handling aright the word of truth. 16 But shun profane babblings: for they will proceed further in ungodliness, 17 and their word will [14]eat as doth a gangrene: of whom is Hў-mĕ-næ′ŭs and Phĭ-lē′tŭs; 18 men who concerning the truth have [15]erred, saying that [16]the resurrection is past already, and overthrow the faith of some. 19 Howbeit the firm foundation of God standeth,

1 Gr. *sobering* 2 Gr. *good tidings*: and so elsewhere. See marginal note on Mt. 4.23 3 Or, *long ages ago* 4 Gr. *incorruption*. See Rom. 2.7 5 Gr. *herald* 6 Or, *that which he hath committed unto me*. Gr. *my deposit* 7 Gr. *healthful* 8 Gr. *The good deposit*

9 Or, *Take thy part in suffering hardship, as &c.* 10 See marginal note on ch. 1.8 11 Or, *saying: for if &c.* 12 Many ancient authorities read *God* 13 Or, *holding a straight course in the word of truth* Or, *rightly dividing the word of truth* 14 Or, *spread* 15 Gr. *missed the mark.* 1 Tim. 1.6 16 Some ancient authorities read *a resurrection*

having this seal, [1]The Lord knoweth them that are his: and, [2]Let every one that nameth the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness. 20 Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some unto honor, and some unto dishonor. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, meet for the master's use, prepared unto every good work. 22 But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 23 But foolish and ignorant questionings refuse, knowing that they gender strifes. 24 And the Lord's [3]servant must not strive, but be gentle towards all, apt to teach, forbearing, 25 in meekness [4]correcting them that oppose themselves; if peradventure God may give them repentance unto the knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may [5]recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, having been [6]taken captive [7]by him unto his will.

3 But know this, that in the last days grievous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, haughty, railers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, no lovers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; 5 holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof: from these also turn away. 6 For of these are they that creep into houses, and take captive silly women laden with sins, led away by divers lusts, 7 ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 And even as Jăn'nēs and Jăm'brēs withstood Mō'sĕs, so do these also withstand the truth; men corrupted in mind, reprobate concerning the faith. 9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be evident unto all men, as theirs also came to be. 10 But thou didst follow my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, long-suffering, love, [8]patience, 11 persecutions, sufferings; what things befell me at Ăn'tĭ-ōch, at Ī-cō'nĭ-ŭm, at Lўs'trā; what persecutions I endured: and out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yea, and all that would live godly in Christ Jē'sŭs shall suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But abide thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of [9]whom thou hast learned them; 15 and that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jē'sŭs. 16 [10]Every scripture inspired of God *is* also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for [11]instruction which is in righteousness: 17 that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work.

4 [12]I charge *thee* in the sight of God, and of Christ Jē'sŭs, who shall judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; [13]reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure the [14]sound [15]doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables. 5 But be thou sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist,

[1] Num. 16.5? [2] Is. 26.13? [3] Gr. *bondservant* [4] Or, *instructing* [5] Gr. *return to soberness* [6] Gr. *taken alive* [7] Or, *by him, unto the will of God*. Comp. 2 Cor. 10.5. [8] Gr. *by him unto the will of him*. In the Greek the two pronouns are different

[8] Or, *stedfastness* [9] Gr. *what persons* [10] Or, *Every scripture* is *inspired of God, and profitable* [11] Or, *discipline* [12] Or, *I testify, in the sight . . . dead, both of his appearing &c.* [13] Or, *bring to the proof* [14] Gr. *healthful* [15] Or, *teaching*

fulfil thy ministry. 6 For I am already being [1]offered, and the time of my departure is come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: 8 henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing.

9 Give diligence to come shortly unto me: 10 for Dē'mās forsook me, having loved this present [2]world, and went to Thĕs-sā-lō-nī'cā; Crēs'cĕns to [3]Gā-lā'ti-ā, Tī'tŭs to Dăl-mā'ti-ā. 11 Only Lūke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee; for he is useful to me for ministering. 12 But Tўch'ĭ-cŭs I sent to ĕph'ĕ-sŭs. 13 The cloak that I left at Trō'ăs with Căr'pŭs, bring when thou comest, and the books, especially the parchments. 14 Ăl-ĕx-ăn'dĕr the coppersmith [4]did me much evil: the Lord will render to him according to his works: 15 of whom do thou also beware; for he greatly withstood our words. 16 At my first defence no one took my part, but all forsook me: may it not be laid to their account. 17 But the Lord stood by me, and [5]strengthened me; that through me the [6]message might be fully proclaimed, and that all the Gĕn'tiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. 18 The Lord will deliver me from every evil work, and will save me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom *be* the glory [7]for ever and ever. Ā-mĕn'.

19 Salute Prĭs'cā and Ăq'uĭ-lā, and the house of ŏn-ĕ-sĭph'ŏ-rŭs. 20 Ē-răs'tŭs remained at Cŏr'inth: but Trŏph'ĭ-mŭs I left at Mĭ-lē'tŭs sick. 21 Give diligence to come before winter. Eū-bū'lŭs saluteth thee, and Pū'dĕns, and Lī'nŭs, and Clau'dĭ-ā, and all the brethren.

22 The Lord be with thy spirit. Grace be with you.

[1] Gr. *poured out as a drink-offering* [2] Or, *age* [3] Or, *Gaul* [4] Gr. *showed*
[5] Or, *gave me power* [6] Or, *proclamation.* [7] Gr. *unto the ages of the ages*

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO
TITUS

Salutation. Qualifications of an Elder

1 Paul, a [1]servant of God, and an apostle of Jē'sŭs Chrĭst, according to the faith of God's elect, and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised [2]before times eternal; 3 but in [3]his own seasons manifested his word in the [4]message, wherewith I was intrusted according to the commandment of God our Saviour; 4 to Tī'tŭs, my true child after a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Chrĭst Jē'sŭs our Saviour.

[1] Gr. *bondservant* [2] Or, *long ages ago* [3] Or, *its* [4] Or, *proclamation*

5 For this cause left I thee in Crēte, that thou shouldest set in order the things that were wanting, and appoint elders in every city, as I gave thee charge; 6 if any man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having children that believe, who are not accused of riot or unruly. 7 For the [5]bishop must be blameless, as God's steward; not self-willed, not soon angry, [6]no brawler, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; 8 but given to hospitality, a lover of good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled; 9 holding to the faith-

[5] Or, *overseer* [6] Or, *not quarrelsome over wine*

ful word which is according to the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in the [1]sound [2]doctrine, and to convict the gainsayers.

10 For there are many unruly men, vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision, 11 whose mouths must be stopped; men who overthrow whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. 12 One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said,

Cre'tans are always liars, evil beasts, idle [3]gluttons.

13 This testimony is true. For which cause reprove them sharply, that they may be [4]sound in the faith, 14 not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men who turn away from the truth. 15 To the pure all things are pure: but to them that are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. 16 They profess that they know God; but by their works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

2 But speak thou the things which befit the [1]sound [2]doctrine: 2 that aged men be temperate, grave, sober-minded, [4]sound in faith, in love, in [5]patience: 3 that aged women likewise be reverent in demeanor, not slanderers nor enslaved to much wine, teachers of that which is good; 4 that they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 *to be* sober-minded, chaste, workers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed: 6 the younger men likewise exhort to be sober-minded: 7 in all things showing thyself an ensample of good works; in thy doctrine *showing* uncorruptness, gravity, 8 sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of us. 9 *Exhort* [6]servants to be in subjection to their own masters, *and* to be well-pleasing *to them* in all things; not gainsaying; 10 not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. 11 For the grace of God [7]hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us, to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present [8]world; 13 looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory [9]of the great God and our Saviour Je'sus Christ; 14 who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak and exhort and reprove with all [10]authority. Let no man despise thee.

3 Put them in mind to be in subjection to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready unto every good work, 2 to speak evil of no man, not to be contentious, to be gentle, showing all meekness toward all men. 3 For we also once were foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. 4 But when the kindness of God our Saviour, and his love toward man, appeared, 5 not by works *done* in righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy he saved us, through the [11]washing of regeneration [12]and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 which he poured out upon us richly, through Je'sus Christ our Saviour; 7 that, being justified by his grace, we might be made [13]heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 8 Faithful is the saying, and

1 Gr. *healthful* 2 Or, *teaching* 3 Gr. *bellies* 4 Gr. *healthy* 5 Or, *stedfastness*

6 Gr. *bondservants* 7 Or, *hath appeared to all men, bringing salvation* 8 Or, *age* 9 Or, *of our great God and Saviour* 10 Gr. *commandment* 11 Or, *laver* 12 Or, *and through renewing* 13 Or, *heirs, according to hope, of eternal life*

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concerning these things I desire that thou affirm confidently, to the end that they who have believed God may be careful to [1]maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men: 9 but shun foolish questionings, and geneaologies, and strifes, and fightings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. 10 A factious man after a first and second admonition [2]refuse; 11 knowing that such a one is perverted, and sinneth, being self-condemned.

12 When I shall send Är'tĕ-măs unto thee, or Tȳch'ĭ-cŭs, give diligence to come unto me to Nĭ-cŏp'ŏ-lĭs: for there I have determined to winter. 13 Set forward Zē'năs the lawyer and Ă-pŏl'lŏs on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them. 14 And let our *people* also learn to [1]maintain good works for necessary [3]uses, that they be not unfruitful.

15 All that are with me salute thee. Salute them that love us in faith.

Grace be with you all.

1 Or, *profess honest occupations*
2 Or, *avoid*
3 Or, *wants*

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO PHILEMON

Salutation. Thanksgiving. Onesimus no longer a Servant

1 Paul, a prisoner of Chrĭst Jē'sŭs, and Tĭm'ŏ-thȳ [1]our brother, to Phĭ-lē'mŏn our beloved and fellow-worker, 2 and to Ăp'phĭ-ă [2]our sister, and to Ăr-chĭp'pŭs our fellow-soldier, and to the church in thy house: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jē'sŭs Chrĭst.

4 I thank my God always, making mention of thee in my prayers, 5 hearing of [3]thy love, and of the faith which thou hast toward the Lord Jē'sŭs, and toward all the saints; 6 that the fellowship of thy faith may become effectual, in the knowledge of every good thing which is in [4]you, unto Chrĭst. 7 For I had much joy and comfort in thy love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through thee, brother.

8 Wherefore, though I have all boldness in Chrĭst to enjoin thee that which is befitting, 9 yet for love's sake I rather beseech, being such a one as Paul [5]the aged, and now a prisoner also of Chrĭst Jē'sŭs: 10 I beseech thee for my child, whom I have begotten in my bonds, [6]Ŏ-nĕs'ĭ-mŭs, 11 who once was unprofitable to thee, but now is profitable to thee and to me: 12 whom I have sent back to thee in his own person, that is, my very heart: 13 whom I would fain have kept with me, that in thy behalf he might minister unto me in the bonds of the [7]gospel: 14 but without thy mind I would do nothing; that thy goodness should not be as of necessity, but of free will. 15 For perhaps he was therefore parted *from thee* for a season, that thou shouldest have him for ever; 16 no longer as a [8]servant, but more than a [8]servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much rather to thee, both in the flesh and in the Lord. 17 If then thou countest me a partner, re-

1 Gr. *the brother* 2 Gr. *the sister* 3 Or, *thy love and faith* 4 Many ancient authorities read *us*

5 Or, *an ambassador, and now &c.* 6 The Greek work means *Helpful.* Comp. ver. 20 marg. 7 Gr. *good tidings.* See marginal note on Mt. 4.23 8 Gr. *bondservant*

ceive him as myself. 18 But if he hath wronged thee at all, or oweth *thee* aught, put that to mine account; 19 I Paul write it with mine own hand, I will repay it: that I say not unto thee that thou owest to me even thine own self besides. 20 Yea, brother, let me have [1]joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my heart in Christ.

21 Having confidence in thine obedience I write unto thee, knowing that thou wilt do even beyond what I say. 22 But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I hope that through your prayers I shall be granted unto you.

23 Ep'a-phras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Je'sus, saluteth thee; 24 *and so do* Mark, Ar-is-tar'chus, De'mas, Luke, my fellow-workers.

25 The grace of [2]our Lord Je'sus Christ be with your spirit. [3]A-men'.

[1] Or, *help*. Comp. ver. 10 marg. [2] Some ancient authorities read *the* [3] Many ancient authorities omit *Amen*

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

God's Final Word spoken through his Son

1 God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners, 2 hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in [1]*his* Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the [2]worlds; 3 who being the effulgence of his glory, and [3]the very image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; 4 having become by so much better than the angels, as he hath inherited a more excellent name than they. 5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time,

[4]Thou art my Son,
This day have I begotten thee?

and again,

[5]I will be to him a Father,
And he shall be to me a Son?

6 [6]And when he again [7]bringeth in the firstborn into [8]the world he saith, [9]And let all the angels of God worship him. 7 And of the angels he saith,

[10]Who maketh his angels winds,
And his ministers a flame of fire:

8 but of the Son *he saith*,

[11] [12]Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever;
And the sceptre of uprightness is the sceptre of [13]thy kingdom.

9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity;
Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

10 And,

[14]Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth,
And the heavens are the works of thy hands:

11 They shall perish; but thou continuest:
And they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

12 And as a mantle shalt thou roll them up,

[1] Gr. *a Son* [2] Gr. *ages*. Comp. 1 Tim. 1.17 [3] Or, *the impress of his substance* [4] Ps. 2.7 [5] 2 S. 7.14 [6] Or, *And again, when he bringeth in* [7] Or, *shall have brought in* [8] Gr. *the inhabited earth* [9] Dt. 32.43 Sept.: comp. Ps. 97.7.

[10] Ps. 104.4. [11] Ps. 45.6 f. [12] Or, *Thy throne is God for &c.* [13] The two oldest Greek manuscripts read *his* [14] Ps. 102.25 ff.

As a garment, and they shall
be changed:
But thou art the same,
And thy years shall not fail.
13 But of which of the angels hath
he said at any time,
[1]Sit thou on my right hand,
Till I make thine enemies the
footstool of thy feet?
14 Are they not all ministering
spirits, sent forth to do service for
the sake of them that shall inherit
salvation?

2 Therefore we ought to give
the more earnest heed to the
things that were heard, lest haply
we drift away *from them.* 2 For
if the word spoken through angels
proved stedfast, and every trans-
gression and disobedience re-
ceived a just recompense of re-
ward; 3 how shall we escape, if we
neglect so great a salvation? which
having at the first been spoken
through the Lord, was confirmed
unto us by them that heard; 4 God
also bearing witness with them,
both by signs and wonders, and by
manifold powers, and by [2]gifts of
the Holy Spirit, according to his
own will.

5 For not unto angels did he
subject [3]the world to come, whereof
we speak. 6 But one hath some-
where testified, saying,
[4]What is man, that thou art
mindful of him?
Or the son of man, that thou
visitest him?
7 Thou madest him [5]a little lower
than the angels;
Thou crownedst him with glory
and honor,
[6]And didst set him over the
works of thy hands:
8 Thou didst put all things in sub-
jection under his feet.
For in that he subjected all things
unto him, he left nothing that is
not subject to him. But now we
see not yet all things subjected to
him. 9 But we behold him who
hath been made [5]a little lower than
the angels, *even* Jē'sŭs, because of
the suffering of death crowned
with glory and honor, that by the
grace of God he should taste of
death for every *man.* 10 For it
became him, for whom are all
things, and through whom are all
things, [7]in bringing many sons
unto glory, to make the [8]author of
their salvation perfect through
sufferings. 11 For both he that
sanctifieth and they that are sanc-
tified are all of one: for which
cause he is not ashamed to call
them brethren, 12 saying,
[9]I will declare thy name unto
my brethren,
In the midst of the [10]congrega-
tion will I sing thy praise.
13 And again, I will put my trust
in him. And again, [11]Behold, I
and the children whom God hath
given me. 14 Since then the
children are sharers in [12]flesh and
blood, he also himself in like man-
ner partook of the same; that
through death he [13]might bring to
nought him that [14]had the power of
death, that is, the devil; 15 and
[13]might deliver all them who through
fear of death were all their life-
time subject to bondage. 16 [15]For
verily not to angels doth he give
help, but he giveth help to the seed
of Abraham. 17 Wherefore it be-
hooved him in all things to be made
like unto his brethren, that he
might become a merciful and
faithful high priest in things per-
taining to God, to make propitia-
tion for the sins of the people.
18 [16]For [17]in that he himself hath
suffered being tempted, he is able
to succor them that are tempted.

3 Wherefore, holy brethren,
partakers of a heavenly calling,
consider the Apostle and High
Priest of our confession, *even* Jē'-
sŭs; 2 who was faithful to him
that [18]appointed him, as also was

1 Ps. 110.1 2 Gr. *distributions* 3 Gr. *the inhabited earth* 4 Ps. 8. 4 ff. 5 Or, *for a little while lower*

6 Many authorities omit *And didst . . . hands* 7 Or, *having brought* 8 Or, *captain* 9 Ps. 22.22 10 Or, *church* 11 Is. 8.17 f. 12 Gr. *blood and flesh,* Eph. 6.12 13 Or, *may* 14 Or, *hath* 15 Gr. *For verily not of angels doth he take hold, but he taketh hold of &c.* Comp. Is. 41.9; Ecclus. 4.11; ch. 8.9 (in the Gr.) 16 Or, *For having been himself tempted in that wherein he hath suffered* 17 Or, *wherein* 18 Gr. *made*

Mō'sĕs in all [1]his house. 3 For he hath been counted worthy of more glory than Mō'sĕs, by so much as he that [2]built the house hath more honor than the house. 4 For every house is [2]builded by some one; but he that [2]built all things is God. 5 And Mō'sĕs indeed was faithful in all [1]his house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were afterward to be spoken; 6 but Christ as a son, over [1]his house; whose house are we, if we hold fast our boldness and the glorying of our hope firm unto the end. 7 Wherefore, even as the Holy Spirit saith,

[3]To-day if ye shall hear his voice,
8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation,
Like as in the day of the trial in the wilderness,
9 [4]Where your fathers tried *me* by proving *me*,
And saw my works forty years.
10 Wherefore I was displeased with this generation,
And said, They do always err in their heart:
But they did not know my ways;
11 [5]As I sware in my wrath,
[6]They shall not enter into my rest.

12 Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God: 13 but exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called To-day; lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin: 14 for we are become partakers [7]of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end: 15 while it is said,

[8]To-day if ye shall hear his voice,
Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

16 For who, when they heard, did provoke? nay, did not all they that came out of Ĕ'gўpt by Mō'sĕs? 17 And with whom was he displeased forty years? was it not with them that sinned, whose [9]bodies fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that were disobedient? 19 And we see that they were not able to enter in because of unbelief.

4 Let us fear therefore, lest haply, a promise being left of entering into his rest, any one of you should seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed we have had [10]good tidings preached unto us, even as also they: but the word of hearing did not profit them, because [11]it was not united by faith with them that heard. 3 [12]For we who have believed do enter into that rest; even as he hath said,

[13] [14]As I sware in my wrath,
[15]They shall not enter into my rest:

although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For he hath said somewhere of the seventh *day* on this wise, [16]And God rested on the seventh day from all his works; 5 and in this *place* again,

[15] [17] They shall not enter into my rest.

6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some should enter thereinto, and they to whom [18]the good tidings were before preached failed to enter in because of disobedience, 7 he again defineth a certain day, To-day, saying in David so long a time afterward (even as hath been said before),

[8]To-day if ye shall hear his voice,
Harden not your hearts.

8 For if [19]Jŏsh'ū-a had given them rest, he would not have spoken afterward of another day. 9 There remaineth therefore a sabbath rest for the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest hath himself also rested from his works,

[1] That is, *God's house*. See Num. 12.7
[2] Or, *established*
[3] Ps. 95.7 ff.
[4] Or, *Wherewith*
[5] Or, *So*
[6] Gr. *If they shall enter*
[7] Or, *with* Comp. ch. 1.9; ver. 6
[8] Ps. 95.7 f.
[9] Gr. *limbs*
[10] Or, *a gospel*
[11] Many ancient authorities read *they were*
[12] Some ancient authorities read *We therefore*
[13] Ps. 95.11
[14] Or, *So*
[15] Gr. *If they shall enter*
[16] Gen. 2.2
[17] Ps. 95.11
[18] Or, *the gospel was*
[19] Gr. *Jesus*. Comp. Acts. 7.45

as God did from his. 11 Let us therefore give diligence to enter into that rest, that no man fall [1]after the same example of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

14 Having then a great high priest, who hath passed through the heavens, Jē'sŭs the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin. 16 Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help *us* in time of need.

5 For every high priest, being taken from among men, is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: 2 who can bear gently with the ignorant and erring, for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity; 3 and by reason thereof is bound, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. 4 And no man taketh the honor unto himself, but when he is called of God, even as was Aâr'ŏn. 5 So Christ also glorified not himself to be made a high priest, but he that spake unto him,

[2]Thou art my Son,
This day have I begotten thee:

6 as he saith also in another *place*,

[3]Thou art a priest for ever
After the order of Měl-chĭz'-ĕ-dĕk.

7 Who in the days of his flesh, having offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him [4]from death, and having been heard for his godly fear, 8 though he was a Son, yet learned obedience by the things which he suffered; 9 and having been made perfect, he became unto all them that obey him the [5]author of eternal salvation; 10 named of God a high priest after the order of Měl-chĭz'ĕ-dĕk.

11 Of [6]whom we have many things to say, and hard of interpretation, seeing ye are become dull of hearing. 12 For when by reason of the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need again [7]that some one teach you the rudiments of the [8]first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of solid food. 13 For every one that partaketh of milk is [9]without experience of the word of righteousness; for he is a babe. 14 But solid food is for [10]fullgrown men, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil.

6 Wherefore leaving [11]the doctrine of the first principles of Christ, let us press on unto [12]perfection; not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, 2 [13]of the teaching of [14]baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this will we do, if God permit. 4 For as touching those who were once enlightened [15]and tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and [16]tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the age to come, 6 and *then* fell away, it is impossible to renew them again unto repentance; [17]seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. 7 For the land

1 Or, *into* Gr. *in* 2 Ps. 2.7 3 Ps. 110.4
4 Or, *out of* 5 Gr. *cause* 6 Or, *which* 7 Or, *that* one *teach you which* are *the rudiments* 8 Gr. *beginning* 9 Or, *inexperienced in* 10 Or, *perfect* 11 Gr. *the word of the beginning of Christ* 12 Or, *full growth* 13 Some ancient authorities read, even *the teaching of* 14 Or, *washings* 15 Or, *having both tasted of . . . and being made . . . and having tasted &c.* 16 Or, *tasted the word of God that it is good* 17 Or, *the while*

which hath drunk the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them for whose sake it is also tilled, receiveth blessing from God: 8 but if it beareth thorns and thistles, it is rejected and nigh unto a curse; whose end is to be burned.

9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that [1]accompany salvation, though we thus speak: 10 for God is not unrighteous to forget your work and the love which ye showed toward his name, in that ye ministered unto the saints, and still do minister. 11 And we desire that each one of you may show the same diligence unto the [2]fulness of hope even to the end: 12 that ye be not sluggish, but imitators of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

13 For when God made promise to Abraham, since he could swear by none greater, he sware by himself, 14 saying, [3]Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. 15 And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. 16 For men swear by the greater: and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation. 17 Wherein God, being minded to show more abundantly unto the heirs of the promise the immutability of his counsel, [4]interposed with an oath; 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have a strong encouragement, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us: 19 which we have as an anchor of the soul, *a hope* both sure and stedfast and entering into that which is within the veil; 20 whither as a forerunner Jē′sŭs entered for us, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Měl-chĭz′ĕ-dĕk.

7 For this Měl-chĭz′ĕ-dĕk, king of Sā′lĕm, priest of God Most High, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 to whom also Abraham divided a tenth part of all (being first, by interpretation, King of righteousness, and then also King of Sā′lĕm, which is, King of peace; 3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like unto the Son of God), abideth a priest continually.

4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth out of the chief spoils. 5 And they indeed of the sons of Lē′vī that receive the priest's office have commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though these have come out of the loins of Abraham: 6 but he whose genealogy is not counted from them hath taken tithes of Abraham, and hath blessed him that hath the promises. 7 But without any dispute the less is blessed of the better. 8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there one, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. 9 And, so to say, through Abraham even Lē′vī, who receiveth tithes, hath paid tithes; 10 for he was yet in the loins of his father, when Měl-chĭz′ĕ-dĕk met him.

11 Now if there was perfection through the Lĕ-vĭt′ĭc-ăl priesthood (for under it hath the people received the law), what further need *was there* that another priest should arise after the order of Měl-chĭz′-ĕ-dĕk, and not be reckoned after the order of Aär′ŏn? 12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. 13 For he of whom these things are said [5]belongeth to another tribe, from which no man hath given attendance at the altar. 14 For it is evident that our Lord hath sprung out of Jū′dăh; as to which tribe Mō′sēs spake nothing concerning priests. 15 And *what we say* is yet more abundantly evident, if after the likeness of Měl-chĭz′ĕ-dĕk there ariseth another

1 Or, *belong to* 2 Or, *full assurance* 3 Gen. 22.16 f. 4 Gr. *mediated* 5 Gr. *hath partaken of*. See ch. 2.14

priest, 16 who hath been made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an [1]endless life: 17 for it is witnessed *of him,*

[2]Thou art a priest for ever
After the order of Měl-chĭz'-ĕ-dĕk.

18 For there is a disannulling of a foregoing commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness 19 (for the law made nothing perfect), and a bringing in thereupon of a better hope, through which we draw nigh unto God. 20 And inasmuch as *it is* not without the taking of an oath 21 (for they indeed have been made priests without an oath; but he with an oath [3]by him that saith [4]of him,

[2]The Lord sware and will not repent himself,
Thou art a priest for ever);

22 by so much also hath Jĕ'sŭs become the surety of a better covenant. 23 And they indeed have been made priests many in number, because that by death they are hindered from continuing: 24 but he, because he abideth for ever, [5]hath his priesthood [6]unchangeable. 25 Wherefore also he is able to save [7]to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

26 For such a high priest became us, holy, guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; 27 who needeth not daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins, and then for the *sins* of the people: for this he did once for all, when he offered up himself. 28 For the law appointeth men high priests, having infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was after the law, *appointeth* a Son, perfected for evermore.

8 [8]Now [9]in the things which we are saying the chief point *is this:* We have such a high priest, who sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a minister of [10]the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man. 3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is necessary that this *high priest* also have somewhat to offer. 4 Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, seeing there are those who offer the gifts according to the law; 5 who serve *that which is* a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, even as Mō'sĕs is warned *of God* when he is about to [11]make the tabernacle: for, [12]See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern that was showed thee in the mount. 6 But now hath he obtained a ministry the more excellent, by so much as he is also the mediator of a better covenant, which hath been enacted upon better promises. 7 For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then would no place have been sought for a second. 8 For [13]finding fault with them, he saith,

[14]Behold, the days come, saith the Lord,
That I will [15]make a new covenant with the house of ĭs'-rā-ĕl and with the house of Jū'dăh;
9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers
In the day that I took them by the hand to lead them forth out of the land of Ē'gўpt;
For they continued not in my covenant,
And I regarded them not, saith the Lord.
10 For this is the covenant that [16]I will make with the house of ĭs'rā-ĕl
After those days, saith the Lord;
I will put my laws into their mind,

1 Gr. *indissoluble* 2 Ps. 110.4 3 Or, *through* 4 Or, *unto* 5 Or, *hath a priesthood that doth not pass to another* 6 Or, *inviolable* 7 Gr. *completely* 8 Or, *Now to sum up what we are saying: We have &c.*

9 Gr. *upon* 10 Or, *holy things* 11 Or, *complete* 12 Ex. 25.40 13 Some ancient authorities read *finding fault* with it, *he saith unto them &c.* 14 Jer. 31.31 ff. 15 Gr. *accomplish* 16 Gr. *I will covenant*

And on their heart also will I
write them:
And I will be to them a God,
And they shall be to me a people:
11 And they shall not teach every
man his fellow-citizen,
And every man his brother,
saying, Know the Lord:
For all shall know me,
From the least to the greatest
of them.
12 For I will be merciful to their
iniquities,
And their sins will I remember
no more.

13 In that he saith, A new *covenant*, he hath made the first old. But that which is becoming old and waxeth aged is nigh unto vanishing away.

9 Now even the first *covenant* had ordinances of divine service, and its sanctuary, *a sanctuary* of this world. 2 For there was a tabernacle prepared, the first, wherein [1]*were* the candlestick, and the table, and [2]the showbread; which is called the Holy place. 3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holy of holies; 4 having a golden [3]altar of incense, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein [4]*was* a golden pot holding the măn'nâ, and Aâr'ŏn's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; 5 and above it chĕr'û-bĭm of glory overshadowing [5]the mercy-seat; of which things we cannot now speak severally. 6 Now these things having been thus prepared, the priests go in continually into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the services; 7 but into the second the high priest alone, once in the year, not without blood, which he offereth for himself, and for the [6]errors of the people: 8 the Holy Spirit this signifying, that the way into the holy place hath not yet been made manifest, while the first tabernacle is yet standing; 9 which *is* a figure for the time present; according to which are offered both gifts and sacrifices that cannot, as touching the conscience, make the worshipper perfect, 10 *being* only (with meats and drinks and divers washings) carnal ordinances, imposed until a time of reformation.

11 But Christ having come a high priest of [7]the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation, 12 nor yet through the blood of goats and calves, but through his own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling them that have been defiled, sanctify unto the cleanness of the flesh: 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through [8]the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish unto God, cleanse [9]your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this cause he is the mediator of a new [10] covenant, that a death having taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first [10]covenant, they that have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. 16 For where a [10]testament is, there must of necessity [11]be the death of him that made it. 17 For a [10]testament is of force [12]where there hath been death: [13]for it doth never avail while he that made it liveth. 18 Wherefore even the first *covenant* hath not been dedicated without blood. 19 For when every commandment had been spoken by Mō'sĕs unto all the people according to the law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, [14]This is the blood of the [10]covenant which

[1] Or, *are* [2] Gr. *the setting forth of the loaves* [3] Or, *censer*. 2 Chr. 26.19; Ezek. 8.11 [4] Or, *is* [5] Gr. *the propitiatory* [6] Gr. *ignorances*. Ecclus. 23. 2 f.

[7] Some ancient authorities read *the good things that are come* [8] Or, his *eternal spirit* [9] Many ancient authorities read *our* [10] The Greek word here used signifies both *covenant* and *testament* [11] Gr. *be brought* [12] Gr, *over the dead* [13] Or, *for doth it ever . . . liveth?* [14] Ex. 24.8

God commanded to you-ward. 21 Moreover the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry he sprinkled in like manner with the blood. 22 And according to the law, I may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no remission.

23 It was necessary therefore that the copies of the things in the heavens should be cleansed with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ entered not into a holy place made with hands, like in pattern to the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear before the face of God for us: 25 nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place year by year with blood not his own; 26 else must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once at the [1]end of the ages hath he been manifested to put away sin [2]by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And inasmuch as it is [3]appointed unto men once to die, and after this *cometh* judgment; 28 so Christ also, having been once offered to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to them that wait for him, unto salvation.

10 For the law having a shadow of the good *things* to come, not the very image of the things, [4]can never with the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect them that draw nigh. 2 Else would they not have ceased to be offered? because the worshippers, having been once cleansed, would have had no more consciousness of sins. 3 But in those *sacrifices* there is a remembrance made of sins year by year. 4 For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins. 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith,

[5]Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not,
But a body didst thou prepare for me;
6 In whole burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou hadst no pleasure:
7 Then said I, Lo, I am come
(In the roll of the book it is written of me)
To do thy will, O God.
8 Saying above, Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein (the which are offered according to the law), 9 then hath he said, Lo, I am come to do thy will. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. 10 [6]By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jĕ'sŭs Christ once for all. 11 And every [7]priest indeed standeth day by day ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, the which can never take away sins: 12 but he, when he had offered one sacrifice for [8]sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; 13 henceforth expecting till his enemies be made the footstool of his feet. 14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. 15 And the Holy Spirit also beareth witness to us; for after he hath said,
16 [9]This is the covenant that [10]I will make with them
After those days, saith the Lord:
I will put my laws on their heart,
And upon their mind also will I write them;
then saith he,
17 And their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.
18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jĕ'sŭs, 20 by

1 Or, *consummation* 2 Or, *by his sacrifice* 3 Gr. *laid up for.* Col. 1:5; 2 Tim. 4.8 4 Many ancient authorities read *they can* 5 Ps. 40.6 ff. 6 Or, *In* 7 Some ancient authorities read *high priest* 8 Or, *sins, for ever sat down &c.* 9 Jer. 31.33 f. 10 Gr. *I will covenant*

the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 and *having* a great priest over the house of God; 22 let us draw near with a true heart in [1]fulness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil [2]conscience: and having our body washed with pure water, 23 let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised: 24 and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting *one another*; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh.

26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and a [3]fierceness of fire which shall devour the adversaries. 28 A man that hath set at nought Mō'sĕs' law dieth without compassion on *the word of* two or three witnesses: 29 of how much sorer punishment, think ye, shall he be judged worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified [4]an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him that said, [5]Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense. And again, [6]The Lord shall judge his people. 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were enlightened, ye endured a great conflict of sufferings; 33 partly, being made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, becoming partakers with them that were so used. 34 For ye both had compassion on them that were in bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your possessions, knowing that [7]ye have for yourselves a better possession and an abiding one. 35 Cast not away therefore your boldness, which hath great recompense of reward. 36 For ye have need of [8]patience, that, having done the will of God, ye may receive the promise.

37 [9]For yet a very little while,
He that cometh shall come, and shall not tarry.
38 But [10]my righteous one shall live by faith:
And if he shrink back, my soul hath no pleasure in him.

39 But we are not [11]of them that shrink back unto perdition; but of them that have faith unto the [12]saving of the soul.

11 Now faith is [13]assurance of *things* hoped for, a [14]conviction of things not seen. 2 For therein the elders had witness borne to them. 3 By faith we understand that the [15]worlds have been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen hath not been made out of things which appear. 4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he had witness borne to him that he was righteous, [16]God bearing witness [17]in respect of his gifts: and through it he being dead yet speaketh. 5 By faith Ē'nŏch was translated that he should not see death; and he was not found, because God translated him: [18]for he hath had witness borne to him that before his translation he had been well-pleasing unto God: 6 and without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing *unto him*; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that seek after him. 7 By faith Noah, being warned *of God* concerning things not seen as yet, moved with godly fear, prepared

[1] Or, *full assurance* [2] Or, *conscience, and our body washed with pure water: let us hold fast* [3] Or, *jealousy* [4] Gr. *a common thing* [5] Dt. 32.35 [6] Dt. 32.36
[7] Many ancient authorities read *ye have your own selves for a better possession &c.* Comp. Lk. 9.25; 21.19 [8] Or, *stedfastness* [9] Hab. 2.3 f. [10] Some ancient authorities read *the righteous one* [11] Gr. *of shrinking back . . . but of faith* [12] Or, *gaining* [13] Or, *the giving substance to* [14] Or, *test* [15] Gr. *ages.* Comp. 1. Tim. 1.17 marg. [16] The Greek text in this clause is somewhat uncertain [17] Or, *over his gifts* [18] Or, *for before his translation he hath had witness borne to him that he &c.*

an ark to the saving of his house; through which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. 8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out unto a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9 By faith he became a sojourner in the land of promise, as in a *land* not his own, [1]dwelling in tents, with Ĭ′săac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10 for he looked for the city which hath the foundations, whose [2]builder and maker is God. 11 By faith even Sarah herself received power to conceive seed when she was past age, since she counted him faithful who had promised: 12 wherefore also there sprang of one, and him as good as dead, *so many* as the stars of heaven in multitude, and as the sand, which is by the sea-shore, innumerable.

13 These all died [3]in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For they that say such things make it manifest that they are seeking after a country of their own. 15 And if indeed they had been mindful of that *country* from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better *country*, that is, a heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed of them, to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city.

17 By faith Abraham, being tried, [4]offered up Ĭ′săac: yea, he that had gladly received the promises was offering up his only begotten *son*; 18 *even he* [5]to whom it was said, [6]In Ĭ′săac shall thy seed be called: 19 accounting that God *is* able to raise up, even from the dead; from whence he did also in a figure receive him back. 20 By faith Ĭ′săac blessed Jacob and Ē′sau, even concerning things to come. 21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, *leaning* upon the top of his staff. 22 By faith Joseph, when his end was nigh, made mention of the departure of the children of Ĭs′rā-ĕl; and gave commandment concerning his bones. 23 By faith Mō′sĕs, when he was born, was hid three months by his parents, because they saw he was a goodly child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. 24 By faith Mō′sĕs, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Phā′raōh's daughter; 25 choosing rather to share ill treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 accounting the reproach of [7]Christ greater riches than the treasures of Ē′gўpt: for he looked unto the recompense of reward. 27 By faith he forsook Ē′gўpt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. 28 By faith he [8]kept the passover, and the sprinkling of the blood, that the destroyer of the firstborn should not touch them. 29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Ē-gўp′tiăns assaying to do were swallowed up. 30 By faith the walls of Jĕr′ĭ-chō fell down, after they had been compassed about for seven days. 31 By faith Rā′hăb the harlot perished not with them that were disobedient, having received the spies with peace.

32 And what shall I more say? for the time will fail me if I tell of Gĭd′ē-ŏn, Bā′rāk, Săm′sŏn, Jĕph′thāh; of David and Săm′ū-ĕl and the prophets: 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, waxed mighty in war,

[1] Or, *having taken up his abode in tents*
[2] Or, *architect*
[3] Gr. *according to*
[4] Gr. *hath offered up*
[5] Or, *of*
[6] Gen. 21.12
[7] Or, *the Christ*. Comp. 1. Cor. 10.4
[8] Or, *instituted* Gr. *hath made*

turned to flight armies of aliens.
35 Women received their dead by
a resurrection: and others were
[1]tortured, not accepting [2]their de-
liverance; that they might obtain
a better resurrection: 36 and others
had trial of mockings and scourg-
ings, yea, moreover of bonds and
imprisonment: 37 they were stoned,
they were sawn asunder, they were
tempted, they were slain with the
sword: they went about in sheep-
skins, in goatskins; being destitute,
afflicted, ill-treated 38 (of whom
the world was not worthy), wan-
dering in deserts and mountains
and caves, and the holes of the
earth. 39 And these all, having
had witness borne to them through
their faith, received not the prom-
ise, 40 God having [3]provided some
better thing concerning us, that
apart from us they should not be
made perfect.

12 Therefore let us also, see-
ing we are compassed about
with so great a cloud of witnesses,
lay aside every [4]weight, and the sin
which [5]doth so easily beset us, and
let us run with [6]patience the race
that is set before us, 2 looking
unto Jĕ'sŭs the [7]author and per-
fecter of *our* faith, who for the joy
that was set before him endured
the cross, despising shame, and
hath sat down at the right hand of
the throne of God. 3 For con-
sider him that hath endured such
gainsaying of sinners against [8]him-
self, that ye wax not weary, faint-
ing in your souls. 4 Ye have not
yet resisted unto blood, striving
against sin: 5 and ye have forgot-
ten the exhortation which reason-
eth with you as with sons,

> [9]My son, regard not lightly the
> chastening of the Lord,
> Nor faint when thou art re-
> proved of him;
> 6 For whom the Lord loveth he
> chasteneth,
> And scourgeth every son whom
> he receiveth.

7 [10]It is for chastening that ye en-
dure; God dealeth with you as
with sons; for what son is there
whom *his* father chasteneth not?
8 But if ye are without chastening,
whereof all have been made par-
takers, then are ye bastards, and
not sons. 9 Furthermore, we had
the fathers of our flesh to chasten
us, and we gave them reverence:
shall we not much rather be in
subjection unto the Father of
[11]spirits, and live? 10 For they
indeed for a few days chastened
us as seemed good to them; but
he for *our* profit, that *we* may be
partakers of his holiness. 11 All
chastening seemeth for the present
to be not joyous but grievous; yet
afterward it yieldeth peaceable
fruit unto them that have been
exercised thereby, *even the fruit* of
righteousness. 12 Wherefore [12]lift
up the hands that hang down, and
the palsied knees; 13 and make
straight paths for your feet, that
that which is lame be not [13]turned
out of the way, but rather be
healed.

14 Follow after peace with all
men, and the sanctification with-
out which no man shall see the
Lord: 15 looking carefully [14]lest
there be any man that [15]falleth short
of the grace of God; lest any root
of bitterness springing up trouble
you, and thereby the many be de-
filed; 16 [14]lest *there be* any fornica-
tor, or profane person, as Ē'sau,
who for one mess of meat sold his
own birthright. 17 For ye know
that even when he afterward de-
sired to inherit the blessing, he was
[16]rejected; for he found no place
for a change of mind *in his father*,
though he sought it diligently with
tears.

18 For ye are not come unto
[17]*a mount* that might be touched,

1 Or, *beaten to death* 2 Gr. *the redemption* 3 Or, *foresaw* 4 Or, *encumbrance* 5 Or, *doth closely cling to us* Or, *is admired of many* 6 Or, *steadfastness* 7 Or, *captain* 8 Many ancient authorities read *themselves*. Comp. Num. 16.38 9 Prov. 3.11 f.

10 Or, *Endure unto chastening* Or, *our spirits* 12 Gr. *make straight* 13 Or, *put out of joint* 14 Or, *whether* 15 Or, *falleth back from* 16 Or, *rejected (for he found no place of repentance) &c.* Or, *rejected; for . . . of repentance &c.* Comp. ch. 6.6; 2 Esdr. 9.11; Wisd. 12.10 17 Or, *a palpable and kindled fire*

and that burned with fire, and unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which *voice* they that heard entreated that no word more should be spoken unto them; 20 for they could not endure that which was enjoined, [1]If even a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned; 21 and so fearful was the appearance, *that* Mō'sĕs said, [2]I exceedingly fear and quake: 22 but ye are come unto mount Zĭ'ŏn, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, [3]and to [4]innumerable hosts of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 and to Jē'sŭs the mediator of a new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better [5]than *that of* Abel. 25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not when they refused him that warned *them* on earth, much more *shall not* we *escape* who turn away from him [6]that *warneth* from heaven: 26 whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, [7]Yet once more will I make to tremble not the earth only, but also the heaven. 27 And this *word*, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that have been made, that those things which are not shaken may remain. 28 Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have [8]grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with [9]reverence and awe: 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

13 Let love of the brethren continue. 2 Forget not to show love unto strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. 3 Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; them that are ill-treated, as being yourselves also in the body. 4 *Let* marriage *be* had in honor among all, and *let* the bed *be* undefiled: for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. 5 [10]Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, [11]I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee. 6 So that with good courage we say,

[12]The Lord is my helper; I will not fear:
What shall man do unto me?

7 Remember them that had the rule over you, men that spake unto you the word of God; and considering the issue of their [13]life, imitate their faith. 8 Jē'sŭs Chrĭst *is* the same yesterday and to-day, *yea* and [14]for ever. 9 Be not carried away by divers and strange teachings: for it is good that the heart be established by grace; not by meats, wherein they that [15]occupied themselves were not profited. 10 We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat that serve the tabernacle. 11 For the bodies of those beasts whose blood is brought into the holy place [16]by the high priest *as an offering* for sin, are burned without the camp. 12 Wherefore Jē'sŭs also, that he might sanctify the people through his own blood, suffered without the gate. 13 Let us therefore go forth unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. 14 For we have not here an abiding city, but we seek after *the city* which is to come. 15 Through him [17]then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to his name. 16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. 17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit *to them*: for they watch in behalf of your souls,

[1] Ex. 19.12 f. [2] Dt. 9.19 [3] Or, *and to innumerable hosts, the general assembly of angels, and the church &c.* [4] Gr. *myriads of angels* [5] Or, *than Abel* [6] Or, *that is from heaven* [7] Hag. 2.6 [8] Or, *thankfulness* Comp. 1 Cor. 10.30 Comp. ch. 5.7 [9] Or, *godly fear* [10] Gr. Let *your turn* of mind be *free* [11] Dt. 31.6; Josh. 1.5 [12] Ps. 118.6 [13] Gr. *manner of life* [14] Gr. *unto the ages* [15] Gr. *walked* [16] Gr. *through* [17] Some ancient authorities omit *then*

as they that shall give account; that they may do this with joy, and not with [1]grief: for this *were* unprofitable for you.

18 Pray for us: for we are persuaded that we have a good conscience, desiring to live honorably in all things. 19 And I exhort *you* the more exceedingly to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

20 Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep [2]with the blood of an eternal covenant, *even* our Lord Jē'sŭs, 21 make you perfect in every good [3]thing to do his will, working in [4]us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jē'sŭs Christ; to whom *be* the glory [5]for ever and ever. Ā-mĕn'.

22 But I exhort you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation: for I have written unto you in few words. 23 Know ye that our brother Tĭm'ŏ-thy hath been set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.

24 Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. [6]They of ĭt'ă-lў salute you.

25 Grace be with you all. Ā-mĕn'.

[1] Gr. *groaning* [2] Or, *by* Gr. *in* [3] Many ancient authorities read *work*

[4] Many ancient authorities read *you* [5] Gr. *unto the ages of the ages* [6] Or, *The* brethren *from &c.*

THE EPISTLE OF
JAMES

Address and Greeting. Pray in Faith. Rejoice in Lowliness

1 [1]James, a [2]servant of God and of the Lord Jē'sŭs Christ, to the twelve tribes which are of the Dispersion, [3]greeting.

2 Count it all joy, my brethren, when ye fall into manifold [4]temptations; 3 knowing that the proving of your faith worketh [5]patience. 4 And let [5]patience have *its* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing.

5 But if any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting: for he that doubteth is like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think [6]that he shall receive anything of the Lord; 8 a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

9 But let the brother of low degree glory in his high estate: 10 and the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. 11 For the sun ariseth with the scorching wind, and withereth the grass; and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his goings.

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which *the Lord* promised to them that love him. 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted [7]of God; for God [8]cannot be tempted with [9]evil, and he himself tempteth no man: 14 but each man is [10]tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is fullgrown, bringeth forth death. 16 Be not deceived, my beloved

[1] Or, *Jacob* [2] Gr. *bondservant* [3] Gr. *wisheth joy* [4] Or, *trials* [5] Or, *stedfastness* [6] Or, *that a doubleminded man, unstable in all his ways, shall receive anything of the Lord*

[7] Gr. *from* [8] Or, *is untried in evil* [9] Gr. *evil things* [10] Or, *tempted by his own lust, being drawn away by it, and enticed*

brethren. 17 Every good [1]gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

19 [2]Ye know *this*, my beloved brethren. But let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20 for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. 21 Wherefore putting away all filthiness and overflowing of [3]wickedness, receive with meekness the [4]implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves. 23 For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding [5]his natural face in a mirror: 24 for he beholdeth himself, and goeth away, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But he that looketh into the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and *so* continueth, being not a hearer that forgetteth but a doer that worketh, this man shall be blessed in his doing. 26 If any man [6]thinketh himself to be religious, while he bridleth not his tongue but deceiveth his heart, this man's religion is vain. 27 Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

2 My brethren, [7]hold not the faith of our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with respect of persons. 2 For if there come into your [8]synagogue a man with a gold ring, in fine clothing, and there come in also a poor man in vile clothing; 3 and ye have regard to him that weareth the fine clothing, and say, Sit thou here in a good place; and ye say to the poor man, Stand thou there, or sit under my footstool; 4 [9]do ye not make distinctions [10]among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Hearken, my beloved brethren; did not God choose them that are poor as to the world *to be* rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he promised to them that love him? 6 But ye have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you, and themselves drag you before the judgment seats? 7 Do not they blaspheme the honorable name [11]by which ye are called? 8 Howbeit if ye fulfil the royal law, according to the scripture, [12]Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well: 9 but if ye have respect of persons, ye commit sin, being convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is become guilty of all. 11 For he that said, [13]Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou dost not commit adultery, but killest, thou art become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak ye, and so do, as men that are to be judged by a law of liberty. 13 For judgment *is* without mercy to him that hath showed no mercy: mercy glorieth against judgment.

14 What doth it profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith, but have not works? can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked and in lack of daily food, 16 and one of you say unto them, Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled; and yet ye give them not the things needful to the body; what doth it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it have not works, is dead in itself. 18 [14]Yea, a man will say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith apart from *thy* works, and I by my works will show thee *my* faith. 19 Thou believest that [15]God is one; thou doest

1 Or, *giving* 2 Or, *Know ye* 3 Or, *malice* 4 Or, *inborn* 5 Gr. *the face of his birth* 6 Or, *seemeth to be* 7 Or, *do ye, in accepting persons, hold the faith . . . glory?* 8 Or, *assembly* Comp. Heb. 10.25 (Gr.)

9 Or, *are ye not divided* 10 Or, *in your own mind* 11 Gr. *which was called upon you?* See Acts 15.17 12 Lev.19.18 13 Ex. 20.13 f. Dt. 5.17 f. 14 Or, *But some one will say* 15 Some ancient authorities read *there is one God*

well: the demons also believe, and shudder. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith apart from works is barren? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, in that he offered up Ĭ'sāac his son upon the altar? 22 [1]Thou seest that faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect; 23 and the scripture was fulfilled which saith, [2]And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness; [3]and he was called the friend of God. 24 Ye see that by works a man is justified, and not only by faith. 25 And in like manner was not also Rā'hăb the harlot justified by works, in that she received the messengers, and sent them out another way? 26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, even so faith apart from works is dead.

3 Be not many *of you* teachers, my brethren, knowing that we shall receive [4]heavier judgment. 2 For in many things we all stumble. If any stumbleth not in word, the same is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also. 3 Now if we put the horses' bridles into their mouths that they may obey us, we turn about their whole body also. 4 Behold, the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by rough winds, are yet turned about by a very small rudder, whither the impulse of the steersman willeth. 5 So the tongue also is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, [5]how much wood is kindled by how small a fire! 6 And the tongue is [6]a fire: [7]the world of iniquity among our members is the tongue, which defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the wheel of [8]nature, and is set on fire by [9]hell. 7 For every [10]kind of beasts and birds, of creeping things and things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed [11]by [12]mankind: 8 but the tongue can no man tame; *it is* a restless evil, *it is* full of deadly poison. 9 Therewith bless we the Lord and Father; and therewith curse we men, who are made after the likeness of God: 10 out of the same mouth cometh forth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. 11 Doth the fountain send forth from the same opening sweet *water* and bitter? 12 can a fig tree, my brethren, yield olives, or a vine figs? neither *can* salt water yield sweet.

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? let him show by his good life his works in meekness of wisdom. 14 But if ye have bitter jealousy and faction in your heart, glory not and lie not against the truth. 15 This wisdom is not *a wisdom* that cometh down from above, but is earthly, [13]sensual, [14]devilish. 16 For where jealousy and faction are, there is confusion and every vile deed. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without [15]variance, without hypocrisy. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace [16]for them that make peace.

4 Whence *come* wars and whence *come* fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your pleasures that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and [17]covet, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war; ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may spend *it* in your pleasures. 4 Ye [18]adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore would be a friend of the world maketh himself an enemy of God. 5 Or think ye that the scripture [19]speaketh in vain?

[1] Or, *Seest thou . . . perfect?* [2] Gen. 15.6 [3] Is. 41.8; 2 Chr. 20.7 [4] Gr. *greater* [5] Or, *how great a forest* [6] Or, *a fire, that world of iniquity: the tongue is among our members that which &c.* [7] Or, *that world of iniquity, the tongue, is among our members that which &c.* [8] Or, *birth* [9] Gr. *Gehenna* [10] Gr. *nature* [11] Or, *unto* [12] Gr. *the human nature* [13] Or, *natural* Or, *animal* [14] Gr. *demoniacal* [15] Or, *doubtfulness* Or, *partiality* [16] Or, *by* [17] Gr. *are jealous* [18] That is, *who break your marriage vow to God* [19] Or, *saith in vain*

[1]Doth the spirit which [2]he made to dwell in us long unto envying? 6 But he giveth [3]more grace. Wherefore *the scripture* saith, [4]God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. 7 Be subject therefore unto God; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye doubleminded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall exalt you.

11 Speak not one against another, brethren. He that speaketh against a brother, or judgeth his brother, speaketh against the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judgest the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. 12 One *only* is the lawgiver and judge, *even* he who is able to save and to destroy: but who art thou that judgest thy neighbor?

13 Come now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain: 14 whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For ye are a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. 15 [5]For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall both live, and do this or that. 16 But now ye glory in your vauntings: all such glorying is evil. 17 To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

5 Come now, ye rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you. 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and your silver are rusted; and their rust shall be for a testimony [6]against you, and shall eat your flesh as fire. Ye have laid up your treasure in the last days. 4 Behold, the hire of the laborers who mowed your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth out: and the cries of them that reaped have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sā-bā'ōth. 5 Ye have lived delicately on the earth, and taken your pleasure; ye have nourished your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6 Ye have condemned, ye have killed the righteous *one*; he doth not resist you.

7 Be patient therefore, brethren, until the [7]coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it, until [8]it receive the early and latter rain. 8 Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the [7]coming of the Lord is at hand. 9 Murmur not, brethren, one against another, that ye be not judged: behold, the judge standeth before the doors. 10 Take, brethren, for an example of suffering and of patience, the prophets who spake in the name of the Lord. 11 Behold, we call them blessed that endured: ye have heard of the [9]patience of Jōb, and have seen the end of the Lord, how that the Lord is full of pity, and merciful.

12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by the heaven, nor by the earth, nor by any other oath: but [10]let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay; that ye fall not under judgment.

13 Is any among you suffering? let him pray. Is any cheerful? let him sing praise. 14 Is any among you sick? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, [11]anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: 15 and the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him. 16 Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.

[1] Or, *The spirit which he made to dwell in us he yearneth for even unto jealous envy*; Comp. Jer. 3.14; Hos. 2.19 f. Or, *That Spirit which he made to dwell in us yearneth for us even unto jealous envy* [2] Some ancient authorities read *dwelleth in us* [3] Gr. *a greater grace* [4] Prov. 3.34 [5] Gr. *Instead of your saying* [6] Or, *unto* [7] Gr. *presence* [8] Or, *he* [9] Or, *endurance* [10] Or, *let yours be the yea, yea, and the nay, nay*. Comp. Mt. 5.37 [11] Or, *having anointed*

The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working. 17 Ĕ-lī'jăh was a man of like [1]passions with us, and he prayed [2]fervently that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth for three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again; and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

19 My brethren, if any among you err from the truth, and one convert him; 20 [3]let him know, that he who converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins.

[1] Or, *nature*
[2] Gr. *with prayer*
[3] Some ancient authorities read *know ye*

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF
PETER

Address and Salutation. The "Inheritance Incorruptible and that fadeth not away"

1 Peter, an apostle of Jē'sŭs Christ, to the elect who are sojourners of the Dispersion in Pŏn'tŭs, Gă-lā'tĭ-ă, Căp-pă-dō'cĭ-ă, Ā'sĭ-ă, and Bĭ-thўn'ĭ-ă, 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jē'sŭs Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

3 Blessed *be* [1]the God and Father of our Lord Jē'sŭs Christ, who according to his great mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jē'sŭs Christ from the dead, 4 unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, ye have been put to grief in manifold [2]trials, 7 that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold that perisheth though it is proved by fire, may be found unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jē'sŭs Christ: 8 whom not having seen ye love; on whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice greatly with joy unspeakable and [3]full of glory: 9 receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls. 10 Concerning which salvation the prophets sought and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that *should come* unto you: 11 searching what *time* or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did point unto, when it testified beforehand the sufferings [4]of Christ, and the glories that should follow them. 12 To whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto you, did they minister these things, which now have been announced unto you through them that [5]preached the gospel unto you [6]by the Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven; which things angels desire to look into.

13 Wherefore girding up the loins of your mind, be sober and set your hope perfectly on the grace that [7]is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jē'sŭs Christ; 14 as children of obedience, not fashioning yourselves according to your former lusts in *the time of* your

[1] Or, *God and the Father.* See Rom. 15.6 marg.
[2] Or, *temptations*
[3] Gr. *glorified*
[4] Gr. *unto*
[5] Gr. *brought good tidings.* Comp. Mt. 11.5
[6] Gr. *in*
[7] Gr. *is being brought*

ignorance: 15 but [1]like as he who called you is holy, be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living; 16 because it is written, [2]Ye shall be holy; for I am holy. 17 And if ye call on him as Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to each man's work, pass the time of your sojourning in fear: 18 knowing that ye were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers; 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, *even the blood* of Christ: 20 who was foreknown indeed before the foundation of the world, but was manifested at the end of the times for your sake, 21 who through him are believers in God, that raised him from the dead, and gave him glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God. 22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another [3]from the heart fervently: 23 having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of [4]God, which liveth and abideth. 24 For,

> [5]All flesh is as grass,
> And all the glory thereof as the flower of grass.
> The grass withereth, and the flower falleth:

25 But the [6]word of the Lord abideth for ever.

And this is the [6]word of good tidings which was [7]preached unto you.

2 Putting away therefore all [8]wickedness, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, 2 as newborn babes, long for the [9]spiritual milk which is without guile, that ye may grow thereby unto salvation; 3 if ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious: 4 unto whom coming, a living stone, rejected indeed of men, but with God elect, [10]precious, 5 ye also, as living stones, are built up [11]a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jĕ'sŭs Christ. 6 Because it is contained in [12]scripture,

> [13]Behold, I lay in Zī'ŏn a chief corner stone, elect, [10]precious:
> And he that believeth on [14]him shall not be put to shame.

7 [15]For you therefore that believe is the [16]preciousness: but for such as disbelieve,

> [17]The stone which the builders rejected,
> The same was made the head of the corner;

8 and,

> [18]A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence;

[19]for they [20]stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. 9 But ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 10 who in time past were no people, but now are the people of God: who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

11 Beloved, I beseech you as sojourners and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 having your behavior seemly among the Gĕn'tīles; that, wherein they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

13 Be subject to every [21]ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether to the king, as supreme; 14 or unto governors, as sent [22]by

[1] Or, *like the Holy One who called you* [2] Lev. 11.44 f.; 19.2; 20.7 [3] Many ancient authorities read *from a clean heart.* Comp. 1 Tim. 1.5 [4] Or, *God who liveth.* Comp. Dan. 6.26 [5] Is. 40.6 ff. [6] Gr. *saying* [7] See ver. 12 [8] Or, *malice.* 1 Cor.14.20 [9] Gr. *belonging to the reason.* Comp. Rom. 12.1 [10] Or, *honorable* [11] Or, *a spiritual house for a holy priesthood* [12] Or, *a scripture* [13] Is. 28.16 [14] Or, *it* [15] Or, *In your sight* [16] Or, *honor* [17] Ps. 118.22 [18] Is. 8.14 [19] Gr. *who* [20] Or, *stumble, being disobedient to the word* [21] Gr. *creation* [22] Gr. *through*

him for vengeance on evil-doers and for praise to them that do well. 15 For so is the will of God, that by well-doing ye should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: 16 as free, and not [1]using your freedom for a cloak of [2]wickedness, but as bondservants of God. 17 Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

18 [3]Servants, *be* in subjection to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. 19 For this is [4]acceptable, if for conscience [5]toward God a man endureth griefs, suffering wrongfully. 20 For what glory is it, if, when ye sin, and are buffeted *for it*, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*, ye shall take it patiently, this is [4]acceptable with God. 21 For hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not; but committed [6]*himself* to him that judgeth righteously: 24 who his own self [7]bare our sins in his body upon the tree, that we, having died unto sins, might live unto righteousness; by whose [8]stripes ye were healed. 25 For ye were going astray like sheep; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and [9]Bishop of your souls.

3 In like manner, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; that, even if any obey not the word, they may without the word be gained by the [10]behavior of their wives; 2 beholding your chaste [10]behavior *coupled* with fear. 3 Whose *adorning* let it not be the outward adorning of braiding the hair, and of wearing jewels of gold, or of putting on apparel; 4 but *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in the incorruptible *apparel* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 5 For after this manner aforetime the holy women also, who hoped in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection to their own [11]husbands: 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose children ye now are, if ye do well, and are not [12]put in fear by any terror.

7 Ye husbands, in like manner, dwell with *your wives* according to knowledge, giving honor [13]unto the woman, as unto the weaker vessel, as being also joint-heirs of the grace of life; to the end that your prayers be not hindered.

8 Finally, *be* ye all likeminded, [14]compassionate, loving as brethren, tenderhearted, humbleminded: 9 not rendering evil for evil, or reviling for reviling; but contrariwise blessing; for hereunto were ye called, that ye should inherit a blessing. 10 For,

> [15]He that would love life,
> And see good days,
> Let him refrain his tongue from evil,
> And his lips that they speak no guile:
> 11 And let him turn away from evil, and do good;
> Let him seek peace, and pursue it.
> 12 For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
> And his ears unto their supplication:
> But the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil.

13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be zealous of that which is good? 14 But even if ye should suffer for righteousness' sake, blessed *are ye:* and fear not their fear, neither be troubled; 15 but sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord: *being* ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope

[1] Gr. *having* [2] Or, *malice*. 1 Cor. 14.20 [3] Gr. *Household-servants* Gr. *grace* [5] Gr. *of* [6] Or, *his cause* [7] Or, *carried up . . . to the tree*. Comp. Col. 2.14; 1 Macc. 4.53 (Gr.) [8] Gr. *bruise* [9] Or, *Overseer*

[10] Or, *manner of life* ver. 16 [11] Or, *husbands (as Sarah . . . ye are become), doing well, and not being afraid* [12] Or, *afraid with* [13] Gr. *unto the female vessel, as weaker* [14] Gr. *sympathetic* [15] Ps. 34.12 ff.

that is in you, yet with meekness and fear: 16 having a good conscience; that, wherein ye are spoken against, they may be put to shame who revile your good manner of life in Christ. 17 For it is better, if the will of God should so will, that ye suffer for well-doing than for evil-doing. 18 Because Christ also [1]suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; 19 in which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison, 20 that aforetime were disobedient, when the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, [2]wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water: 21 which also [3]after a true likeness doth now save you, *even* baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the [4]interrogation of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jĕ'sŭs Christ; 22 who is on the right hand of God, having gone into heaven; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

4 Forasmuch then as Christ suffered in the flesh, arm ye yourselves also with the same [5]mind; for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased [6]from sin; 2 that [7]ye no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. 3 For the time past may suffice to have wrought the desire of the Gĕn'tiles, and to have walked in lasciviousness, lusts, winebibbings, revellings, carousings, and abominable idolatries: 4 wherein they think it strange that ye run not with *them* into the same [8]excess of riot, speaking evil of *you*: 5 who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6 For unto this end [9]was the gospel preached even to the dead, that they might be judged indeed according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore of sound mind, and be sober unto [10]prayer: 8 above all things being fervent in your love among yourselves; for love covereth a multitude of sins: 9 using hospitality one to another without murmuring: 10 according as each hath received a gift, ministering it among yourselves, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God; 11 if any man speaketh, *speaking* as it were oracles of God; if any man ministereth, *ministering* as of the strength which God supplieth: that in all things God may be glorified through Jē'sŭs Christ, whose is the glory and the dominion [11]for ever and ever. Ā-mĕn'.

12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial among you, which cometh upon you to prove you, as though a strange thing happened unto you: 13 but insomuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice; that at the revelation of his glory also ye may rejoice with exceeding joy. 14 If ye are reproached [12]for the name of Christ, blessed *are ye*; because the *Spirit* of glory and the Spirit of God resteth upon you. 15 For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler in other men's matters: 16 but if *a man suffer* as a Chris'tiăn, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name. 17 For the time *is come* for judgment to begin at the house of God: and if *it begin* first at us, what *shall be* the end of them that obey not the [13]gospel of God? 18 And if the righteous is scarcely saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear? 19 Wherefore let them also that

[1] Many ancient authorities read *died* [2] Or, *into which few, that is, eight souls, were brought safely through water* [3] Or, *in the antitype* [4] Or, *inquiry* Or, *appeal* [5] Or, *thought* [6] Some ancient authorities read *unto sins* [7] Or, *he no longer . . . his time* [8] Or, *flood*

[9] Or, *were the good tidings preached* [10] Gr. *prayers* [11] Gr. *unto the ages of the ages* [12] Gr. *in* [13] Gr. *good tidings*. See Mt. 4.23 marg.

suffer according to the will of God commit their souls in well-doing unto a faithful Creator.

5 The elders therefore among you I exhort, who am a fellow-elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, who am also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 Tend the flock of God which is among you, [1]exercising the oversight, not of constraint, but willingly, [2]according to *the will of* God; nor yet for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 neither as lording it over the charge allotted to you, but making yourselves ensamples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall be manifested, ye shall receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. 5 [3]Likewise, ye younger, be subject unto the elder. Yea, all of you gird yourselves with humility, to serve one another: for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; 7 casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you. 8 Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 whom withstand stedfast in [4]your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are [5]accomplished in your [6]brethren who are in the world. 10 And the God of all grace, who called you unto his eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall himself [7]perfect, establish, strengthen [8]you. 11 To him *be* the dominion [9]for ever and ever. Ā-mĕn′.

12 By Sĭl-vā′nŭs, [10]*our* faithful brother, as I account *him*, I have written unto you briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God: stand ye fast therein. 13 [11]She that is in Băb′-ў-lŏn, elect together with *you*, saluteth you; and *so doth* Mark my son. 14 Salute one another with a kiss of love.

Peace be unto you all that are in Christ.

[1] Some ancient authorities omit *exercising the oversight* [2] Some ancient authorities omit *according to* the will of *God* [3] Or, *Likewise . . . elder; yea, all of you one to another. Gird yourselves with humility*

[4] Or, *the* [5] Gr. *being accomplished* [6] Gr. *brotherhood* [7] Or, *restore* [8] Many ancient authorities add *settle* [9] Gr. *unto the ages of the ages* [10] Gr. *the* [11] That is, The church, or, The sister

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

Address and Salutation

1 [1]Sī′mŏn Peter, a [2]servant and apostle of Jē′sŭs Christ, to them that have obtained [3]a like precious faith with us in the righteousness of [4]our God and *the* Saviour Jē′sŭs Christ: 2 Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jē′sŭs our Lord; 3 seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us [5]by his own glory and virtue; 4 whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of [6]the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. 5 Yea, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in *your* virtue knowledge; 6 and in *your* knowledge self-control; and in *your*

[1] Many ancient authorities read *Symeon*. See Acts 15.14 [2] Gr. *bondservant* [3] Gr. *an equally precious* [4] Or, *our God and Saviour*. Comp. ver. 11; 2.20; 3.18; Tit. 2.13

[5] Some ancient authorities read *through glory and virtue* [6] Or, *a*

self-control [1]patience; and in *your* [1]patience godliness; 7 and in *your* godliness [2]brotherly kindness; and in *your* [2]brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jē′sŭs Christ. 9 For he that lacketh these things is blind, [3]seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. 10 Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never stumble: 11 for thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jē′sŭs Christ.

12 Wherefore I shall be ready always to put you in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and are established in the truth which is with *you*. 13 And I think it right, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; 14 knowing that the putting off of my tabernacle cometh swiftly, even as our Lord Jē′sŭs Christ signified unto me. 15 Yea, I will give diligence that at every time ye may be able after my [4]decease to call these things to remembrance. 16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and [5]coming of our Lord Jē′sŭs Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he [6]received from God the Father honor and glory, when there was borne such a voice to him by the Majestic Glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: 18 and this voice we *ourselves* heard borne out of heaven, when we were with him in the holy mount. 19 And we have the word of prophecy *made* more sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a [7]dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts: 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of [8]private interpretation. 21 For no prophecy ever [9]came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.

2 But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in [10]destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their lascivious doings; by reason of whom the way of the truth shall be evil spoken of. 3 And in covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose sentence now from of old lingereth not, and their destruction slumbereth not. 4 For if God spared not angels when they sinned, but [11]cast them down to [12]hell, and committed them to [13]pits of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; 5 and spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah with seven others, [14]a preacher of righteousness, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; 6 and turning the cities of Sŏd′ŏm and Gō-mŏr′răh into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, having made them an example unto those that should live ungodly; 7 and delivered righteous Lot, sore distressed by the lascivious life of the wicked 8 (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, [15]vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* lawless deeds): 9 the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment unto the day of judgment; 10 but chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of defilement, and despise dominion. Daring, self-willed, they tremble not to rail at [16]dignities:

[1] Or, *stedfastness* [2] Gr. *love of the brethren* [3] Or, *closing his eyes* [4] Or, *departure* [5] Gr. *presence* [6] Gr. *having received* [7] Gr. *squalid* [8] Or, *special* [9] Gr. *was brought* [10] Or, *sects of perdition* [11] Or, *cast them into dungeons* [12] Gr. *Tartarus* [13] Some ancient authorities read *chains*. Comp. Wisd. 17.17 [14] Gr. *a herald* [15] Gr. *tormented* [16] Gr. *glories*

11 whereas angels, though greater
in might and power, bring not a
railing judgment against them be-
fore the Lord. 12 But these, as
creatures without reason, born
[1]mere animals [2]to be taken and
destroyed, railing in matters where-
of they are ignorant, shall in their
[3]destroying surely be destroyed,
13 suffering wrong as the hire of
wrong-doing; *men* that count it
pleasure to revel in the day-time,
spots and blemishes, revelling in
their [4]deceivings while they feast
with you; 14 having eyes full of
[5]adultery, and that cannot cease
from sin; enticing unstedfast souls;
having a heart exercised in covet-
ousness; children of cursing; 15
forsaking the right way, they went
astray, having followed the way of
Bā'lăam the *son* of [6]Bē'ôr, who
loved the hire of wrong-doing; 16
but he was rebuked for his own
transgression: a dumb ass spake
with man's voice and stayed the
madness of the prophet. 17 These
are springs without water, and
mists driven by a storm; for whom
the blackness of darkness hath
been reserved. 18 For, uttering
great swelling *words* of vanity,
they entice in the lusts of the flesh,
by lasciviousness, those who are
just escaping from them that live
in error; 19 promising them liber-
ty, while they themselves are
bondservants of corruption; for of
[7]whom a man is overcome, of the
same is he also brought into bond-
age. 20 For if, after they have es-
caped the defilements of the world
through the knowledge of [8]the
Lord and Saviour Jē'sŭs Christ,
they are again entangled therein
and overcome, the last state is be-
come worse with them than the
first. 21 For it were better for
them not to have known the way
of righteousness, than, after know-
ing it, to turn back from the holy
commandment delivered unto
them. 22 It has happened unto
them according to the true pro-
verb, [9]The dog turning to his own
vomit again, and the sow that
had washed to wallowing in the
mire.

3 This is now, beloved, the
second epistle that I write unto
you; and in both of them I stir up
your sincere mind by putting you
in remembrance; 2 that ye should
remember the words which were
spoken before by the holy proph-
ets, and the commandment of the
Lord and Saviour through your
apostles: 3 knowing this first, that
[10]in the last days mockers shall
come with mockery, walking after
their own lusts, 4 and saying,
Where is the promise of his [11]com-
ing? for, from the day that the
fathers fell asleep, all things con-
tinue as they were from the be-
ginning of the creation. 5 For this
they wilfully forget, that there
were heavens from of old, and an
earth compacted out of water and
[12]amidst water, by the word of
God; 6 by which means the world
that then was, being overflowed
with water, perished: 7 but the
heavens that now are, and the
earth, by the same word have been
[13]stored up for fire, being reserved
against the day of judgment and
destruction of ungodly men.

8 But forget not this one thing,
beloved, that one day is with the
Lord as a thousand years, and a
thousand years as one day. 9 The
Lord is not slack concerning his
promise, as some count slackness;
but is longsuffering to you-ward,
not wishing that any should per-
ish, but that all should come to re-
pentance. 10 But the day of the
Lord will come as a thief; in the
which the heavens shall pass away
with a great noise, and the [14]ele-
ments shall be dissolved with fer-
vent heat, and the earth and the
works that are therein shall be
[15]burned up. 11 Seeing that these

[1] Gr. *natural* [2] Or, *to take and to destroy* [3] Or, *corruption*. Comp. 1 Tim. 6.9 [4] Some ancient authorities read *love-feasts*. Comp. Jude 12 [5] Gr. *an adulteress* [6] Many ancient authorities read *Bosor* [7] Or, *what* [8] Many ancient authorities read *our* [9] Prov. 26.11 [10] Gr. *in the last of the days* [11] Gr. *presence* [12] Or, *through* [13] Or, *stored with fire* [14] Or, *heavenly bodies* [15] The most ancient manuscripts read *discovered*

things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in *all* holy living and godliness, 12 looking for and [1]earnestly desiring the [2]coming of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the [3]elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for these things, give diligence that ye may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight. 15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote unto you; 16 as also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. 17 Ye therefore, beloved, knowing *these things* beforehand, beware lest, being carried away with the error of the wicked, ye fall from your own stedfastness. 18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jē'sŭs Christ. To him *be* the glory both now and [4]for ever. Ā-mĕn'.

[1] Or, *hastening* [2] Gr. *presence* [3] Or, *heavenly bodies* [4] Gr. *unto the day of eternity*. Ecclus. 18.10

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF
JOHN

Introduction. "Walk in the Light"

1 That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we beheld, and our hands handled, concerning the [1]Word of life 2 (and the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare unto you the life, the eternal *life*, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us); 3 that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you also, that ye also may have fellowship with us: yea, and our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jē'sŭs Christ: 4 and these things we write, that [2]our joy may be made full.

5 And this is the message which we have heard from him and announce unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jē'sŭs his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, these things write I unto you that ye may not sin. And if any man sin, we have an [3]Advocate with the Father, Jē'sŭs Christ the righteous: 2 and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the

[1] Or, *word*. Comp. Acts 5.20 [2] Many ancient authorities read *your* [3] Or, *Comforter* Jn. 14.16 Or, *Helper* Gr. *Paraclete*

whole world. 3 And hereby we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; 5 but whoso keepeth his word, in him verily hath the love of God been perfected. Hereby we know that we are in him: 6 he that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk even as he walked.

7 Beloved, no new commandment write I unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning: the old commandment is the word which ye heard. 8 Again, a new commandment write I unto you, which thing is true in him and in you; because the darkness is passing away, and the true light already shineth. 9 He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother, is in the darkness even until now. 10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is no occasion of stumbling in him. 11 But he that hateth his brother is in the darkness, and walketh in the darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because the darkness hath blinded his eyes.

12 I write unto you, *my* little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. 13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye know him who is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the evil one. [1]I have written unto you, little children, because ye know the Father. 14 [1]I have written unto you, fathers, because ye know him who is from the beginning. [1]I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the evil one. 15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

18 Little children, it is the last hour: and as ye heard that ăn'tī-chrĭst cometh, even now have there arisen many ăn'tī-chrĭsts; whereby we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest [2]that they all are not of us. 20 And ye have an anointing from the Holy One, [3]and ye know all things. 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and [4]because no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is the liar but he that denieth that Jē'sŭs is the Chrĭst? This is the ăn'tī-chrĭst, *even* he that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that confesseth the Son hath the Father also. 24 As for you, let that abide in you which ye heard from the beginning. If that which ye heard from the beginning abide in you, ye also shall abide in the Son, and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise which he promised [5]us, *even* the life eternal. 26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that would lead you astray. 27 And as for you, the anointing which ye received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any one teach you; but as his anointing teacheth you concerning all things, [6]and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, [7]ye abide in him. 28 And now, *my* little children, abide in him; that, if he shall be manifested, we may have boldness, and not be ashamed [8]before him at his [9]coming. 29 If ye know that he is

[1] Or, *I wrote*

[2] Or, *that not all are of us* [3] Some very ancient authorities read *and ye all know* [4] Or, *that* [5] Some ancient authorities read *you* [6] Or, *so it is true, and is no lie; and even as &c.* [7] Or, *abide ye* [8] Gr. *from him* [9] Gr. *presence*

righteous, [1]ye know that every one also that doeth righteousness is begotten of him.

3 Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this cause the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if [2]he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is. 3 And every one that hath this hope *set* on him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 4 Every one that doeth sin doeth also lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. 5 And ye know that he was manifested to [3]take away sins; and in him is no sin. 6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither [4]knoweth him. 7 *My* little children, let no man lead you astray: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous: 8 he that doeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. To this end was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is begotten of God doeth no sin, because his seed abideth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is begotten of God. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. 11 For this is the message which ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another: 12 not as Cain was of the evil one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13 Marvel not, brethren, if the world hateth you. 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not abideth in death. 15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. 16 Hereby know we love, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoso hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him? 18 *My* little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue; but in deed and truth. 19 Hereby shall we know that we are of the truth, and shall [5]assure our heart [6]before him: 20 because if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, we have boldness toward God; 22 and whatsoever we ask we receive of him, because we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his sight. 23 And this is his commandment, that we should [7]believe in the name of his Son Jĕ'sŭs Chrĭst, and love one another, even as he gave us commandment. 24 And he that keepeth his commandments abideth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he gave us.

4 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesseth that Jĕ"sŭs Chrĭst is come in the flesh is of God: 3 and every spirit that [8]confesseth not Jĕ'sŭs is not of God: and this is the *spirit* of the ăn'tĭ-chrĭst, whereof ye have heard that it cometh; and now it is in the world already. 4 Ye are of God, *my* little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.

[1] Or, *know ye* [2] Or, *it* [3] Or, *bear sins* [4] Or, *hath known* [5] Gr. *persuade*. Comp. Mt. 28.14 [6] Or, *before him, whereinsoever our heart condemn us; because God &c.* [7] Gr. *believe the name* [8] Some ancient authorities read *annulleth Jesus*

5 They are of the world: therefore
speak they *as* of the world, and the
world heareth them. 6 We are of
God: he that knoweth God hear-
eth us; he who is not of God hear-
eth us not. By this we know the
spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.
7 Beloved, let us love one anoth-
er: for love is of God; and every one
that loveth is begotten of God, and
knoweth God. 8 He that loveth
not knoweth not God; for God is
love. 9 Herein was the love of
God manifested [1]in us, that God
hath sent his only begotten Son
into the world that we might live
through him. 10 Herein is love,
not that we loved God, but that he
loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the
propitiation for our sins. 11 Be-
loved, if God so loved us, we also
ought to love one another. 12 No
man hath beheld God at any time:
if we love one another, God abid-
eth in us, and his love is perfected
in us: 13 hereby we know that we
abide in him and he in us, because
he hath given us of his Spirit.
14 And we have beheld and bear
witness that the Father hath sent
the Son *to be* the Saviour of the
world. 15 Whosoever shall con-
fess that Jē'sŭs is the Son of God,
God abideth in him, and he in God.
16 And we know and have believed
the love which God hath [1]in us.
God is love; and he that abideth in
love abideth in God, and God
abideth in him. 17 Herein is love
made perfect with us, that we may
have boldness in the day of judg-
ment; because as he is, even so are
we in this world. 18 There is no
fear in love: but perfect love cast-
eth out fear, because fear hath
punishment; and he that feareth is
not made perfect in love. 19 We
love, because he first loved us. 20
If a man say, I love God, and hat-
eth his brother, he is a liar: for he
that loveth not his brother whom
he hath seen, [2]cannot love God
whom he hath not seen. 21 And
this commandment have we from
him, that he who loveth God love
his brother also.

5 Whosoever believeth that Jē'-
sŭs is the Christ is begotten of
God: and whosoever loveth him
that begat loveth him also that is
begotten of him. 2 Hereby we
know that we love the children of
God, when we love God and do his
commandments. 3 For this is the
love of God, that we keep his com-
mandments: and his command-
ments are not grievous. 4 For
whatsoever is begotten of God
overcometh the world: and this is
the victory that hath overcome the
world, *even* our faith. 5 And who
is he that overcometh the world,
but he that believeth that Jē'sŭs
is the Son of God? 6 This is he
that came by water and blood,
even Jē'sŭs Christ; not [3]with the
water only, but [3]with the water and
[3]with the blood. 7 And it is the
Spirit that beareth witness, be-
cause the Spirit is the truth. 8 For
there are three who bear witness,
the Spirit, and the water, and the
blood: and the three agree in one.
9 If we receive the witness of men,
the witness of God is greater: for
the witness of God is this, that he
hath borne witness concerning his
Son. 10 He that believeth on the
Son of God hath the witness in
him: he that believeth not God
hath made him a liar; because he
hath not believed in the witness
that God hath borne concerning his
Son. 11 And the witness is this,
that God gave unto us eternal life,
and this life is in his Son. 12 He
that hath the Son hath the life; he
that hath not the Son of God hath
not the life.

13 These things have I written
unto you, that ye may know that
ye have eternal life, *even* unto you
that believe on the name of the
Son of God. 14 And this is the
boldness which we have toward
him, that, if we ask anything ac-
cording to his will, he heareth us:
15 and if we know that he heareth
us whatsoever we ask, we know

[1] Or, *in our case*. [2] Many ancient authorities read *how can he love God whom he hath not seen?*

[3] Gr. *in*

that we have the petitions which we have asked of him. 16 If any man see his brother sinning a sin not unto death, [1]he shall ask, and *God* will give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is [2]a sin unto death: not concerning this do I say that he should make request. 17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is [2]a sin not unto death.

18 We know that whosoever is begotten of God sinneth not; but he that was begotten of God keepeth [3]himself, and the evil one toucheth him not. 19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in the evil one. 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jē'sŭs Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. 21 *My* little children, guard yourselves from idols.

[1] Or, *he shall ask and shall give him life, even to them &c.* [2] Or, *sin*

[3] Some ancient authorities read *him*

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF

JOHN

Salutation. "Walk after His Commandments." "Abide in the Teaching of Christ." Farewell

1 The elder unto the elect [1]lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not I only, but also all they that know the truth; 2 for the truth's sake which abideth in us, and it shall be with us for ever: 3 Grace, mercy, peace shall be with us, from God the Father, and from Jē'sŭs Chrīst, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4 I rejoice greatly that I have found *certain* of thy children walking in truth, even as we received commandment from the Father. 5 And now I beseech thee, [1]lady, not as though I wrote to thee a new commandment, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. 6 And this is love, that we should walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, even as ye heard from the beginning, that ye should walk in it. 7 For many deceivers are gone forth into the world, *even* they that confess not that Jē'sŭs Chrīst cometh in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the ăn'tĭ-chrīst. 8 Look to yourselves, that ye [2]lose not the things which [3]we have wrought, but that ye receive a full reward. 9 Whosoever [4]goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Father and the Son. 10 If any one cometh unto you, and bringeth not this teaching, receive him not into *your* house, and give him no greeting: 11 for he that giveth him greeting partaketh in his evil works.

12 Having many things to write unto you, I would not *write them* with paper and ink: but I hope to come unto you, and to speak face to face, that your joy may be made full. 13 The children of thine elect sister salute thee.

[1] Or, *Cyria*

[2] Or, *destroy* [3] Many ancient authorities read *ye* [4] Or, *taketh the lead.* Comp. 3 Jn. 9

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF
JOHN

Address to Gaius. Prayer for his Prosperity. "Peace be unto Thee"

1 The elder unto Gā'ĭŭs the beloved, whom I love in truth.

2 Beloved, I pray that in all things thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 For I [1]rejoiced greatly, when brethren came and bare witness unto thy truth, even as thou walkest in truth. 4 Greater joy have I none than [2]this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

5 Beloved, thou doest a faithful work in whatsoever thou doest toward them that are brethren and strangers withal; 6 who bare witness to thy love before the church: whom thou wilt do well to set forward on their journey worthily of God: 7 because that for the sake of the Name they went forth, taking nothing of the Gĕn'tiles. 8 We therefore ought to welcome such, that we may be fellow-workers [3]for the truth.

9 I wrote somewhat unto the church: but Dī-ŏt'rĕ-phēs, who loveth to have the preëminence among them, receiveth us not. 10 Therefore, if I come, I will bring to remembrance his works which he doeth, prating against us with wicked words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and them that would he forbiddeth and casteth *them* out of the church. 11 Beloved, imitate not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: he that doeth evil hath not seen God. 12 Dē-mē'trĭ-ŭs hath the witness of all *men*, and of the truth itself: yea, we also bear witness; and thou knowest that our witness is true.

13 I had many things to write unto thee, but I am unwilling to write *them* to thee with ink and pen: 14 but I hope shortly to see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace *be* unto thee. The friends salute thee. Salute the friends by name.

[1] Or, *rejoice greatly, when brethren come and bear witness* [2] Or, *these* things, *that I may hear* [3] Or, *with*

THE EPISTLE OF
JUDE

General Salutation. "Contend earnestly for the Faith"

1 [1]Jūde, a [2]servant of Jē'sŭs Christ, and brother of [3]James, [4]to them that are called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jē'sŭs Christ: 2 Mercy unto you and peace and love be multiplied.

3 Beloved, while I was giving all diligence to write unto you of our common salvation, I was constrained to write unto you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints. 4 For there are certain men crept in privily, *even* they who were of old [5]written of beforehand unto this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying [6]our only

[1] Gr. *Judas* [2] Gr. *bondservant* [3] Or, *Jacob* [4] Or, *to them that are beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ*, being *called* [5] Or, *set forth* [6] Or, *the only Master, and our Lord Jesus Christ*

Master and Lord, Jē'sŭs Chrīst.
5 Now I desire to put you in remembrance, though ye know all things once for all, that [1]the Lord, having saved a people out of the land of Ē'gўpt, [2]afterward destroyed them that believed not. 6 And angels that kept not their own principality, but left their proper habitation, he hath kept in everlasting bonds under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. 7 Even as Sŏd'ŏm and Gō-mŏr'răh, and the cities about them, having in like manner with these given themselves over to fornication and gone after strange flesh, are set forth [3]as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire. 8 Yet in like manner these also in their dreamings defile the flesh, and set at nought dominion, and rail at [4]dignities. 9 But Mī'chă-ĕl the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Mō'sēs, durst not bring against him a railing judgment, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. 10 But these rail at whatsoever things they know not: and what they understand naturally, like the creatures without reason, in these things are they [5]destroyed. 11 Woe unto them! for they went in the way of Cain, and [6]ran riotously in the error of Bā'lăam for hire, and perished in the gainsaying of Kō'răh. 12 These are they who are [7]hidden rocks in your love-feasts when they feast with you, shepherds that without fear feed themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; 13 wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own [8]shame; wandering stars, for whom the blackness of darkness hath been reserved for ever. 14 And to these also Ē'nŏch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, Behold, the Lord came with [9]ten thousands of his holy ones, 15 to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their works of ungodliness which they have ungodly wrought, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. 16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their lusts (and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words*), showing respect of persons for the sake of advantage.

17 But ye, beloved, remember ye the words which have been spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jē'sŭs Chrīst; 18 that they said to you, In the last time there shall be mockers, walking after [10]their own ungodly lusts. 19 These are they who make separations, [11]sensual, having not the Spirit. 20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jē'sŭs Chrīst unto eternal life. 22 [12]And on some have mercy, [13]who are in doubt; 23 and some save, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

24 Now unto him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy, 25 to the only God our Saviour, through Jē'sŭs Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, dominion and power, before all time, and now, and [14]for evermore. Ā-mĕn'.

[1] Many very ancient authorities read *Jesus* [2] Gr. *the second time* [3] Or, *as an example of eternal fire, suffering punishment* [4] Gr. *glories* [5] Or, *corrupted*. Comp. 2 Pet. 2.12 marg. [6] Or, *cast themselves away through* [7] Or, *spots* [8] Gr. *shames*
[9] Gr. *his holy myriads* [10] Gr. *their own lusts of ungodliness* [11] Or, *natural* Or, *animal* [12] The Gr. text in this passage (*And . . . fire*) is somewhat uncertain. Some ancient authorities read *And some refute while they dispute* with you. Comp. 1 Tim. 5.20; Tit. 1.9 [13] Or, *while they dispute* with you [14] Gr. *unto all the ages*

THE REVELATION OF JOHN

The Revelation of Jesus Christ. To the Seven Churches:

1 The Revelation of Jē′sŭs Christ, which God [1]gave him to show unto his [2]servants, *even* the things which must shortly come to pass: and he sent and signified [3]*it* by his angel unto his servant John; 2 who bare witness of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jē′sŭs Chrīst, *even* of all things that he saw. 3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things that are written therein: for the time is at hand.

4 John to the seven churches that are in Ā′sĭ-â: Grace to you and peace, from him who is and who was and [4]who is to come; and from the seven Spirits that are before his throne; 5 and from Jē′sŭs Chrīst, *who is* the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loveth us, and [5]loosed us from our sins [6]by his blood; 6 and he made us *to be* a kingdom, *to be* priests unto [7]his God and Father; to him *be* the glory and the dominion [8]for ever and ever. Ā-mĕn′. 7 Behold, he cometh with the clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they that pierced him; and all the tribes of the earth shall mourn over him. Even so, Ā-mĕn′.

8 I am the Ăl′phȧ and the Ō-mē′-gȧ, saith the Lord God, [9]who is and who was and [4]who is to come, the Almighty.

9 I John, your brother and partaker with you in the tribulation and kingdom and [10]patience *which are* in Jē′sŭs, was in the isle that is called Păt′mŏs, for the word of God and the testimony of Jē′sŭs. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet 11 saying, What thou seest, write in a book and send *it* to the seven churches: unto Ĕph′ē-sŭs, and unto Smȳr′nȧ, and unto Pēr′gă-mŭm, and unto Thȳ-ă-tī′rȧ, and unto Sär′dĭs, and unto Phĭl-ă-dĕl′phĭ-â, and unto Lâ-ŏd-ĭ-cē′ȧ. 12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And having turned I saw seven golden [11]candlesticks; 13 and in the midst of the [11]candlesticks one like unto a son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about at the breasts with a golden girdle. 14 And his head and his hair were white as white wool, *white* as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; 15 and his feet like unto burnished brass, as if it had been refined in a furnace; and his voice as the voice of many waters. 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. 17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as one dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying, Fear not; I am the first and the last, 18 and the Living one; and I [12]was dead, and behold, I am alive [13]for evermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hā′dēs. 19 Write therefore the things which thou sawest, and the things which are, and the things which shall come to pass hereafter; 20 the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest [14]in my right hand, and the seven golden [11]candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven [11]candlesticks are seven churches.

[1] Or, *gave unto him, to show unto his servants the things &c.* [2] Gr. *bondservants* [3] Or, *them* [4] Or, *who cometh* [5] Many authorities, some ancient, read *washed*. Heb. 9.14; comp. ch. 7.14 [6] Gr. *in* [7] Or, *God and his Father* [8] Gr. *unto the ages of the ages*. Many ancient authorities omit *of the ages* [9] Or, *he who* [10] Or, *stedfastness* [11] Gr. *lampstands* [12] Gr. *became* [13] Gr. *unto the ages of the ages* [14] Gr. *upon*

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2 To the angel of the church in Ĕph'ĕ-sŭs write:

These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, he that walketh in the midst of the seven golden [1]candlesticks: 2 I know thy works, and thy toil and [2]patience, and that thou canst not bear evil men, and didst try them that call themselves apostles, and they are not, and didst find them false; 3 and thou hast [2]patience and didst bear for my name's sake, and hast not grown weary. 4 But I have *this* against thee, that thou didst leave thy first love. 5 Remember therefore whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I come to thee, and will move thy [3]candlestick out of its place, except thou repent. 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the works of the Nĭc-ŏ-lā'ĭ-tănș, which I also hate. 7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. To him that overcometh, to him will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the [4]Paradise of God.

8 And to the angel of the church in Smŷr'nà write:

These things saith the first and the last, who [5]was dead, and lived *again*: 9 I know thy tribulation, and thy poverty (but thou art rich), and the [6]blasphemy of them that say they are Jews, and they are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Fear not the things which thou art about to suffer: behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; [7]and ye shall have [8]tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life. 11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

12 And to the angel of the church in Pĕr'gă-mŭm write:

These things saith he that hath the sharp two-edged sword: 13 I know where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's throne is; and thou holdest fast my name, and didst not deny my faith, even in the days [9]of Ăn'tĭ-păs my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwelleth. 14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there some that hold the teaching of Bā'lăam, who taught Bā'lăk to cast a stumbling-block before the children of Ĭs'-rā-ĕl, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication. 15 So hast thou also some that hold the teaching of the Nĭc-ŏ-lā'-ĭ-tănș in like manner. 16 Repent therefore; or else I come to thee quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. To him that overcometh, to him will I give of the hidden măn'nà, and I will give him a white stone, and upon the stone a new name written, which no one knoweth but he that receiveth it.

18 And to the angel of the church in Thŷ-ă-tī'rà write:

These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like a flame of fire, and his feet are like unto burnished brass: 19 I know thy works, and thy love and faith and ministry and [2]patience, and that thy last works are more than the first. 20 But I have *this* against thee, that thou sufferest [10]the woman Jĕz'ĕ-bĕl, who calleth herself a prophetess; and she teacheth and seduceth my [11]servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 And I gave her time that she should repent; and she willeth not to repent of her fornication. 22 Behold, I cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of [12]her works. 23 And I will kill her children with [13]death; and all the churches shall know that I am he

[1] Gr. *lampstands* [2] Or, *stedfastness* [3] Gr. *lampstand* [4] Or, *garden:* as in Gen. 2.8 [5] Gr. *became* [6] Or, *reviling* [7] Some ancient authorities read *and may have* [8] Gr. *a tribulation of ten days*

[9] The Greek text here is somewhat uncertain [10] Many authorities, some ancient, read *thy wife* [11] Gr. *bondservants* [12] Many ancient authorities read *their* [13] Or, *pestilence.* Sept., Ex. 5.3 &c.

that searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto each one of you according to your works. 24 But to you I say, to the rest that are in Thy-a-ti'ra, as many as have not this teaching, who know not the deep things of Satan, as they are wont to say; I cast upon you none other burden. 25 Nevertheless that which ye have, hold fast till I come. 26 And he that overcometh, and he that keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give authority over the [1]nations: 27 and he shall rule them with a rod of [2]iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to shivers; as I also have received of my Father: 28 and I will give him the morning star. 29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

3 And to the angel of the church in Sar'dis write:

These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and thou art dead. 2 Be thou watchful, and establish the things that remain, which were ready to die: for I have [3]found no works of thine perfected before my God. 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and didst hear; and keep *it*, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. 4 But thou hast a few names in Sar'dis that did not defile their garments: and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy. 5 He that overcometh shall thus be arrayed in white garments; and I will in no wise blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. 6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

7 And to the angel of the church in Phil-a-del'phi-a write:

These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth and none shall shut, and that shutteth and none openeth: 8 I know thy works (behold, I have [4]set before thee a door opened, which none can shut), that thou hast a little power, and didst keep my word, and didst not deny my name. 9 Behold, I give of the synagogue of Satan, of them that say they are Jews, and they are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and [5]worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. 10 Because thou didst keep the word of my [6]patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of [7]trial, that *hour* which is to come upon the whole [8]world, to [9]try them that dwell upon the earth. 11 I come quickly: hold fast that which thou hast, that no one take thy crown. 12 He that overcometh, I will make him a pillar in the [10]temple of my God, and he shall go out thence no more: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Je-ru'sa-lem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God, and mine own new name. 13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

14 And to the angel of the church in La-od-i-ce'a write:

These things saith the A-men', the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God: 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art the wretched one and miserable and poor and blind and naked: 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold refined by fire, that thou mayest

1 Or, *Gentiles* 2 Or, *iron; as vessels of the potter, are they broken* 3 Many ancient authorities read *not found thy works*

4 Gr. *given* 5 The Greek word denotes an act of reverence, whether paid to a creature, or to the Creator 6 Or, *stedfastness* 7 Or, *temptation* 8 Gr. *inhabited earth* 9 Or, *tempt* 10 Or, *sanctuary*

become rich; and white garments, that thou mayest clothe thyself, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness be not made manifest; and eyesalve to anoint thine eyes, that thou mayest see. 19 As many as I love, I reprove and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

4 After these things I saw, and behold, a door opened in heaven, and the first voice that I heard, *a voice* as of a trumpet speaking with me, one saying, Come up hither, and I will show thee the things which must [1]come to pass hereafter. 2 Straightway I was in the Spirit: and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and one sitting upon the throne; 3 and he that sat *was* to look upon like a jasper stone and a sardius: and *there was* a rainbow round about the throne, like an emerald to look upon. 4 And round about the throne *were* four and twenty thrones: and upon the thrones *I saw* four and twenty elders sitting, arrayed in white garments; and on their heads crowns of gold. 5 And out of the throne proceed lightnings and voices and thunders. And *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; 6 and before the throne, as it were a [2]sea of glass like unto crystal; and in the midst [3]of the throne, and round about the throne, four living creatures full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first creature *was* like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face as of a man, and the fourth creature *was* like a flying eagle. 8 And the four living creatures, having each one of them six wings, are full of eyes round about and within: and they have no rest day and night, saying,

> Holy, holy, holy, *is* the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and [4]who is to come.

9 And when the living creatures shall give glory and honor and thanks to him that sitteth on the throne, to him that liveth [5]for ever and ever, 10 the four and twenty elders shall fall down before him that sitteth on the throne, and shall worship him that liveth [5]for ever and ever, and shall cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

> 11 Worthy art thou, our Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power: for thou didst create all things, and because of thy will they were, and were created.

5 And I saw [6]in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the back, close sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a great voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? 3 And no one in the heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, or to look thereon. 4 And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open the book, or to look thereon: 5 and one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not; behold, the Lion that is of the tribe of Jū'dăh, the Root of David, hath overcome to open the book and the seven seals thereof. 6 And I saw [7]in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, having seven horns,

[1] Or, *come to pass. After these things straightway &c.* [2] Or, *glassy sea* [3] Or, *before.* See ch. 7.17, comp. 5.6
[4] Or, *who cometh* [5] Gr. *unto the ages of the ages* [6] Gr. *on* [7] Or, *between the throne with the four living creatures, and the elders*

and seven eyes, which are the [1]seven Spirits of God, sent forth into all the earth. 7 And he came, and he [2]taketh *it* out of the right hand of him that sat on the throne. 8 And when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sing a new song, saying,

Worthy art thou to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and didst purchase unto God with thy blood *men* of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, 10 and madest them *to be* unto our God a kingdom and priests; and they reign upon the earth.

11 And I saw, and I heard a voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 saying with a great voice,

Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

13 And every created thing which is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and on the sea, and all things that are in them, heard I saying,

Unto him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, *be* the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the dominion, [3]for ever and ever.

14 And the four living creatures said, Ā-mĕn′. And the elders fell down and [4]worshipped.

6 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, Come[5]. 2 And I saw, and behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon had a bow; and there was given unto him a crown: and he came forth conquering, and to conquer.

3 And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, Come[5]. 4 And another *horse* came forth, a red horse: and to him that sat thereon it was given to take [6]peace from the earth, and that they should slay one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

5 And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, Come[5]. And I saw, and behold, a black horse; and he that sat thereon had a balance in his hand. 6 And I heard as it were a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, [7]A measure of wheat for a [8]shilling, and three measures of barley for a [8]shilling; and the oil and the wine hurt thou not.

7 And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, Come[5]. 8 And I saw, and behold, a pale horse: and he that sat upon him, his name was Death; and Hā′dēs followed with him. And there was given unto them authority over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with famine, and with [9]death, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

9 And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of them that had been slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 and they cried with a great voice, saying, How long, O Master, the holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And there was given them to each one a white robe; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little time, until their fellow-servants

[1] Some ancient authorities omit *seven* [2] Gr. *hath taken* [3] Gr. *unto the ages of the ages* [4] See marginal note on ch. 3.9
[5] Some ancient authorities add *and see* [6] Some ancient authorities read *the peace of the earth* [7] Or, *A choenix (i.e.* about a quart) *of wheat for a shilling*—implying great scarcity. Comp. Ezek. 4.16 f.; 5.16 [8] See marginal note on Mt. 18.28 [9] Or, *pestilence*. Comp. ch. 2.23 marg.

also and their brethren, who should be killed even as they were, should [1]have fulfilled *their course*.

12 And I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the whole moon became as blood; 13 and the stars of the heaven fell unto the earth, as a fig tree casteth her unripe figs when she is shaken of a great wind. 14 And the heaven was removed as a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth, and the princes, and the [2]chief captains, and the rich, and the strong, and every bondman and freeman, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17 for the great day of their wrath is come; and who is able to stand?

7 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that no wind should blow on the earth, or on the sea, or upon any tree. 2 And I saw another angel ascend from the sunrising, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a great voice to the four angels to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we shall have sealed the [3]servants of our God on their foreheads. 4 And I heard the number of them that were sealed, a hundred and forty and four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl:

5 Of the tribe of Jū'dăh *were* sealed twelve thousand;
Of the tribe of Reu'bĕn twelve thousand;
Of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand;
6 Of the tribe of Ăsh'ĕr twelve thousand;
Of the tribe of Năph'tă-lī twelve thousand;
Of the tribe of Mă-năs'sĕh twelve thousand;
7 Of the tribe of Sĭm'ĕ-ŏn twelve thousand;
Of the tribe of Lē'vī twelve thousand;
Of the tribe of Ĭs'să-chär twelve thousand;
8 Of the tribe of Zĕb'ū-lŭn twelve thousand;
Of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand;
Of the tribe of Bĕn'jă-mĭn *were* sealed twelve thousand.

9 After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 and they cry with a great voice, saying,

Salvation unto our God who sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels were standing round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, 12 saying,

Ā-mĕn': [4]Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, *be* unto our God [5]for ever and ever. Ā-mĕn'.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, These that are arrayed in the white robes, who are they, and whence came they? 14 And I [6]say unto him, My lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they that come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore are they be-

[1] Some ancient authorities read *be fulfilled* in number 2 Esdr. 4.36 [2] Or, *military tribunes* Gr. *chiliarchs*
[3] Gr. *bondservants* [4] Gr. *The blessing, and the glory &c.* [5] Gr. *unto the ages of the ages* [6] Gr. *have said*

fore the throne of God; and they serve him day and night in his [1]temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat: 17 for the Lamb that is in the midst [2]of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

8 And when he opened the seventh seal, there followed a silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. 2 And I saw the seven angels that stand before God; and there were given unto them seven trumpets.

3 And another angel came and stood [3]over the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should [4]add it unto the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, [5]with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. 5 And the angel [6]taketh the censer; and he filled it with the fire of the altar, and cast it [7]upon the earth: and there followed thunders, and voices, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

6 And the seven angels that had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

7 And the first sounded, and there followed hail and fire, mingled with blood, and they were cast [7]upon the earth: and the third part of the earth was burnt up, and the third part of the trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; 9 and there died the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, *even* they that had life; and the third part of the ships was destroyed.

10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell from heaven a great star, burning as a torch, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of the waters; 11 and the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; that the third part of them should be darkened, and the day should not shine for the third part of it, and the night in like manner.

13 And I saw, and I heard [8]an eagle, flying in mid heaven, saying with a great voice, Woe, woe, woe, for them that dwell on the earth, by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, who are yet to sound.

9 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven fallen unto the earth: and there was given to him the key of the pit of the abyss. 2 And he opened the pit of the abyss; and there went up a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. 3 And out of the smoke came forth locusts upon the earth; and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 And it was said unto them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, but only such men as have not the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 And it was given them that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when it striketh a man. 6 And in those days men shall seek death, and shall in no wise find it; and they shall desire to die, and death

[1] Or, *sanctuary* [2] Or, *before.* See ch. 4.6; comp. 5.6 [3] Or, *at* [4] Gr. *give* [5] Or, *for* [6] Gr. *hath taken* [7] Or, *into*

[8] Gr. *one eagle*

fleeth from them. 7 And the [1]shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared for war; and upon their heads as it were crowns like unto gold, and their faces were as men's faces. 8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as *the teeth* of lions. 9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to war. 10 And they have tails like unto scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men five months. 11 They have over them as king the angel of the abyss: his name in Hebrew is Ă-băd'dŏn, and in the Grēek *tongue* he hath the name [2]Ă-pŏl'lў-ŏn.

12 The first Woe is past: behold, there come yet two Woes hereafter.

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard [3]a voice from the horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 one saying to the sixth angel that had the trumpet, Loose the four angels that are bound at the great river Eū-phrā'tēs. 15 And the four angels were loosed, that had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, that they should kill the third part of men. 16 And the number of the armies of the horsemen was twice ten thousand times ten thousand: I heard the number of them. 17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates *as* of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone: and the heads of the horses are as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceedeth fire and smoke and brimstone. 18 By these three plagues was the third part of men killed, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone, which proceeded out of their mouths. 19 For the power of the horses is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails are like unto serpents, and have heads; and with them they hurt. 20 And the rest of mankind, who were not killed with these plagues, repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not [4]worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk: 21 and they repented not of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

10 And I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, arrayed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire; 2 and he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left upon the earth; 3 and he cried with a great voice, as a lion roareth: and when he cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices. 4 And when the seven thunders uttered *their voices*, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying, Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. 5 And the angel that I saw standing upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his right hand to heaven, 6 and sware by him that liveth [5]for ever and ever, who created the heaven and the things that are therein, and the earth and the things that are therein, [6]and the sea and the things that are therein, that there shall be [7]delay no longer: 7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then is finished the mystery of God, according to the good tidings which he declared to his [8]servants the prophets. 8 And the voice which I heard from heaven, *I heard it* again speaking with me, and saying, Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel that standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. 9 And I went unto the angel, saying unto him that he should give me the little book. And he saith unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall

[1] Gr. *Ikenesses* [2] That is, *Destroyer* [3] Gr. *one voice*
[4] See marginal note on ch. 3.9 [5] Gr. *unto the ages of the ages* [6] Some ancient authorities omit *and the sea and the things that are therein* [7] Or, *time* [8] Gr. *bondservants*

make thy belly bitter, but in thy mouth it shall be sweet as honey. 10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and when I had eaten it, my belly was made bitter. 11 And they say unto me, Thou must prophesy again [1]over many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.

11 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: [2]and one said, Rise, and measure the [3]temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. 2 And the court which is without the [3]temple [4]leave without, and measure it not; for it hath been given unto the [5]nations: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. 3 And I will give unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. 4 These are the two olive trees and the two [6]candlesticks, standing before the Lord of the earth. 5 And if any man desireth to hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth and devoureth their enemies; and if any man shall desire to hurt them, in this manner must he be killed. 6 These have the power to shut the heaven, that it rain not during the days of their prophecy: and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they shall desire. 7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that cometh up out of the abyss shall make war with them, and overcome them, and kill them. 8 And their [7]dead bodies *lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sŏd'ŏm and Ĕ'gўpt, where also their Lord was crucified. 9 And from among the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations do *men* look upon their [7]dead bodies three days and a half, and suffer not their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. 10 And they that dwell on the earth rejoice over them, and make merry; and they shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth. 11 And after the three days and a half the breath of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them that beheld them. 12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they went up into heaven in the cloud; and their enemies beheld them. 13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell; and there were killed in the earthquake [8]seven thousand persons: and the rest were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second Woe is past: behold, the third Woe cometh quickly.

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there followed great voices in heaven, and they said,

The kingdom of the world is become *the kingdom* of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign [9]for ever and ever.

16 And the four and twenty elders, who sit before God on their thrones, fell upon their faces and worshipped God, 17 saying,

We give thee thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who art and who wast; because thou hast taken thy great power, and didst reign. 18 And the nations were wroth, and thy wrath came, and the time of the dead to be judged, and *the time* to give their reward to thy [10]servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to them that fear thy name, the small and the great; and to destroy them that destroy the earth.

19 And there was opened the [3]temple of God that is in heaven; and there was seen in his [3]temple the ark of his covenant; and there

[1] Or, *concerning*. Comp. Jn. 12.16 [2] Gr. *saying* [3] Or, *sanctuary* [4] Gr. *cast without* [5] Or, *Gentiles* [6] Gr. *lampstands* [7] Gr. *carcase* [8] Gr. *names of men, seven thousand*. Comp. ch. 3.4 [9] Gr. *unto the ages of the ages* [10] Gr. *bondservants*

followed lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake, and great hail.

12 And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman arrayed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; 2 and she was with child; and she crieth out, travailing in birth, and in pain to be delivered. 3 And there was seen another sign in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems. 4 And his tail draweth the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon standeth before the woman that is about to be delivered, that when she is delivered he may devour her child. 5 And she was delivered of a son, a man child, who is to rule all the [1]nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and unto his throne. 6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that there they may nourish her a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

7 And there was war in heaven: Mi'chā-ĕl and his angels *going forth* to war with the dragon; and the dragon warred and his angels; 8 and they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole [2]world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him. 10 And I heard a great voice in heaven, saying,

> [3]Now is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, who accuseth them before our God day and night.
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> 11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony; and they loved not their life even unto death. 12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and ye that [4]dwell in them. Woe for the earth and for the sea: because the devil is gone down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast down to the earth, he persecuted the woman that brought forth the man *child*. 14 And there were given to the woman the two wings of the great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness unto her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. 15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth after the woman water as a river, that he might cause her to be carried away by the stream. 16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon cast out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon waxed wroth with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, that keep the commandments of God, and hold the testimony of Jē'sŭs: 1 and [5]he stood upon
13 the sand of the sea.

And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns ten diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority. 3 And *I saw* one of his heads as though it had been [6]smitten unto death; and his death-stroke was healed: and the whole earth wondered after the beast;

[1] Or, *Gentiles* Gr. *inhabited earth* [2] Or, *Now is the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom, become our God's, and the authority is become his Christ's*

[4] Gr. *tabernacle* [5] Some ancient authorities read *I stood &c.* connecting the clause with what follows [6] Gr. *slain*

4 and they [1]worshipped the dragon, because he gave his authority unto the beast; and they [1]worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? and who is able to war with him? 5 and there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and there was given to him authority [2]to continue forty and two months. 6 And he opened his mouth for blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, *even* them that [3]dwell in the heaven. 7 [4]And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and there was given to him authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation. 8 And all that dwell on the earth shall [1]worship him, *every one* whose name hath not been [5]written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that hath been slain. 9 If any man hath an ear, let him hear. 10 [6]If any man *is* for captivity, into captivity he goeth: if any man shall kill with the sword, with the sword must he be killed. Here is the [8]patience and the faith of the saints.

11 And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like unto a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 12 And he exerciseth all the authority of the first beast in his sight. And he maketh the earth and them that dwell therein to [1]worship the first beast, whose death-stroke was healed. 13 And he doeth great signs, that he should even make fire to come down out of heaven upon the earth in the sight of men. 14 And he deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by reason of the signs which it was given him to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast who hath the stroke of the sword and lived. 15 And it was given *unto him* to give breath to it, *even* to the image of the beast, [9]that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as should not [1]worship the image of the beast should be killed. 16 And he causeth all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, that there be given them a mark on their right hand, or upon their forehead; 17 and that no man should be able to buy or to sell, save he that hath the mark, *even* the name of the beast or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. He that hath understanding, let him count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man: and his number is [10]Six hundred and sixty and six.

14 And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on the mount Zi'ŏn, and with him a hundred and forty and four thousand, having his name, and the name of his Father, written on their foreheads. 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and the voice which I heard *was* as *the voice* of harpers harping with their harps: 3 and they sing as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the elders: and no man could learn the song save the hundred and forty and four thousand, *even* they that had been purchased out of the earth. 4 These are they that were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These *are* they that follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were purchased from among men, *to be* the firstfruits unto God and unto the Lamb. 5 And in their mouth was found no lie: they are without blemish. 6 And I saw another angel flying in mid heaven, having [11]eternal good tidings to proclaim unto them

[1] See marginal note on ch. 3.9 [2] Or, *to do* his works *during*. See Dan. 11.28 [3] Gr. *tabernacle* [4] Some ancient authorities omit *And it was given . . . overcome them* [5] Or, *written in the book . . . slain from the foundation of the world* [6] The Greek text in this verse is somewhat uncertain [7] Or, leadeth *into captivity* [8] Or, *stedfastness*

[9] Some ancient authorities read *that even the image of the beast should speak; and he shall cause &c.* [10] Some ancient authorities read *Six hundred and sixteen* [11] Or, *an eternal gospel*

that [1]dwell on the earth, and unto every nation and tribe and tongue and people; 7 and he saith with a great voice, Fear God, and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment is come: and [2]worship him that made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters.

8 And another, a second angel, followed, saying, Fallen, fallen is Băb'ў-lŏn the great, that hath made all the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

9 And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, If any man [2]worshippeth the beast and his image, and receiveth a mark on his forehead, or upon his hand, 10 he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is [3]prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 and the smoke of their torment goeth up [4]for ever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, they that [2]worship the beast and his image, and whoso receiveth the mark of his name. 12 Here is the [5]patience of the saints, they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jĕ'sŭs.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die [6]in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them.

14 And I saw, and behold, a white cloud; and on the cloud *I saw* one sitting like unto a son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. 15 And another angel came out from the [7]temple, crying with a great voice to him that sat on the cloud, Send forth thy sickle, and reap: for the hour to reap is come; for the harvest of the earth is [8]ripe. 16 And he that sat on the cloud cast his sickle upon the earth; and the earth was reaped.

17 And another angel came out from the [7]temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 18 And another angel came out from the altar, he that hath power over fire; and he called with a great voice to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Send forth thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. 19 And the angel cast his sickle into the earth, and gathered the [9]vintage of the earth, and cast it into the winepress, the great *winepress*, of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and there came out blood from the winepress, even unto the bridles of the horses, as far as a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

15 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having seven plagues, *which are* the last, for in them is finished the wrath of God.

2 And I saw as it were a [10]sea of glass mingled with fire; and them that come off victorious from the beast, and from his image, and from the number of his name, standing [11]by the [10]sea of glass, having harps of God. 3 And they sing the song of Mō'sĕs the [12]servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

> Great and marvellous are thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty; righteous and true are thy ways, thou King of the [13]ages. 4 Who shall not fear, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy; for all the nations shall come and [2]worship before thee; for thy righteous acts have been made manifest.

1 Gr. *sit* 2 See marginal note on ch. 3.9 3 Gr. *mingled* 4 Gr. *unto ages of ages* 5 Or, *steadfastness* 6 Or, *in the Lord. From henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit* 7 Or, *sanctuary*

8 Gr. *become dry* 9 Gr. *vines* 10 Or, *glassy sea* 11 Or, *upon* 12 Gr. *bondservant* 13 Many ancient authorities read *nations*. Jer. 10.7

5 And after these things I saw, and the [1]temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: 6 and there came out from the [1]temple the seven angels that had the seven plagues, arrayed [2]with *precious* stone, pure *and* bright, and girt about their breasts with golden girdles. 7 And one of the four living creatures gave unto the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who liveth [3]for ever and ever. 8 And the [1]temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and none was able to enter into the [1]temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels should be finished.

16 And I heard a great voice out of the [1]temple, saying to the seven angels, Go ye, and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth.

2 And the first went, and poured out his bowl into the earth; and [4]it became a noisome and grievous sore upon the men that had the mark of the beast, and that [5]worshipped his image.

3 And the second poured out his bowl into the sea; and [4]it became blood as of a dead man; and every [6]living soul died, *even* the things that were in the sea.

4 And the third poured out his bowl into the rivers and the fountains of the waters; [7]and [4]it became blood. 5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, Righteous art thou, who art and who wast, thou Holy One, because thou didst thus [8]judge: 6 for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and blood hast thou given them to drink: they are worthy. 7 And I heard the altar saying, Yea, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

8 And the fourth poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it was given unto [9]it to scorch men with fire. 9 And men were scorched with great heat: and they blasphemed the name of God who hath the power over these plagues; and they repented not to give him glory.

10 And the fifth poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom was darkened; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, 11 and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they repented not of their works.

12 And the sixth poured out his bowl upon the great river, the *river* Eū-phrā'tēs; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way might be made ready for the kings that *come* from the sunrising. 13 And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits, as it were frogs: 14 for they are spirits of demons, working signs; which go forth [10]unto the kings of the whole [11]world, to gather them together unto the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. 15 (Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.) 16 And they gathered them together into the place which is called in Hebrew [12]Hăr-Mă-gĕd'ŏn.

17 And the seventh poured out his bowl upon the air; and there came forth a great voice out of the [1]temple, from the throne, saying, It is done: 18 and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunders; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since [13]there were men upon the earth, so great an earthquake, so mighty. 19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the

[1] Or, *sanctuary* [2] Many ancient authorities read *in linen*, ch. 19.8 [3] Gr. *unto the ages of the ages* [4] Or, *there came* [5] See marginal note on ch. 3.9 [6] Gr. *soul of life* [7] Some ancient authorities read *and they became* [8] Or, *judge. Because they . . . prophets, thou hast given them blood also to drink*

[9] Or, *him* [10] Or, *upon* [11] Gr. *inhabited earth* [12] Or, *Ar-Magedon* [13] Some ancient authorities read *there was a man*

[1]nations fell: and Băb'ў-lŏn the great was remembered in the sight of God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And great hail, *every stone* about the weight of a talent, cometh down out of heaven upon men: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof is exceeding great.

17 And there came one of the seven angels that had the seven bowls, and spake with me, saying, Come hither; I will show thee the judgment of the great harlot that sitteth upon many waters; 2 with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and they that dwell in the earth were made drunken with the wine of her fornication. 3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness: and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet-colored beast, [2]full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and [3]decked with gold and precious stone and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations, [4]even the unclean things of her fornication, 5 and upon her forehead a name written, [5]MYSTERY, BAB'Y-LON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the [6]martyrs of Jĕ'sŭs. And when I saw her, I wondered with a great wonder. 7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou wonder? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and the ten horns. 8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and is about to come up out of the abyss, [7]and to go into perdition. And they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, *they*, whose name hath not been written [8]in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast, how that he was, and is not, and [9]shall come. 9 Here is the [10]mind that hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth: 10 and [11]they are seven kings; the five are fallen, the one is, the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a little while. 11 And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is of the seven; and he goeth into perdition. 12 And the ten horns that thou sawest are ten kings, who have received no kingdom as yet; but they receive authority as kings, with the beast, for one hour. 13 These have one mind, and they give their power and authority unto the beast. 14 These shall war against the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they *also shall overcome* that are with him, called and chosen and faithful. 15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the harlot sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. 16 And the ten horns which thou sawest, and the beast, these shall hate the harlot, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and shall burn her utterly with fire. 17 For God did put in their hearts to do his mind, and to come to one mind, and to give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God should be accomplished. 18 And the woman whom thou sawest is the great city, which [12]reigneth over the kings of the earth.

18 After these things I saw another angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2 And he cried

[1] Or, *Gentiles* [2] Or, *names full of blasphemy* [3] Gr. *gilded* [4] Or, *and of the unclean things*
[5] Or, *a mystery, Babylon the Great*
[6] Or, *witnesses.* See ch. 2.13
[7] Some ancient authorities read *and he goeth* [8] Gr. *on* [9] Gr. *shall be present* [10] Or, *meaning* [11] Or, *there are* [12] Gr. *hath a kingdom*

with a mighty voice, saying, Fallen, fallen is Băb'ў-lŏn the great, and is become a habitation of demons, and a [1]hold of every unclean spirit, and a [1]hold of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For [2]by [3]the wine of the wrath of her fornication all the nations are fallen; and the kings of the earth committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth waxed rich by the power of her [4]wantonness.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come forth, my people, out of her, that ye have no fellowship with her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues: 5 for her sins [5]have reached even unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. 6 Render unto her even as she rendered, and double *unto her* the double according to her works: in the cup which she mingled, mingle unto her double. 7 How much soever she glorified herself, and waxed [6]wanton, so much give her of torment and mourning: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall in no wise see mourning. 8 Therefore in one day shall her plagues come, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire; for strong is [7]the Lord God who judged her. 9 And the kings of the earth, who committed fornication and lived [8]wantonly with her, shall weep and wail over her, when they look upon the smoke of her burning, 10 standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, Băb'ў-lŏn, the strong city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. 11 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, for no man buyeth their [9]merchandise any more; 12 [9]merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stone, and pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet; and all thyine wood, and every vessel of ivory, and every vessel made of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble; 13 and cinnamon, and [10]spice, and incense, and ointment, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and cattle, and sheep; and *merchandise* of horses and chariots and [11]slaves; and [12]souls of men. 14 And the fruits which thy soul lusted after are gone from thee, and all things that were dainty and sumptuous are perished from thee, and *men* shall find them no more at all. 15 The merchants of these things, who were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning; 16 saying, Woe, woe, the great city, she that was arrayed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and [13]decked with gold and precious stone and pearl! 17 for in one hour so great riches is made desolate. And every shipmaster, and every one that saileth any whither, and mariners, and as many as [14]gain their living by sea, stood afar off, 18 and cried out as they looked upon the smoke of her burning, saying, What *city* is like the great city? 19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and mourning, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, wherein all that had their ships in the sea were made rich by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. 20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye saints, and ye apostles, and ye prophets; for God hath judged your judgment on her.

21 And [15]a strong angel took up a stone as it were a great millstone and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with a mighty fall shall Băb'ў-lŏn, the great city, be cast down, and shall be found no more at all. 22 And the voice of harpers and minstrels and flute-players and trumpeters shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, [16]of whatsoever craft, shall be

[1] Or, *prison* [2] Some authorities read *of the wine . . . have drunk* [3] Some ancient authorities omit *the wine of* [4] Or, *luxury* [5] Or, *clave together* [6] Or, *luxurious* [7] Some ancient authorities omit *the Lord* [8] Or, *luxuriously* [9] Gr. *cargo* [10] Gr. *amomum* [11] Gr. *bodies.* Gen. 36.6 (Sept.) [12] Or, *lives* [13] Gr. *gilded* [14] Gr. *work the sea* [15] Gr. *one* [16] Some ancient authorities omit *of whatsoever craft*

found any more at all in thee; and the voice of a mill shall be heard no more at all in thee; 23 and the light of a lamp shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the princes of the earth; for with thy sorcery were all the nations deceived. 24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all that have been slain upon the earth.

19 After these things I heard as it were a great voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

Hăl-lĕ-lū'jăh; Salvation, and glory, and power, belong to our God: 2 for true and righteous are his judgments; for he hath judged the great harlot, her that corrupted the earth with her fornication, and he hath avenged the blood of his [1]servants at her hand.

3 And a second time they [2]say, Hăl-lĕ-lū'jăh. And her smoke goeth up [3]for ever and ever. 4 And the four and twenty elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God that sitteth on the throne, saying, Ā-mĕn'; Hăl-lĕ-lū'jăh. 5 And a voice came forth from the throne, saying,

Give praise to our God, all ye his [1]servants, ye that fear him, the small and the great.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying,

Hăl-lĕ-lū'jăh: for the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigneth. 7 Let us rejoice and be exceeding glad, and let us give the glory unto him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And it was given unto her that she should array herself in fine linen, bright *and* pure: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

[1] Gr. *bondservants* [2] Gr. *have said* [3] Gr. *unto the ages of the ages*

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they that are bidden to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are true words of God. 10 And I fell down before his feet to [4]worship him. And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellow-servant with thee and with thy brethren that hold the testimony of Jē-sŭs: [4]worship God: for the testimony of Jē'sŭs is the spirit of prophecy.

11 And I saw the heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon [5]called Faithful and True; and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 And his eyes *are* a flame of fire, and upon his head *are* many diadems; and he hath a name written which no one knoweth but he himself. 13 And he *is* arrayed in a garment [6]sprinkled with blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which are in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white *and* pure. 15 And out of his mouth proceedeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the [7]wine-press of the fierceness of the wrath of God, the Almighty. 16 And he hath on his garment and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 And I saw [8]an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in mid heaven, Come *and* be gathered together unto the great supper of God; 18 that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of [9]captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses and of them that sit thereon, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, and small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war

[4] See marginal note on ch. 3.9 [5] Some ancient authorities omit *called* [6] Some ancient authorities read *dipped in* [7] Gr. *wine-press of the wine of the fierceness* [8] Gr. *one* [9] Or, *military tribunes* Gr. *chiliarchs*

against him that sat upon the horse, and against his army. 20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought the signs in his sight, wherewith he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast and them that [1]worshipped his image: they two were cast alive into the lake of fire that burneth with brimstone: 21 and the rest were killed with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, *even the sword* which came forth out of his mouth: and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

20 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain [2]in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, the old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, 3 and cast him into the abyss, and shut *it*, and sealed *it* over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years should be finished: after this he must be loosed for a little time.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that had been beheaded for the testimony of Jē'sŭs, and for the word of God, and such as [1]worshipped not the beast, neither his image, and received not the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they lived, and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 The rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years should be finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: over these the second death hath no [3]power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him [4]a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years are finished, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 and shall come forth to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gŏg and Mā'gŏg, to gather them together to the war: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up over the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down [5]out of heaven, and devoured them. 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where are also the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be tormented day and night [6]for ever and ever.

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat upon it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne; and books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead that were in it; and death and Hā'dēs gave up the dead that were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and Hā'dēs were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death, *even* the lake of fire. 15 And if any was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire.

21 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away; and the sea is no more. 2 And I saw [7]the holy city, new Jĕ-ru'sā-lĕm, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall [8]dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, [9]*and*

[1] See marginal note on ch. 3.9 [2] Gr. *upon* [3] Or, *authority* [4] Some ancient authorities read *the*

[5] Some ancient authorities insert *from God* [6] Gr. *unto the ages of the ages* [7] Or, *the holy city Jerusalem coming down new out of heaven* [8] Gr. *tabernacle* [9] Some ancient authorities omit, and be *their God*

be their God: 4 and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away. 5 And he that sitteth on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he saith: [1]Write: for these words are faithful and true. 6 And he said unto me, They are come to pass. I am the Ăl'phă and the Ō-mē'gă, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit these things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. 8 But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part *shall be* in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.

9 And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, who were laden with the seven last plagues; and he spake with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the wife of the Lamb. 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the holy city Jĕ-ru'să-lĕm, coming down out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God: her [2]light was like unto a stone most precious, as it were a jasper stone, clear as crystal: 12 having a wall great and high; having twelve [3]gates, and at the [3]gates twelve angels; and names written thereon, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of ĭs'ră-ĕl: 13 on the east were three [3]gates; and on the north three [3]gates; and on the south three [3]gates; and on the west three [3]gates. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he that spake with me had for a measure a golden reed to measure the city, and the [3]gates thereof, and the wall thereof. 16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length thereof is as great as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs: the length and the breadth and the height thereof are equal. 17 And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, *according to* the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. 18 And the building of the wall thereof was jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto pure glass. 19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, [4]sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; 20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, [5]jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. 21 And the twelve [3]gates were twelve pearls; each one of the several [3]gates was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, [6]as it were transparent glass. 22 And I saw no [7]temple therein: for the Lord God the Almighty, and the Lamb, are the [7]temple thereof. 23 And the city hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine upon it: for the glory of God did lighten it, [8]and the lamp thereof *is* the Lamb. 24 And the nations shall walk [9]amidst the light thereof: and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it. 25 And the [3]gates thereof shall in no wise be shut by day (for there shall be no night there): 26 and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it: 27 and there shall in no wise enter into it anything [10]unclean, or he that [11]maketh an abomination and a lie: but only they that are written in the Lamb's book of life.

[1] Or, *Write, These words are faithful and true* [2] Gr. *luminary* [3] Gr. *portals*
[4] Or, *lapis lazuli* [5] Or, *sapphire* [6] Or, *transparent as glass* [7] Or, *sanctuary* [8] Or, *and the Lamb, the lamp thereof* [9] Or, *by* [10] Gr. *common* [11] Or, *doeth*

22 1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of [1]the Lamb, 2 in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was [2]the tree of life, bearing twelve [3]*manner of* fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be [4]no curse any more: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his [5]servants shall serve him; 4 and they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* on their foreheads. 5 And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign [6]for ever and ever.

6 And he said unto me, These words are faithful and true: and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show unto his [5]servants the things which must shortly come to pass. 7 And behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book.

8 And I John am he that heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to [7]worship before the feet of the angel that showed me these things. 9 And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellow-servant with thee and with thy brethren the prophets, and with them that keep the words of this book: [7]worship God.

10 And he saith unto me, Seal not up the words of the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand. 11 He that is unrighteous, let him do unrighteousness [8]still: and he that is filthy, let him be made filthy [8]still: and he that is righteous, let him do righteousness [8]still: and he that is holy, let him be made holy [8]still. 12 Behold, I come quickly; and my [9]reward is with me, to render to each man according as his work is. 13 I am the Ăl'phă and the Ō-mē'gȧ, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. 14 Blessed are they that wash their robes, that they may have [10]the right *to come* to the tree of life, and may enter in by the [11]gates into the city. 15 Without are the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and every one that loveth and [12]maketh a lie.

16 I Jē'sŭs have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things [13]for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright, the morning star.

17 [14]And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely.

18 I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add [15]unto them, God shall add [15]unto him the plagues which are written in this book: 19 and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, [16]which are written in this book.

20 He who testifieth these things saith, Yea: I come quickly. Ā-mĕn': come, Lord Jē'sŭs.

21 The grace of the Lord Jē'-sŭs[17] be [18]with the saints. Ā-mĕn'.

[1] Or, *the Lamb. In the midst of the street thereof, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life &c.* [2] Or, *a tree* [3] Or, *crops of fruit* [4] Or, *no more anything accursed* [5] Gr. *bondservants* [6] Gr. *unto the ages of the ages* [7] See marginal note on ch. 3.9
[8] Or, *yet more* [9] Or, *wages* [10] Or, *the authority over.* Comp. ch. 6.8 [11] Gr. *portals* [12] Or, *doeth.* Comp. ch. 21.27 [13] Gr. *over* [14] Or, *Both* [15] Gr. *upon* [16] Or, even from *the things which are written* [17] Some ancient authorities add *Christ* [18] Two ancient authorities read *with all*

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Adadah
Plain of Sharon
Valley of Jezreel
Wilderness of Judah
Kedesh Naphtali
Hanaton
Hukkok
Sea of Chinnereth
Golan
Hammath
Tabor
Adami
Endor
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Timnath
Beth Shemesh
Kirjath Jearim
Adullam
Eglon
Mareshah
Lachish
Debir
Sharuhen
En Rimmon
Ether
Eshtemoa
Arad
BEERSHEBA
Ziph
Carmel
Maon
Juttah
Aroer
Adadah
Dumah
Ephah
Tekoa
Beth Hogla
Beth Arabah

EGYPT
& THE SINAI PENINSULA
WITH THE JOURNEYINGS OF THE ISRAELITES
Scale of Miles
Probable route
GREAT SEA
(MEDITERRANEAN)
CANAAN
MOAB
EDOM
Wilderness of Paran
Wilderness of Zin
MIZRAIM
EGYPT
HOREB
Gulf of Suez
Gulf of Akabah
Jericho
Jerusalem
Gaza
Hebron
Kadesh Barnea
Petra
Goshen
Memphis
On
Suez
Elim
Marah
Rephidim
Mt Sinai
J. Katharina

PALESTINE
FROM THE RAISED MAP
constructed from the Surveys of the
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.
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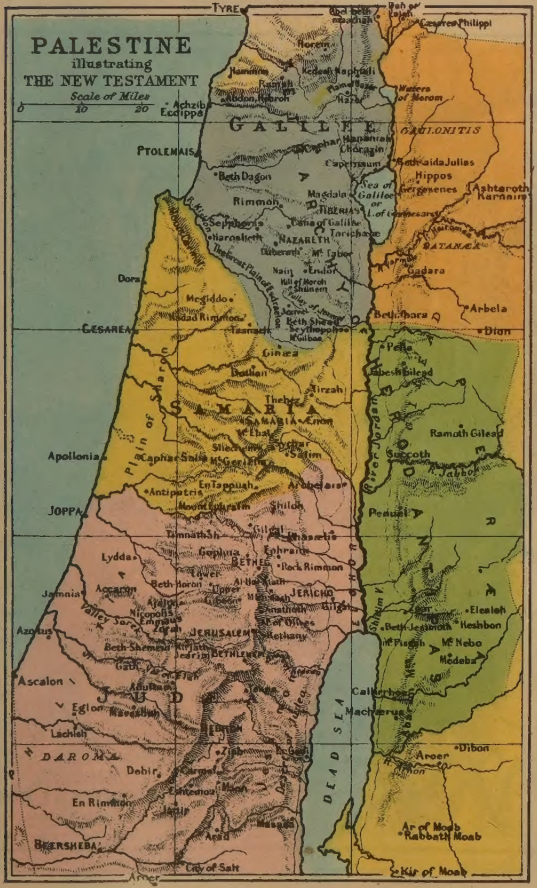
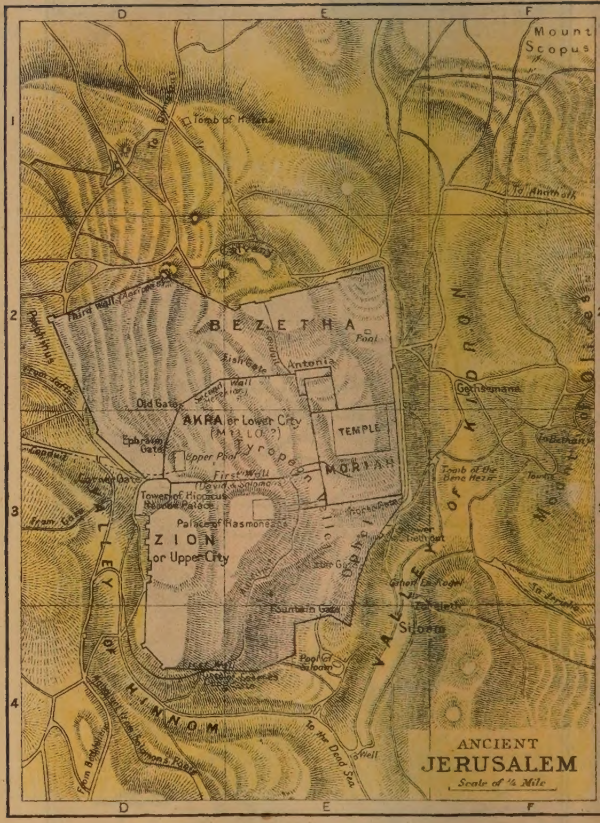
Scale of Miles
0 10 20 30
Sidon
TYRE
GALILEE
Sea of Galilee
Mt Carmel
CÆSAREA
SAMARIA
Joppa
JERUSALEM
JUDÆA
DEAD SEA

Cappadocia
LANDS OF NAIRI
URARTU
KURDISTAN
Tarsus
Carchemish
Hittites
Antioch
Arpad
Euphrates
Tigris
MESOPOTAMIA
ASSYRIA
Haran
Nala
Rezeph
Rehoboth
Asshur
Arbela
Tabriz
Urumiyah
Kitchanes
Van
Lake Van
Lake Urmi
Lake Resaiyeh
Laodicea
Arvad
Tripolis
Gebal
Beryta
SYRIA (ARAM)
Namath
Karkar
Kadesh of the Hittites
Tadmor Palmyra
Damascus
Mt. Hermon
Sidon
Tyre
Bashan
Ashtaroth Karnaim
Ammon
Rabbah Ammon
Gilead
Moab
Dibon
Edom
Mt. Hor
Kedesh in Naphtali
Ahava Ivah
Agade
Sippar
Kish
Cuthah
Erech
Eridu
Ur of the Chaldees (? Mugheir)
BABYLONIA
ARABIA
Ecbatana
MEDIA
Behistun
KASHI
ELAM
PERSIA
SUSIANA
Susa Shushan
ASSYRIA
& OTHER COUNTRIES ADJOINING CANAAN
ILLUSTRATING THE CAPTIVITIES OF THE JEWS
Scale of Miles
0 20 40 60 80 100 120 140 160


PALESTINE
illustrating
THE NEW TESTAMENT
Scale of Miles
0 10 20
TYRE
Cæsarea Philippi
Waters of Merom
GALILEE
GAULONITIS
PTOLEMAIS
Beth Dagon
Rimmon
Hippos
Ashteroth Karnaim
BATANÆA
Dora
Megiddo
Arbela
CÆSAREA
Dion
Pella
Gilead
Ramath Gilead
Apollonia
Succoth
Plain of Sharon
Antipatris
JOPPA
Peniel
Lydda
Jamnia
Azotus
Ascalon
Eleasah
Heshbon
Mt Nebo
Nebo
JERUSALEM
Bethlehem
Callirrhoe
Machærus
Aroer
Dibon
DAROM
Debir
En Rimmon
DEAD SEA
Ar of Moab
Rabbath Moab
BEERSHEBA
City of Salt
Kir of Moab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E
F
1
2
3
4
Mount Scopus
Tomb of Helena
To Anathoth
Calvary
Third Wall
BEZETHA
Pool
Antonia
Fortress
Wall
Old Gate
AKRA or Lower City
(MILLO?)
TEMPLE
Ephraim Gate
Upper Pool
Tyropœon
First Wall
MORIAH
Gennath Gate
Tower of Hippicus
Royal Palace
Palace of Hasmonæans
ZION
or Upper City
Fountain Gate
Pool of Siloam
Gihon
Siloam
VALLEY OF HINNOM
VALLEY OF KIDRON
Gethsemane
To Bethany
To Jericho
To the Dead Sea
ANCIENT
JERUSALEM
Scale of ¼ Mile

ROME
Appii Forum
Puteoli
ITALY
Mare Hadriaticum
Pyrrachium
Brundisium
Tarentum
Mare Tuscum
Mare Ionium
Panormus
SICILIA
Syracusae
Melita
ADRIA
DALMATIA
MOESIA SUPERIOR
THRACIA
PONTUS EUXINUS
Sinope
Amastris
Amphipolis
Philippi
Neapolis
Thessalonica
Apollonia
MACEDONIA
Byzantium
Chalcedon
Propontis
BITHYNIA ET PONTUS
PAPHLAGONIA
Amasia
REGNUM POLEMONIS
Pontus Galaticus
Ancyra
Corcyra
THESSALIA
Lamia
Larissa
Lemnos
Troas
Assos
MYSIA
Adramyttium
Pergamus
Pitane
Mitylene
GALATIA
Pessinus
ARMENIA MINOR
CAPPADOCIA
Caesarea
Cephallenia
Zacynthus
ACHAIA
Euboea
Chios
ASIA
Sardis
Antiocha
Corinthus
Athenae
Smyrna
Philadelphia
Icomium
MONS TAURUS
Isthmus
Lesbos
Samos
Ephesus
Laodicea
Lystra
Derbe
LYCAONIA
REGNUM ANTIOCHI
Petronos
Tarsus
CILICIA TRACHEA
Antioch
Seleucia
SYRIA
CILICIA
PROPER
PHOENICIA
Cythera
Melos
Cnidus
LYCIA
Patara
Rhodes
CRETE
Phoenix
Cauda
Fair Havens
C. Salmone
CYPRUS
Salamis
Paphos
Tripolis
Sidon
Tyre
ARABIA
Damascus
Ptolemais
Caesarea
Samaria
REGNUM HERODIS
PERAEA
Jericho
Jerusalem
JUDAEA
IDUMAEA
Alexandria
Pelusium
Petra
Cyrene
Syrtis Major
Syrtis Magna
AFRICA
MARE INTERNUM
SCENE OF PAUL'S JOURNEYS
& OF THE EARLY CHURCHES
Scale of Miles
0 20 40 60 80 100

ENVIRONS OF
JERUSALEM
Scale of Miles
The Figures show the Elevations
Bethel Luz
2896
Beeroth Bnren
2930
Ai Hajar Aiah
2570
Burkah
Beth-Horon Upper
Bettunia
2870
Sechu
Baal Tamar
Michmash
1980
W. el Muderej
Tireh
2730
Irpeel
2510
Elon-beth-hanan
Gederah
Ramah
2600
Geba Gaba Gibeah
2220
Gibeon
Adasa
Azmaveth
2020
Parah
Chephirah
2570
Huzor
2462
Ananiah
Alemeth Almon
Beit Iksa
2525
Shafat
Anathoth
2285
Kuryah
Mozah
2125
Eleph
2390
1638
Dea
2567
Deir Yasin
2570
Mt. of Olives
2593
JERUSALEM
Bethphage
En Shemesh
Bethany
Beth-car
Manahath
Valley of Rephaim
Wady Beit Hanina
Sherafat
Wady el
2075
Bedjet
Neophah
Gallim
2900
Rachel's Tomb
Brook Kidron
BETHLEHEM
2550
Etam
Nephtoah
Beit Jalla
Herodium
2489
Beth Zacharias
Kh Ereikat

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